

Hoon Dok Study Book for Children

# Words to Thrive By

Level 3

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification



## FAMILY PLEDGE

1. Our family pledges to seek our original homeland and establish the original ideal of creation, the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on True Love.
2. Our family pledges to represent and become central to Heaven and Earth by attending God and True Parents; we will perfect the dutiful way of filial piety in our family, patriotism in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in Heaven and Earth, by centering on True Love.
3. Our family pledges to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, the Three Great Kingships, the Realm of the Royal Family, by centering on True Love.
4. Our family pledges to build the universal family encompassing Heaven and Earth, which is God's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on True Love.
5. Our family pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of spirit world and physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on True Love.
6. Our family pledges to embody God and True Parents; we will perfect a family which moves heavenly fortune and conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on True Love.
7. Our family pledges to perfect a world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, through living for the sake of others, by centering on True Love.
8. Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby perfecting the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love.

## Preface

This book, *Words to Thrive By*, is the third of three books that were originally published in Korean at the time of True Father's 80th birthday celebration. These volumes, which develop a common theme through the three levels, are arranged based on eight of the major holy days we celebrate during the course of a year and are divided into 52 sections. They thus lend themselves well to use in Sunday school. It is expected that a parent or teacher will guide and participate in the child's study of these pages. Their discretion will, of course, be important in deciding how fast to go and at what level the study progresses.

Reading Father or Mother's words or listening to them directly, we find life-changing power welling up in our soul. We know from our own experience that while sitting at a desk, or even while on the bus on the way to our work or mission area, we can have the extraordinary experience of encountering the living God through the words of our True Parents. This book is an attempt to pass that precious realization on to our sons and daughters.

Brothers and sisters! We have walked a long path in attendance to our True Parents. We have struggled within ourselves to implement their teachings and to keep pace with them. We stand now at a crucial juncture, the moment of passing the baton on to succeeding generations. I hope and pray that *Words to Thrive By* provides you the opportunity to welcome your children into that place of wonder and joy where we are able to touch the heart of our Heavenly Father through the words of our earthly True Parents.

Sun Jo Hwang, FFWPU International President

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# 1. God is our True Parent



Let's read Father's words

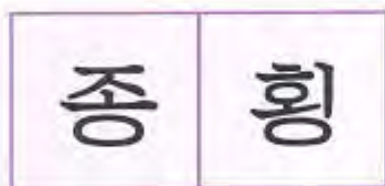
God is our vertical True Parent based on True Love. Our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, were to be the horizontal Parents based on true love. God is the vertical True Parent, who connects us to true love, true life and true lineage.





## Let's Study

- Let's study the meaning of "vertical" and "horizontal" in Father's words.



vertical      horizontal

◆ Vertical: From heaven, through our ancestors, connected with the past

◆ Horizontal: On earth, at the present time

- We have God and parents. How do God and parents love us? Look at the pictures and tell the story.



God created Adam and Eve.



My parents gave me life.



God raises us with True Love.



Our parents take care of us.

- Let's write this year's motto, which True Parents gave us on True God's Day.





## 2. Joyful God



Let's read Father's words

God created everything for people. From the first day to the sixth day, God was happy to see His creation. He felt endless hope. God created our ancestors Adam and Eve as masters who would have dominion over the Creation. With great joy, God blessed them: Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the Earth. These words of blessing tell us that God created us for the sake of joy.





## Let's Study

- Read True Father's prayer expressing his desire to bring joy to God.

Father!

We should be Your true seeds.

