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Dear Young HoneyWord Friend,

If you could somehow dive into the middle of my heart, you'd see how I've dreamed and dreamed of this moment, when you'd be holding this *HoneyWord Bible* in your hands and reading it with your eyes.

You'd also see how I've prayed and prayed with all my heart that God will strengthen you to dig big in his Word. For if you stick like glue to what God says to do:



P.S. Please come visit us at
www.HoneyWord.org.

You'll tie and apply his Word to your heart.
You'll feel God's smile and go the extra mile.
You'll be in the crowd that follows God's cloud
And start growing like a sprout inside and out.
You'll carry God's map inside your thinking cap
And find you're a major piece of God's master puzzle.

Your heart will open the door to the poor,
And you'll dwell on what's behind the shell.
You won't dillydally in the valley of decision,
And you'll have the sense to stay off the fence.
You'll love God's honey more than money
And find God has the power to provide all your flour.

Your faith will stay in grape shape,
And you'll go out on a limb for him.

You'll glitter God's glory,

And like the lone leper

You'll pepper God with praise.

So let's bee-lieve in God's perfect weave,

And one day meet on Easy Street.

I'll see you then, if not before.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emmett'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large 'E' and a long, sweeping tail.

Emmett

Dear Grown-up HoneyWord Friend,

Have you ever thought about why the “lessons” tied to McDonald’s golden arches, Nike’s swoosh, and Disney’s Mickey Mouse ears really *stick* to our heart and mind? The answer is simple: This *tie-a-message-to-a-symbol* educational method is solidly based on the spiritual technology of Deuteronomy 6:7-9:

Repeat [God’s commands] again and again to your children. *Talk* about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. *Tie* them to your hands and *wear* them on your forehead as reminders. *Write* them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (*italics added*).

Throughout Scripture, God uses concrete, make-it-stick reminders of his powerful promises, like the rainbow in Genesis 9, the twelve stones in Joshua 4, and the bread and cup in 1 Corinthians 11. Everything God teaches in his Word can be “tied” to a symbol—a picture in our mind. And whatever can be pictured in our mind can be placed in our hands and permanently *stuck* to our heart.

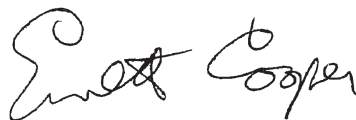
Each lesson in this *HoneyWord Bible* is “tied” to a “Click-er,” something that kids see or think about all the time. These visual symbols make God’s Word “click and stick” in your child’s mind and heart. And by seeing or thinking about them every day, your family is constantly reminded to *stick* like glue to what God says to do.

With all my heart I hope this *HoneyWord Bible* helps you, your kids, and your grandkids discover the sweetness of God’s Word. Then, like David in Psalm 19:9-10, you’ll feel and bee-lieve:

“The laws of the LORD . . . are sweeter than honey.”

If I can help you in any way, please contact me at www.HoneyWord.org.

Making God’s Word Stick,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emmett Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and a stylized 'C'.

Emmett Cooper



Who Is Emmett Cooper?

Emmett Cooper is a warrior-poet for children who champions the cause of making God's Word *stick*. After creating the revolutionary "HoneyWord Way of Learning," he field-tested the materials for 20 years prior to the publication of this Bible. This was accomplished through key churches, Christian schools, camps, homeschooling groups, and club programs throughout the United States, as well as in 12 foreign countries. The tens of thousands of children who participated in these tests proved conclusively that God's Word can really, really stick because HoneyWord really, really works!

Emmett is the author of *Making God's Word Stick*, *God Has Eyes in the Back of His Head*, and *God Loves Moo*.

Contact Emmett at www.HoneyWord.org about "Making God's Word Stick®" seminars, StoryReader Concerts®, or the "*HoneyWord Bible in Every Room*" project.

At Home

with the HoneyWord Way of Learning

1. In the *HoneyWord Bible* you'll find 66 book introductions—one for each book of the Bible.

2. Each book introduction features an animal with a sound-alike Bible-book name.

3. A HoneyWord animal might be like the person who wrote that book of the Bible. Or it might be like the people whom the book is about.



4. The animal shows up in each cartoon of the book it represents. When you see the cartoon in your mind, the animal helps you remember which book the lesson is from.

