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HOW CAN I KNOW GOD EXISTS?

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you;
But where the leaves hang trembling,
The wind is passing thro'.
Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I;
But when the trees bow down their
heads,
The wind is passing by.

 Christina Rossetti 

Who has ever seen God?
Neither I nor you;
But there are things about us,
That tell us God is true.
Who has ever seen God?
Neither you nor I;
But when in prayer we bow our
heads,
God will not pass by.

 Dolores Stedman 

How do you know the wind exists? You do not need to see the wind to know that it exists. Even though you cannot see the wind, you can see things move. You can feel the wind on your face. You know the wind exists because of what it does.

How can you know that God exists? You cannot see God, either. You can know God lives by the things He does.

In this LIFE PAC[®] you will learn some ways in which you can know that God exists because of the things He has done. You will learn about God's plan for His people. God's plan included His Son coming to earth. You also will learn about a man called Thomas Aquinas who helped show man that God exists. You will study some facts of science in the Bible. Finally, you will study why you need God and the ways that you can know God.

OBJECTIVES

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFE PAC.

When you have finished this LIFE PAC, you should be able to:

1. Tell about the beginning of the Jewish nation.
2. Describe how God came to earth.
3. Tell two facts about Thomas Aquinas.
4. Give three facts about science found in the Bible.

5. Explain why man needs God.
6. Tell how man can know God.
7. Recite four Bible verses.

VOCABULARY

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFE PAC.

argument (är' gyu munt). A giving of reasons for or against something.

artificial (är tu fish' ul). Made by human skill or work, not natural.

Canaan (kā' nun). The land of promise.

craftsman (krafts' mun). A skilled workman.

create (krē āt'). To make or form; to bring into being.

element (el' u munt). One of the simple materials from which all other things are made.

exist (eg zist'). To be real.

explosion (ek splō' zhun). A noisy blowing up of something.

friar (frī' ur). Member of a religious group.

galaxy (gal' uk sē). A group of stars.

ignore (ig nôr'). To pay no attention.

Isaac (ī' zuk). Abraham's son.

poverty (pov' ur tē). Being poor.

religion (ri lij' un). Man's beliefs about God.

theory (thē' ur ē). An idea which explains something people do not understand.

Thomas Aquinas (tom' us uh kwī' nus). A religious thinker and teacher.

universe (yü' nu vēr's'). All created things; everything.

worship (wēr' ship). Prayer, praise, and honor given to a god.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFE PAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

I. GOD'S PLAN FOR PEOPLE

Remember the story of Adam and Eve. They were God's friends, but they disobeyed God. Satan had tempted them to do a terrible thing. God still loved Adam and Eve very much even though He had to punish them. God loves all people very

much even though they have hurt Him by their sins.

God had a plan to help the people on earth. God worked out His plan through the Jewish nation. In this section you will learn about God's plan.

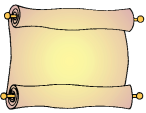
Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Tell about the beginning of the Jewish nation.
2. Describe how God came to earth.

Restudy these words.

Canaan
exist

ignore
Isaac



Read Genesis chapters 12, 13, and 15.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Long ago in the land of Ur lived a man named Abram. The people around him prayed to gods made of wood and stone. God told Abram to get away from these people and to move to another country.

Abram took his wife Sarai and moved to a distant land. He had never been in that land before, but he believed God would take care of him.

The promises. After the long, hard trip, God led Abram and his family to a land called **Canaan**.

"I will give all this land to you," God promised Abram. "It will

belong to you and to your children forever. I will be your God, and you will be my people."

God said He would give Abram many children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God said He would make of him a great nation.

When Abram was out under the night sky, God told him to look up at the stars. God asked Abram to count the stars. Abram could not count the stars because there were so many. Then God told him, "You will have so many children they will be like those stars—too many to count!"

God also said, "People will try to hurt your family. I will punish those who hurt them."

God's promise to Abram has come true. Abram's family has become the Jewish nation, God's special people.



Abraham tried to count the stars.

The family. God gave Abram a new name, Abraham, which means "the father of a great nation." He gave Sarai a new name too. Her new name was Sarah, which means "princess." Abraham and Sarah were the first of God's special people.

Abraham and Sarah had a child whose name was **Isaac**. Isaac had a child, and his name was Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. The twelve sons of Jacob had children. Their children had children. For hundreds

of years, children were born until the number of Jews were thousands and thousands.

Often the Jews were treated very cruelly by other people. God promised them that someday He would give them a Savior. After hundreds of years went by, many of the Jews forgot about the promise.

Most of the Jews lived in sin and **ignored** God's commandments. They did not act like God's special people.