We should grow into Your true trees

and bear true blossoms and fruit,

bear hundreds of fruits,

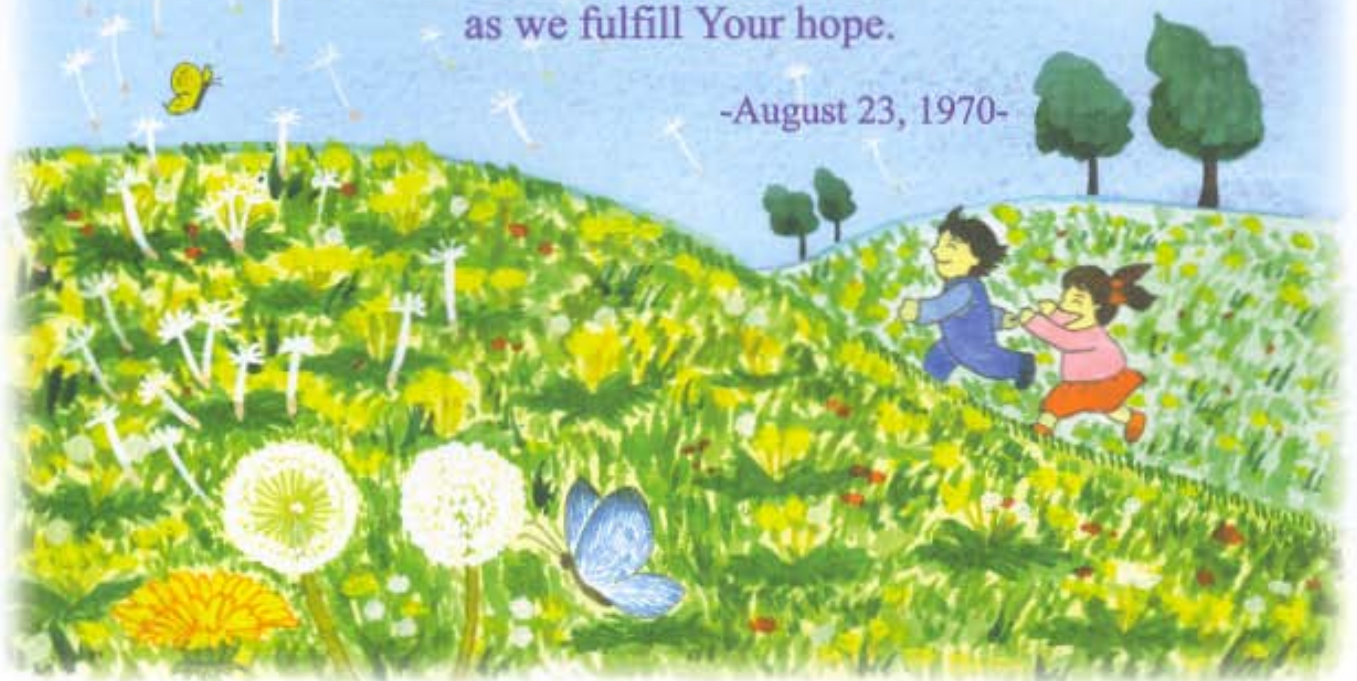
and be embraced in Your bosom.

So, on this spring day,  
please plant us as true seeds  
in this free world.

Make us grow as true trees,  
and let us comfort You.

Let us fill the world  
with the fragrance of flowers and many fruits,  
and feast in the Last Days with joy  
as we fulfill Your hope.

-August 23, 1970-



### 3. Sorrowful God



Let's read Father's words

Even though God created us as His own children, because of the fall, our relationship with Him was cut off. The first people deserted God and left Him miserable. We didn't know this clearly until now. We thought God's sorrow had nothing to do with us.





## Let's Study

- This is the sad story of what happened in the garden of Eden. Put the parts of the story in the right order.



1 God created Adam and Eve and called them His son and daughter.



2 The fallen Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden of Eden.



3 God gave Adam and Eve the commandment, "Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."



4 Adam and Eve did not obey God's commandment, and fell.

- Have I made God sad? Let's talk about how God's sadness is related with me.



## 4. The pain of God



Let's read Father's words

God suffers when he sees His beloved children in the position of an indemnity offering and being stepped on by Satan. God suffers the pain of the cross whenever any person is sacrificed. His pain is even greater when a family or a nation is put in that position.





## Let's Study

- God has been in pain since the fall of His children. Let's find out about God's painful heart.



God suffered great pain when Adam and Eve fell.



When God's son, Jesus, was sacrificed for the sake of fallen people, God felt great pain.

- Satan made people selfish. He made them suffer and hate and fight each other. God feels pain when He sees this. Let's talk about how we can make our suffering God feel better.



When parents fight at home, and divorce each other, children suffer.

Even sadder, orphans do not know the feeling of being embraced by the love of their own parents



Wars between different peoples and countries cause many to suffer and many to lose their lives.



## 5. The hope of God



Let's read Father's words

God's hope is to find His sons and daughters. God's hope is first to find His true sons and daughters, then to find true families based on them, and then to find a true nation and a true world.

If our first ancestors had not fallen at the outset, God would have His family and His children.





## Let's Study

- Look at the pictures and write down what we could do to help God take care of someone who is lost or suffering, and give them new hope and happiness.