5. HoneyWord chapter-number symbols appear near the animal in every cartoon. They help you recall which chapter the lesson is from.

6. Here are the names for each chapter-number symbol. It's easy to see why the symbols make sense: The key has a number 3 shape, the floorboard has 4 boards, the hive-hat has 5 layers, etc.

7. For a quick picture of what a Bible book is about, just read the bottom of the book-introduction page.

- One-on-a-bun =Chapter 1
- Two-blue-shoes =Chapter 2
- Three-is-the-key =Chapter 3
- Four-on-the-floorboard =Chapter 4
- Five-on-a-hive-hat =Chapter 5
- Six-pick-up-stix =Chapter 6
- Highway-seven-to-heaven =Chapter 7
- Eight-under-skates =Chapter 8
- Nine-foot-pine =Chapter 9
- (A halo-is-a-hero-as-a-zero = 0)

- One-on-a-bun plus
- a halo-is-a-hero-as-a-zero =Chapter 10
- One-on-a-bun plus
- another one-on-a-bun =Chapter 11
- One-on-a-bun plus
- two-blue-shoes =Chapter 12

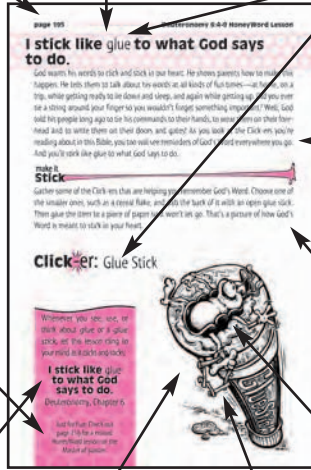
You get the idea! Check out a cartoon to see if you can read the chapter-number symbols.

1. In the *HoneyWord Bible* you'll find 250 HoneyWord lessons to help you dive deep for treasure to keep.

2. Every lesson is a fun saying that will help you learn and remember the meaning of one small slice of the Bible.

3. One word in each lesson (like glue) is called a Click-er. Whenever you see or think about it, the truth of the lesson will click in your brain.

10. "Just for Fun," you can look up another related lesson in the *HoneyWord Bible*. The page number tells you where to find it.



4. The short paragraph that follows helps you understand how to tie and apply this lesson to your life.

5. Doing the short activity helps you stick like glue to what God says to do.

9. For extra click-and-stick power, the lesson with its book and chapter location is repeated to help you race to the right place every time.

8. When you look at this picture of a big glue stick, the lesson "I stick like glue to what God says to do" is triggered in your mind.

6. Whenever Doodlebug-economy shows up in a cartoon, you'll know the lesson is from Deuteronomy.

7. The six-pick-up-stix lets you know that this HoneyWord lesson is from chapter 6.

Come on! It's time to meet and greet your Old Testament friend Genny the Jellyfish on page 3.

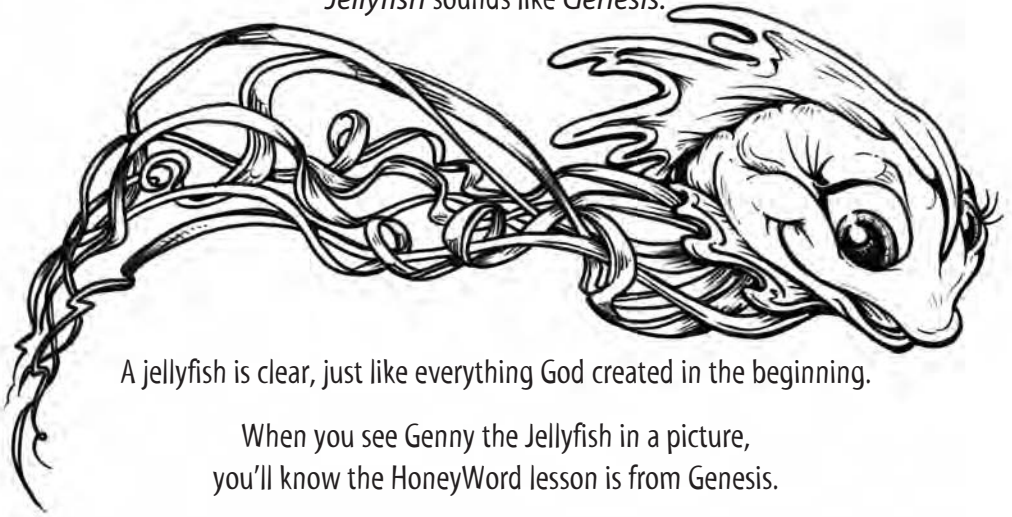
Old Testament



Genesis

Genny the Jellyfish

Jellyfish sounds like *Genesis*.



