

# Intergenerational Life Group Guide

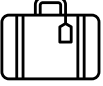
## Genesis Week 4: Walking with God



✦✦✦ Make this week even better by: planning to spend part of your time outside, while you talk about 'walking with God', and having some sidewalk chalk.

### Hi and Lo:

By now you probably know most people's names, so today you can take time to go around and let everyone share one 'hi' (good thing) and one 'lo' (bad thing) from the past week or coming up. The rules are: keep it brief, anyone can say 'pass' if they don't want to share, and everyone quietly listens without interrupting when it's someone else's turn.

 **Bonus idea:** Have a device ready to look up people's name meanings, or look them up in advance and print them out, without the name, to let people guess whose is whose.

### Recap:

If not everyone in your group saw the adult message this week, briefly go over the story.

**Option 1:** Have one person who was in the adult service give a brief recap of Lamech and Enoch.

**Option 2:** Have one person read **Genesis 5:3-28** with one person from your group standing in for each person in the family tree. Do you have enough people to get from Adam to Noah?

**Option 3:** Go on Youtube and look up '**Saddleback Kids Enoch (Genesis 5)**' to see a quick 1 minute video of Genesis 5:21-24. \*this is only part of the story\*



Are you a group that includes a **snack or a meal** in your time together? Consider tying it in to the topic this week:

- Have foods that are part of the same food family, like melon and squash, or fried rice and rice pudding
- Have someone bring in food made from a family recipe they've had handed down to them. Can anyone make grandma's cookies, or great uncle Bob's spaghetti sauce?

### Family Tree:

People in Bible times kept track of the names of their ancestors much more closely than most of us do now!

**Option 1:** Spend 10 minutes and let families work together to try to make a family tree as far back as you can. Who has the biggest family in your group? Does anyone have a famous family member?

**Option 2:** Do most people in your group know the meanings of their names? Or could those in your group who have named people share why they chose those names? Has anyone chosen a new name as an adult? Why and how did they chose their new name? Make this hands on by having people write their name on a piece of paper and decorate it in a way that matches their name meaning.



**Discussion Questions:** \*If you've got a big paper or a screen, make a list for the forth question.\*

- Is there someone in your family (or others close to you) who was or is a good example for you?
- How have they changed or impacted how you live your life today?
- If people are comfortable talking about it, does anyone in your group come from a family that is full of people who walk with God? Or is anyone the first in their family?
- How can you tell someone 'walks with God' today? What does that look like?

### **Gospel Connection:**

- Read Genesis 4:19-24.
  - What kind of 'image' do you think Lamech is portraying?
  - What kind of person do you think he was, or wanted people to think he was?
- Now read Matthew 18:21-22.
  - What do you notice that is the same or different?
  - What kind of person do you think Jesus wants us to be?
  - What are some tips for how can we do that?

### **Walking with God**

If you can spend part of your time outside, try going for a literal walk while you talk about walking with God!

**Option 1:** Follow the leader: have one person at the front of the line be the leader. He or she can do various actions while you walk along. As the second person in line sees the actions, they can copy, and then the person behind them can copy those, and so on. After, talk about it: could the people at the end of the line see the leader at the very front? (Probably not) Could they still find out what actions to do? (Hopefully yes.) Make the connection between this game and having ancestors in the faith, whether they are your actual family or others who have impacted you.

**Option 2:** Give everyone, or maybe just the kids, each a turn to choose one action that everyone is able to do, then have the whole group do it 7 times! Hopefully this gets tiring! Make the connection between how you feel and how it might feel to need to get revenge seven or seventy times, or how it might feel to forgive or be forgiven 7 or 70 times.

**Option 3:** Pull out some sidewalk chalk, (or adapt to something else your group can work on all together.) Work, as a group, on making an epic hopscotch, or an obstacle course. Make the connection that it works better when the work is shared, when one person can come finish what someone else started, or add a new piece to the whole. Helping everyone in the world connect personally with Jesus isn't a one-generation task!



### **Pray together**

Consider sharing the prayer today, going around the circle and letting each person, young and old, have the chance to pray out loud or say 'pass.'