If I find a child who has lost its mother crying in the street, what should I do?

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If I meet someone who is suffering and in need of help, what should I do?

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## 6. Father's hometown, Jeongju



### Let's read Father's words

God gave us one homeland. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have become True Parents and our homeland would have been the garden of Eden where Adam's family lived. The people who inherited the garden of Eden are our True Parents. Therefore, the birthplace of our True Parents is our hometown. That is a holy place, and our original hometown. God chose Jeongju to be this original hometown.





## Let's Study

● Let's study True Parents' hometown



정 주

Jeong

Ju

Jeong

Ju

안 주



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Ju

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Ju

● Let's study about True Parents' birth.

		
<b>Birthday</b>	January 6, 1920 (lunar calendar)	January 6, 1943 (lunar calendar)
<b>Birthplace</b>	2221 Sangsa Ri, Deog-eon Myun, Jeongju Gun, Pyonganbuk Do	26 Shin-ui Ri, Anju Eup, Anju Gun, Pyongannam Do
<b>Sign of their birth</b>	For three years, a golden bird of paradise appeared regularly in a tree in front of the Moon family house.	After True Mother was born, God told her mother, Hong Soon Ae (Dae Mo Nim), in a dream that her baby was God's daughter.

## 7. True Father's family



### Let's read Father's words

Our family had a tradition that we should never turn away poor people without feeding them. When guests came, we never sent them away empty-handed. That was our family tradition.

My mother used to feed the people who passed through our hometown on their way to Manchuria because of the harsh Japanese rule and exploitation. Almost every day she would feed thirty or forty people. She lived like that, without a single word of complaint.

My grandfather used to feed beggars in wintertime. When beggars came and asked for food, he would give them his own food. He himself would go without food.

If a family feeds poor people from all over, that family will not perish. If you do so, your descendants will be welcomed by everyone everywhere.





## Let's read Father's words

Grandfather's younger brother, Moon Yoon-kook, was a Christian minister. He was a leader during the March 1st Mansei Movement (1919). He was arrested and sent to jail for two years. Moon Yoon-kook sold all his property to support the Korean independence movement. He lived for others and for a great cause. Throughout his life he sacrificed his family and his church members for his country.



## Let's Study

● True Father's family tree: the Nampyung Moon clan  
Let's study the story of the first ancestor of the Nampyung Moon family.



Once upon a time, during the Shilla Dynasty, King Jabi had a dream. In the dream he was told that a very special baby had been born and that he should go and find the baby. Following the instructions in his dream, the King found a baby lying on a rock at Nampyung. The rock is now called "Moon" rock. This baby became the first ancestor of the Moon family.