A jellyfish is clear, just like everything God created in the beginning.

When you see Genny the Jellyfish in a picture, you'll know the HoneyWord lesson is from Genesis.

The number symbols connected to Genny will make the chapter location of the lesson click and stick.

Genesis is a book about beginnings. At first everything was perfect and out in the open. There was no sin to cover up. Everything was pure and clear, like a see-through jellyfish floating in crystal blue water. But it didn't stay that way. Adam and his madam, Eve, disobeyed God, and their sin muddied the water for all of us. Things have been cloudy ever since. One day God's Son, Jesus, will return. Then God will create a new earth, and we'll get back to clear blue see-through everything.

HoneyWord Number Symbols



=1



=2



=3



=4



=5



=6



=7



=8



=9



=0

The Account of Creation

CHAPTER 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

⁶Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.” ⁷And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸God called the space “sky.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

⁹Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened.

¹⁰God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened. ¹²The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

¹⁴Then God said, “Let great lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them mark off the seasons, days, and years.

¹⁵Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened.

¹⁶God made two great lights, the sun and the moon—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” ²¹So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

²³And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

³¹Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. ²On the

In the beginning, God's call got the ball rolling.

Did you know that a very long time ago nothing was around except God? Then, when God decided the time was just right, he created everything. God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. He made the little ball we live on called Planet Earth. He made every living thing on Earth. He also created the sky above and the oceans below. God made the call to create every fish, bird, and animal. And when it was time to make people, God made that call too. None of this was an accident. In the beginning, only God was big enough to make the call that got the ball rolling. And he's the only one big and powerful enough to keep it going, day after day.

make it Stick

Roll a ball across your kitchen floor or somewhere outdoors. Then ask yourself, *Who made the call to get that ball rolling?* Obviously, you made the decision to roll it. In the same way, God made the decision to create the universe and set it in motion. Your made-from-something ball stopped, but God's made-from-nothing "Earth-ball" just keeps rolling and rolling. Isn't God great?

Click-er: Ball

Whenever you see, play with, or think about a *ball*, let this lesson roll through your mind as it clicks and sticks:

In the beginning, God's call got the ball rolling.

Genesis, Chapter 1

Just for Fun: Check out page 1390 for a related HoneyWord lesson on who's your friend from beginning to end.



Mirror, mirror, on the wall, God's image is in us all.

A mirror on its own is just a piece of glass with a special coating. What makes a mirror really special is the way it shows the figure or image in front of it. You probably used a mirror this morning to get ready for the day. Maybe you brushed your hair and made sure your clothes were on just right. Your mirror's job was to show or reflect your image. When God made people, he gave us the job of reflecting his image like a mirror. That's extra special, isn't it? Everyone—including you—has God's image inside. You reflect what God is like just as your mirror reflects how you look!

מראה, מראה, על הקיר, תבנית אלוהים
בנו בתוכנו.

make it Stick

Are you able to read the words above? Probably not! To clearly see what the words say, hold them up to a mirror. Then you'll be able to read and understand them. When we are kind and forgiving, we allow God's love to be "reflected" off our life like a mirror reflects the way we look. Then everyone can understand God a little better.