## 8. True Father's family loved him



### Let's read Father's words

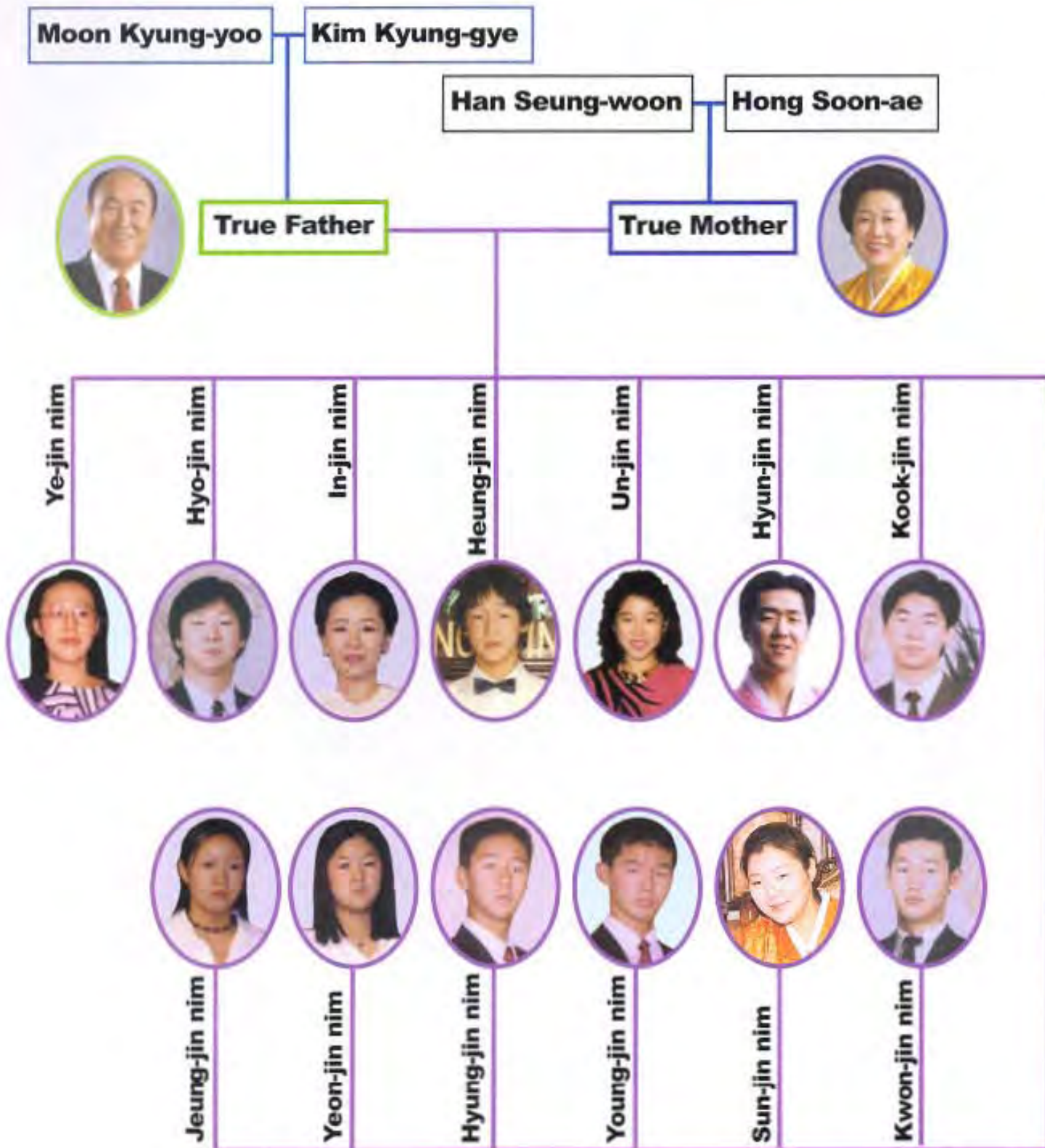
My father was a man of principle. He was a model gentleman, who always kept his word. He was uneasy if he owed someone a favor. My father used to say that the truth cannot be twisted. Truth cannot be controlled by a liar. Lies will be exposed sooner or later. My mother sacrificed everything for her children. Especially for me, my mother made constant prayer conditions.





## Let's Study about the True Family

My brother was a man of faith. He knew in advance that Korea would be liberated from Japan. Once when he was seriously ill he healed himself spiritually without any medicine. This brother loved me and trusted me, believing, "My brother is a historical man". He did whatever I asked him to do. No matter how difficult my request was, my brother never hesitated to carry it out. *(Father speaking about his elder brother)*



## 9. True Parents' names



### Let's read Father's words

My name is Moon Sun-myung. In Chinese characters Moon means "truth." Sun means "revealing clearly." It can also mean land and sea. Myung means "sun and moon." All together it means unity between land and sea and sun and moon. So the meaning is creating one world by uniting land and sea, heaven and earth, with the truth. Together, Sun-myung means bright, clean, unblemished and orderly.

### Let's write Father's name in Korean

문	
Moon	Moon
선	
Sun	Sun
명	
Myung	Myung



Moon = word  
Sun = beauty  
Myung = bright



## Let's read Father's words

True Mother's name is Han Hak-ja. Han has several meanings. It could mean Korea. It could mean a big universe. It could mean "united in oneness." Hak-ja means a scholar who studies the best about God. Ja means "son". I interpret this to mean she was destined to be matched with the Son of God.



● Let's write Mother's name in Korean.

Han = nation  
Hak = crane  
Ja = son

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Han	Han
학	
Hak	Hak
자	
Ja	Ja



## 10. True Father loved nature



Let's read Father's words

When I was a child I wanted to know everything about nature. I was curious to know what was beyond the mountains. I searched every mountain and valley. I knew which trees, grasses and plants grew on what mountain. I knew all about the edible plants in the mountains. When I was a child, the women of the village loved to go with me to the mountains to pick these plants. I knew everything in the mountains: the grasses, the birds, the insects and the animals.





## Let's read Father's words

When I see a magpie's nest, I know which way the wind is blowing that year. If the magpie's nest faces east, then the wind is blowing from the west. Who taught them this? They are building masterpieces.

The nests are made of twigs. When it rains they will get wet. So the magpies use mud to seal them up. This is marvelous. When it rains the water flows in one direction and doesn't go into the nest. Who taught them this? This skill is amazing.



### ● About Magpies

Magpies belong to the crow family. Their heads and backs are black and shiny. The tops of their wings and their bellies are white. They live in the countryside or in city parks, in flat areas. They eat insects and worms, which is helpful for people. In the Orient, magpies are considered to be a good omen. When a magpie caws, people say that a welcome guest is coming.

## 11. True Father was a friend to the poor



### Let's read Father's words

When I was a child, I thought about poor people and wanted to be their friend. I was interested in the poor people. I didn't try to make friends with the children from rich families, or those who were bullies. My thoughts were opposite to those of other people.

In the village, when I knew that people were poor and hungry, I couldn't sleep and I tried hard to solve their problems. I wanted to be the best friend to everybody.



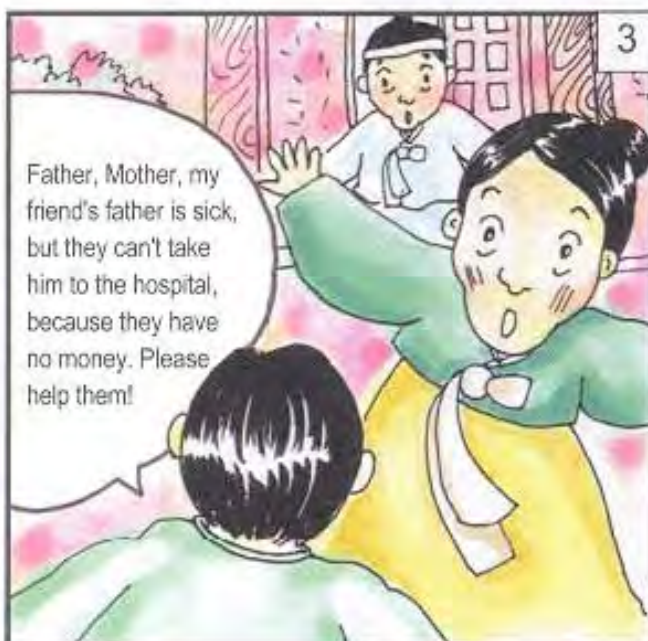


## Let's Study

- Read the following paragraphs, then fill in the blanks alongside the pictures.

When poor friends came to school with only barley and millet in their lunch boxes, I couldn't eat my own white rice. I used to trade with them.

When my friends' parents were sick but had no money to go to the hospital, I went to my parents and begged them, with tears, for help.



## 12. True Father's family finds a new faith



### Let's read Father's words

I was born into a Confucian family. When I was ten years old, my whole family converted to Christianity. I was very moved by the Christian faith. I loved this new faith, and I loved Jesus more than anybody.





## Let's Study

- Find the right words to fill in the blanks

True Father was born into a \_\_\_\_\_ family.  
When he was ten years old, his family converted to

\_\_\_\_\_.

True Father loved \_\_\_\_\_ more than anybody else.

- Read the following paragraph and write what you can do before Sunday service as father did.

When I went to church as a child, I couldn't hold up my head if I was late. If I arrived late, I couldn't hold up my head for several days unless I repented. I still remember that experience. If I was late, it would disturb the service, so I always tried to arrive early.



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## 13. Called by God



Let's read Father's words

When I was sixteen [by Korean way of counting], I had an extraordinary experience. It was Easter morning, and I was praying deeply, in tears. Jesus appeared. He taught me many things and gave me a revelation. Jesus explained that God was suffering in pain and sorrow because of humanity. He asked me to play a special role on earth for the sake of God's will.

It is hard to explain this experience to you. In short, the spirit world unfolded in front of me all of a sudden, and I could communicate freely with the saints and sages in the spirit world. In North Korea, in the calm mountains, I talked directly with Jesus many times. The revelations I received at that time are the essence and core of the Principle.





## Let's Study

- Let's learn the meaning of the words Father uses in his speech.

### Easter

Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection three days after he died on the cross. In Christianity, it usually falls between March 22nd and April 25th, but our church recognizes Easter as April 17th, the day Father met Jesus in 1935.

### Revelation

Revelation is a teaching from God that cannot be understood by people's thinking alone.