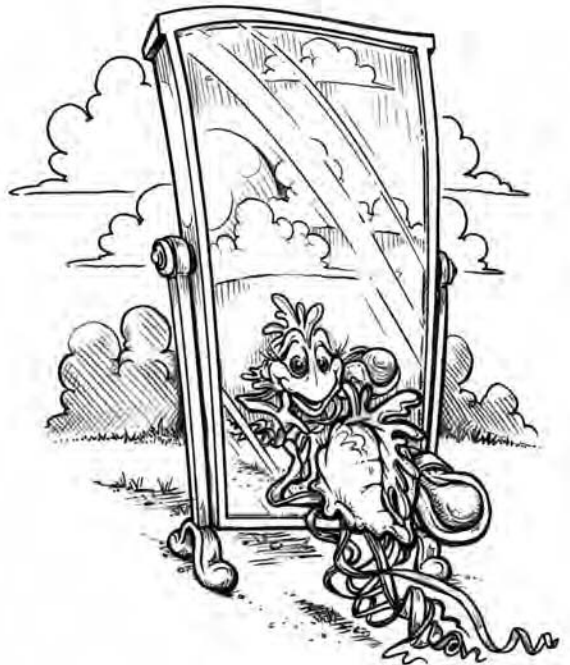
Clicker: Mirror

Whenever you see, use, or think about a *mirror*, let your mind reflect on this lesson as it clicks and sticks:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, God's image is in us all.

Genesis, Chapter 1

Just for Fun: Check out page 1347 for a related HoneyWord lesson on glittering God's glory.



seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. ³And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

⁴This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

The Man and Woman in Eden

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵neither wild plants nor grains were growing on the earth. The LORD God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil. ⁶Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land. ⁷Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

⁸Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. ⁹The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river watered the garden and then flowed out of Eden and divided into four branches. ¹¹The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found. ¹²The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there. ¹³The second branch, called the Gihon, flowed around the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The third branch, called the Tigris, flowed east of the land of Asshur. The fourth branch is called the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—¹⁷except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." ¹⁹So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. ²⁰He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God

took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

²³"At last!" the man exclaimed.

"This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called 'woman,'
because she was taken from 'man.'"

²⁴This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

²⁵Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

The Man and Woman Sin

CHAPTER 3

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

²⁴"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³⁴"It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

⁴⁴"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵⁴"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

⁸When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

¹¹"Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

I make a mistake when I listen to the snake.

Satan is tricky and speaks through whatever gets our attention. The Bible says that in the beginning, snakes didn't have to crawl on the ground. They were very smart and very clever. So Satan used a snake to sneak up on Eve and ask: "Did God really say that?" Whenever any voice tells us not to believe God's words in the Bible, remember that the devil is behind it—coiled and hissing at us like a snake. Don't listen. Don't even get close! Call out to God for help to understand Satan's tricks. And be ready to go the other way.

make it **Stick**

Coil an old shoelace on a table. Pretend that the plastic tip is the head of a snake. While holding the tip between two fingers, remember a way Satan has tried to trick you. (Has he ever said it was okay to steal? Or to be unkind?) As soon as you remember Satan's lie, say: "I make a mistake when I listen to the snake." Then sweep the pretend snake off the table and step on it. That's a picture of God's promise in Romans 16:20 (see page 1214) to "crush Satan under your feet."

Click-er: Snake

Whenever you see, touch, or think about a *snake*, let this lesson slither through your mind as it clicks and sticks:

**I make
a mistake
when I listen
to the snake.**

Genesis, Chapter 3

Just for Fun: Check out page 1013 for a related HoneyWord lesson on how to zap a trap.



¹³Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

¹⁴Then the LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶Then he said to the woman,

“I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.”

¹⁷And to the man he said,

“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

¹⁸ It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.”

Paradise Lost: God’s Judgment

²⁰Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live.

²¹And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!”

²³So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. ²⁴After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And

he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

CHAPTER 4

Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, “With the LORD’s help, I have produced a man!” ²Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel.

When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. ³When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought a gift—the best of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

⁶“Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? **You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.**”

⁸One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.

⁹Afterward the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?”

“I don’t know,” Cain responded. “Am I my brother’s guardian?”

¹⁰But the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground! ¹¹Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother’s blood. ¹²No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

¹³Cain replied to the LORD, “My punishment is too great for me to bear! ¹⁴You have banished me from the land and from your presence; you have made me a homeless wanderer. Anyone who finds me will kill me!”

¹⁵The LORD replied, “No, for I will give a sevenfold punishment to anyone who kills you.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who might try to kill him. ¹⁶So Cain left the LORD’s presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Descendants of Cain

¹⁷Cain had sexual relations with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enosh. Then

I'm choosing the same label as Abel.