### Calling

A calling is a request from God to do His work.

- True Father met Jesus spiritually while he was praying for everyone on Easter morning on Myodu Mountain.  
Let's read about Father's prayer before he met Jesus.

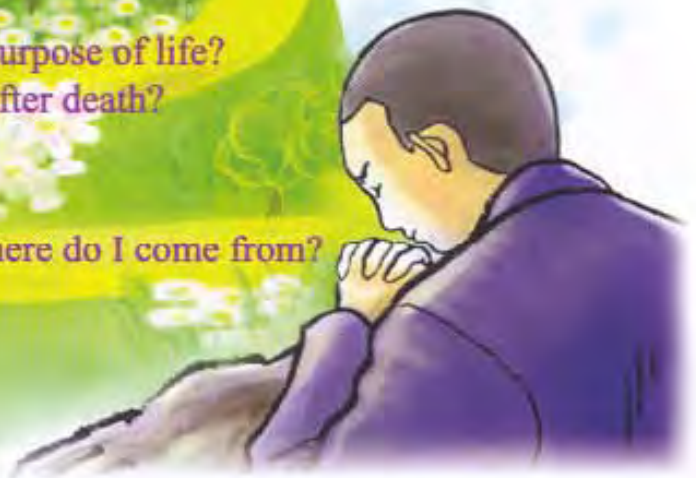


4. If God is almighty, why does he leave people in suffering?

3. Does God really exist?

2. What's the purpose of life?  
What happens after death?

1. Who am I and where do I come from?





## 14. Adam and Eve, the first Parents



### Let's read Father's words

If Adam and Eve had grown up and received God's blessing, they would have become the Parents of all humanity, and they would have built a world centering on God.

Because of the fall, they failed to become True Parents. Instead, they became false parents, and hell came into being. The providence of God is to erase the history of false parents and realize a world centered on the new True Parents.



### Let's Study

- God planned for Adam and Eve to become the True Parents of everyone. But because of the fall they became false parents.



**1** God first created the angelic world and the Creation, and then created the babies, Adam and Eve, as His son and daughter. He asked three archangels to take care of them.



**2** God gave Adam and Eve three blessings: be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth.



**3** God told Adam and Eve, "Don't eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." He hoped that they would follow His words until they grew up, living as brother and sister, helping each other and caring for each other.



**4** Adam and Eve would have been blessed after they grew up, and would have become a true couple and true parents, and their children would have been true children.



**5** God expected Adam and Eve to grow up so He could bless them as a couple, but Eve wasn't thinking about Adam. Instead she became closer to the archangel Lucifer.



**6** Lucifer was jealous of Adam and Eve because God loved them more than He loved Lucifer. Lucifer tempted Eve, who shared false love with him and fell spiritually.



**7** After Eve fell spiritually, she realized that she had done something wrong. She went to Adam and had a love relationship with him, before God permitted this. This was the second fall.



**8** Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden of Eden. They became false parents and gave birth to evil children. Human beings came under the control of Satan. So God promised to send True Parents a second time.

## 15. Jesus, the second Parent



Let's read Father's words

Who was Jesus, and why did he come? He is the man who came with a mission to be the True Father and True Parent of everyone. If Adam had not fallen, through the blessing he would have become the True Father of humanity and Eve would have been the True Mother. But because of the fall, they lost the position of True Parents. To restore this, God sent Jesus after preparing a foundation through a history of four thousand years.

Jesus should have become the True Parent and saved all the people living on earth. In order to do this, he had to first find his bride. But Jesus did not receive help from his family, and couldn't get married.



Let's Study

Let's study the life of Jesus



**1** Jesus, God's son, was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Three wise men from the East were led to that place by following a star. They bowed down to Jesus, and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



**2** When Jesus was twelve years old, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem. When they headed for home, they didn't notice that they had left Jesus behind. After three days they found him at the synagogue in Jerusalem, discussing the holy laws with the chief priest and the rabbis.



**3** Joseph, Jesus' father, should have recognized Jesus as the Messiah and faithfully attended him as a priest would, on behalf of the Jewish people. Instead, he made Jesus do the work of a carpenter.



**4** John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and testified to him when he baptized him. Still he failed to fulfill his mission, which was to attend Jesus.



**5** Jesus chose twelve disciples, Peter, John, James, Andrew, Matthew, Simon, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, another James, Thaddeus, and Judas.