There's a lot of pressure these days to wear just the right clothes. Many people think the name on the label is everything. If you wear the right brand, you're cool. You're in. You're accepted. That's really not how it should be. But that is how it should be with spiritual clothes. What matters is not what we think; it's what God thinks. God made this super clear to Cain and Abel. Abel said "Okay." But Cain said "No way." Abel wanted to please God. Cain only cared about pleasing himself. When it comes to living for God, being labeled as having the heart of Abel is the only label worth wearing. He pleased God, and you can too.

make it Stick

Get permission to cut the label off an old shirt or top you're giving or throwing away. Use a permanent ink marker to write the name "Abel" on it. Next to the name, draw a heart to remind you to have a heart like Abel's! Carry your Abel label in your pocket or in a school folder for one week. It will remind you that you are able to please God just as Abel did.

Click-er: Label

Whenever you see, touch, or think about any kind of *label*, sew this lesson to your heart as it clicks and sticks:

**I'm choosing
the same label
as Abel.**

Genesis, Chapter 4

Just for Fun: Check out page 976 for a related HoneyWord lesson on God pleasers and empty freezers.



Cain founded a city, which he named Enoch, after his son. ¹⁸Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech.

¹⁹Lamech married two women. The first was named Adah, and the second was Zillah. ²⁰Adah gave birth to Jabal, who was the first of those who raise livestock and live in tents. ²¹His brother's name was Jubal, the first of all who play the harp and flute. ²²Lamech's other wife, Zillah, gave birth to a son named Tubal-cain. He became an expert in forging tools of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain had a sister named Naamah. ²³One day Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
listen to me, you wives of Lamech.
I have killed a man who attacked me,
a young man who wounded me.

²⁴ If someone who kills Cain is punished seven times,
then the one who kills me will be punished
seventy-seven times!”

The Birth of Seth

²⁵Adam had sexual relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth, for she said, “God has granted me another son in place of Abel, whom Cain killed.” ²⁶When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. At that time people first began to worship the LORD by name.

The Descendants of Adam

CHAPTER 5

This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings, he made them to be like himself. ²He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them “human.”

³When Adam was 130 years old, he became the father of a son who was just like him—in his very image. He named his son Seth. ⁴After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

⁶When Seth was 105 years old, he became the father of Enosh. ⁷After the birth of Enosh, Seth lived another 807 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ⁸Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.

⁹When Enosh was 90 years old, he became the father of Kenan. ¹⁰After the birth of Kenan, Enosh lived another 815 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ¹¹Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died.

¹²When Kenan was 70 years old, he became the father of Mahalalel. ¹³After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan lived another 840 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.

¹⁵When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he became the father of Jared. ¹⁶After the birth of Jared, Mahalalel lived another 830 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died.

¹⁸When Jared was 162 years old, he became the father of Enoch. ¹⁹After the birth of Enoch, Jared lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ²⁰Jared lived 962 years, and then he died.

²¹When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. ²²After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ²³Enoch lived 365 years, ²⁴walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.

²⁵When Methuselah was 187 years old, he became the father of Lamech. ²⁶After the birth of Lamech, Methuselah lived another 782 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁷Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died.

²⁸When Lamech was 182 years old, he became the father of a son. ²⁹Lamech named his son Noah, for he said, “May he bring us relief from our work and the painful labor of farming this ground that the LORD has cursed.” ³⁰After the birth of Noah, Lamech lived another 595 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

³¹Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died.

³²By the time Noah was 500 years old, he was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

A World Gone Wrong

CHAPTER 6

Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them. ²The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives. ³Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they

are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.”

⁴In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.

⁵The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. ⁶So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. ⁷And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor with the LORD.

The Story of Noah

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. ¹⁰Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. ¹²God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. ¹³So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

¹⁴“Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

¹⁷“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. ¹⁸But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁹Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. ²⁰Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”

²²So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

The Flood Covers the Earth

CHAPTER 7

When everything was ready, the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. ²Take with you seven pairs—male and female—of each animal I have approved for eating and for sacrifice, and take one pair of each of the others. ³Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird. There must be a male and a female in each pair to ensure that all life will survive on the earth after the flood. ⁴Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.”