**6** Jesus was betrayed by his family, his parents, brothers and relatives. So he went to the land of Judea to spread the gospel of God. He performed miracles among the Jewish people, who did not know he was the son of God.



**7** When Jesus realized that he could not complete his mission, building the Kingdom of God on earth, he prayed in the garden at Gethsemane, "O Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." The three disciples who went with him fell asleep.



**8** Because of the disbelief of the Jewish people, Jesus had to die on the cross. Only the thief who was crucified on the right-hand side of Jesus testified to him, saying, "You are the son of God." Jesus replied, "This day you will be with me in Paradise." This is how Jesus' short thirty-three years of life came to an end.



**9** Three days after his crucifixion, Jesus appeared spiritually to his disciples. He told them to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, and he promised to come again. Jesus could not become the True Parent on earth, but spiritually he completed his mission.

## 16. The third Parents of humankind



### Let's read Father's words

After Jesus died on the cross without completing his mission, God promised to send the Messiah again.

The returning Messiah is the one who will realize the ideal of True Parents centered on God. He will create a family of God, as the ideal of God. When we attend True Parents centering on God, we all become true brothers and sisters.





## Let's Study

- Open True Parents' picture album. It is full of memories from the time Father received his mission from Jesus in 1935, at age 15, until he met True Mother and they had their holy wedding.

### True Parents' Picture Album

▶ True Father in his Kyungsung Commercial School days



◀ True Mother at Sun Jung Girls Middle School



▲ True Father when he was teaching Sunday School while attending Myung Su Dae Christian Church during his school days.



▲ True Mother with her teachers and friends in middle school



▲ True Father began living in a mud hut in Pusan in August, 1951, where he finished writing the original Principle in May, 1952

▲ True Father established our church in Seoul on May 1, 1954 and moved the main church to Chungpa-dong, Seoul in October, 1955. He met True Mother there for the first time, and it is where they had their holy wedding.

## 17. We are reborn through True Parents



### Let's read Father's words

The mission of True Parents is to bring rebirth to humankind. For humankind to be born again is to have new life with the true love, true life and true lineage of True Parents, and to have nothing to do with the fall. Otherwise we cannot go back to God. The root of original sin started from Adam and Eve. Unless we have the qualification of being born without original sin, we cannot become God's true children.