⁵So Noah did everything as the LORD commanded him.

⁶Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. ⁷He went on board the boat to escape the flood—he and his wife and his sons and their wives. ⁸With them were all the various kinds of animals—those approved for eating and for sacrifice and those that were not—along with all the birds and the small animals that scurry along the ground. ⁹They entered the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰After seven days, the waters of the flood came and covered the earth.

¹¹When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. ¹²The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights.

¹³That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. ¹⁴With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind. ¹⁵Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. ¹⁶A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.

¹⁷For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. ¹⁸**As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface.** ¹⁹Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, ²⁰rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks.

God is the lifeboat that keeps me afloat.

Genesis 6:5 says that in Noah's time people's thoughts were "consistently and totally evil." Noah was the only person who pleased God and did what God asked. Since he trusted Noah, God told him to build a big boat that would float way above the Flood that was going to cover everything. Noah obeyed. God's directions became the lifeboat that kept Noah and his family alive. God is still in the lifeboat business today. He's always looking for someone who will climb aboard and get involved in his big plan for the world. And he'll be there to help in time of trouble. He wants to float your boat. Will you let him?

make it Stick

Form a piece of aluminum foil into the shape of a boat. Then watch it float in a pool, a bucket of water, or a bathtub. It floats because it has sides that keep the water out. Now flatten the sides and see what happens. It sinks! When we don't obey God, it's like taking away the sides of our boat. But when we obey God, he becomes the boat that keeps us afloat.

Click-er: Boat

Whenever you see, ride in, or think about a *boat*, let this lesson float through your mind as it clicks and sticks:

God is the lifeboat that keeps me afloat.

Genesis, Chapter 7

Just for Fun: Check out page 1368 for a related HoneyWord lesson on wavers and lifesavers.



Only God can look under the hood and turn bad to good.

When we're born, we're kind of like a brand-new car—bright, shiny, and ready to roll. Over time, however, bad things happen to a car, and a mechanic needs to fix it. When bad things happen to a person, God is the only “mechanic” who can get under the “hood” and fix what’s wrong. Often it’s just an attitude that needs to be changed. Joseph and his brothers all suffered a lot. They didn’t like that or understand it, but the Good Mechanic helped the older brothers adjust their attitudes. They went from being jealous of Joseph to being thankful for him. And God turned bad to good by using Joseph to keep many people, including his own family, from starving.

make it Stick

When it’s convenient, ask if your dad or mom will open the hood of the family car and show you the engine. Even if you can name some of the parts, you probably wouldn’t know how to fix them if they broke. God loves it when you bring that I-don’t-know-what-to-do feeling to him. He wants you to depend on him for the right attitude so he can take the bad things that happen and use them for good.

Click-er: Car Hood

Whenever you see, touch, or think about a *car hood*, let your heart open up this lesson as it clicks and sticks:

Only God can look under the hood and turn bad to good.

Genesis, Chapter 50

Just for Fun: Check out page 1203 for a related HoneyWord lesson on how to believe in a perfect weave.



households. But they left their little children and flocks and herds in the land of Goshen. ⁹A great number of chariots and charioteers accompanied Joseph.

¹⁰When they arrived at the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan River, they held a very great and solemn memorial service, with a seven-day period of mourning for Joseph's father. ¹¹The local residents, the Canaanites, watched them mourning at the threshing floor of Atad. Then they renamed that place (which is near the Jordan) Abel-mizraim, for they said, "This is a place of deep mourning for these Egyptians."

¹²So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them. ¹³They carried his body to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre. This is the cave that Abraham had bought as a permanent burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

¹⁴After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial. ¹⁵But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said.

¹⁶So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us ¹⁷to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cru-

elly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. ¹⁸Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said.

¹⁹But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? ²⁰**You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.** ²¹No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

The Death of Joseph

²²So Joseph and his brothers and their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph lived to the age of 110. ²³He lived to see three generations of descendants of his son Ephraim, and he lived to see the birth of the children of Manasseh's son Makir, whom he claimed as his own.

²⁴"Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, "When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you." ²⁶So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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Water, Water, Water

The jellyfish is 99 percent water and so clear that its internal organs are visible to the naked eye.