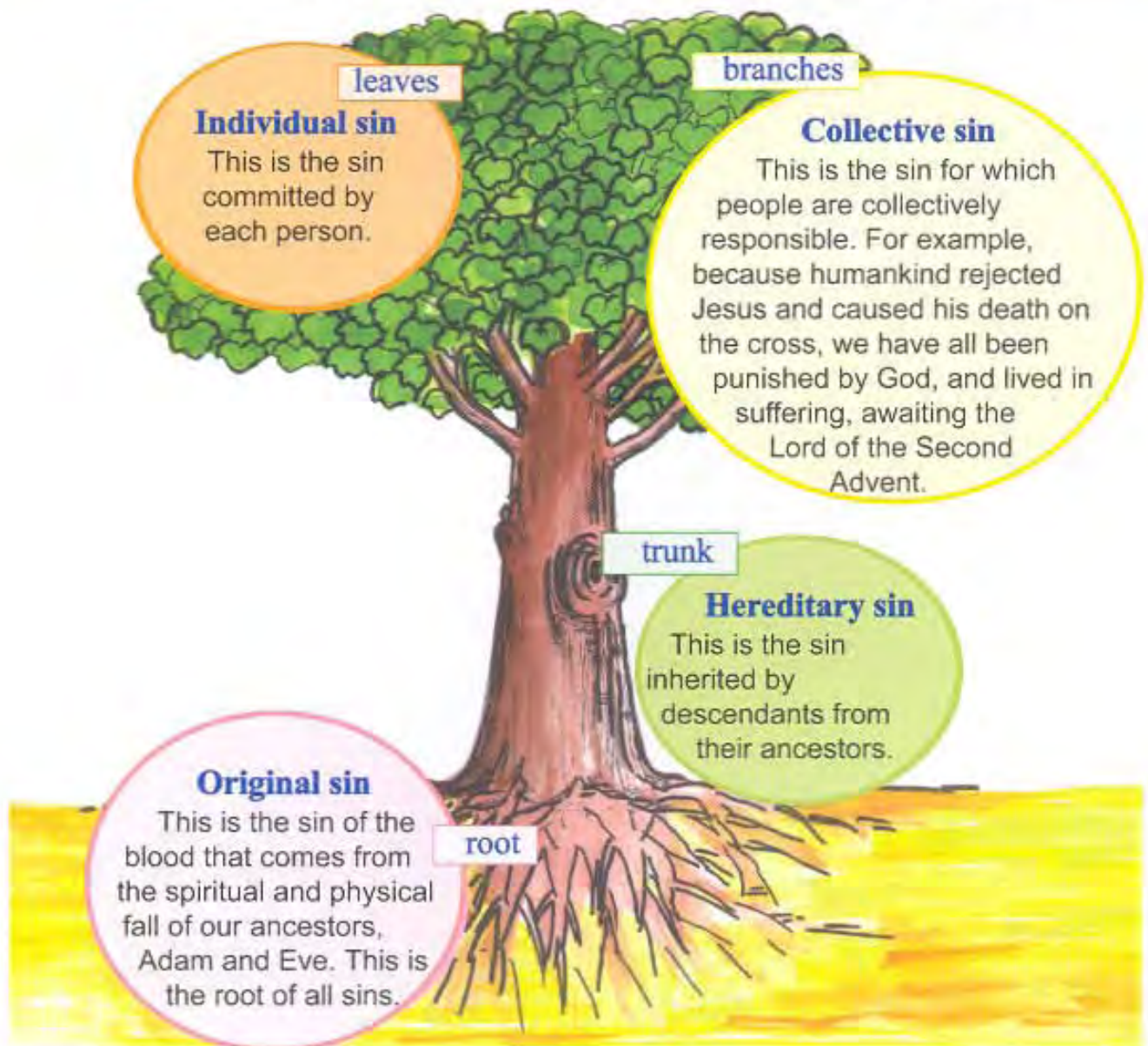
## Let's Study

- Read the following words

**We must have the original sin removed before we can sever Satan's bonds and be restored to the state before the Fall.**

(Exposition of the Divine Principle, page 175)

- What kinds of sin are there? We can compare them to a tree.



Through the blessing, True Parents pull out the root of the original sin that was committed by our first ancestors and so make everyone God's children.



## 18. True Parents must realize the Kingdom of God



Let's read Father's words

Who is the Messiah? The Messiah must come as the True Parent. He pulls out the root planted by false parents, gains victory over Satan, and establishes the Kingdom of God. Through him, we must go back to the original, pure garden of Eden.





# Let's Study

Look carefully at the range of work True Parents have done.



World peace



Religious harmony

Unification of South and North



Youth and student activities



Culture and the arts



Blessing and True Family movement



Women's activities



Service and relief activities



Conferences

Ocean Church



The media

Education



## 19. True Parents' dream is my dream



### Let's read Father's words

True Parents' way is my way. True Parents' life is my life. True Parents' position is my position. The world of True Parents is my world. We should have this kind of determined spirit. We have to love True Parents more than anything in the world. No matter how strong a storm blows against us on our way as we attend True Parents, we must face it happily and keep going on.

In the future, True Parents' family will become the historical standard of hope and tradition. We have to become a family of the future world representing True Parents' family.





## Pledge Service (Kyungbae Shik)

One of the most important and holy traditions in our life of attendance to God and True Parents is the Pledge Service. True Parents keep this tradition absolutely wherever they are.

When we do the Pledge Service, we bow in front of a photograph of True Parents. This means that, through True Parents, we bow to God; at the same time we perform our duty of attending True Parents.



1. Place your hands at your sides and your heels together.



2. Place your right hand on top of your left hand, and raise your hands to your eyebrows.



3. Lower your body to the floor, bending your right knee first, or keeping both knees together.



4. Place your hands on the floor and touch your forehead to your hands.



5. Try keeping your hands on the floor when rising on the right leg first.



### 1. Time

- ◆ We recite the pledge at 5:00 in the morning every **ANWISHI IL**, and on the first day of every month. By keeping this tradition we offer to God the first thought and action of every week and every month.
- ◆ On eight major holy days, traditionally we do the Pledge Service at 7:00 in the morning.

### 2. Place

- ◆ In the early days of the church we did the Pledge Service not at the church but at the Holy Ground.
- ◆ We perform the Pledge Service in a fixed prayer room at home, or in church.

### 3. Preparation for the Pledge Service

- ◆ Before the Pledge Service we clean the place where the ceremony will take place.
- ◆ We light the Unification Candle (Tongil Cho) and keep it burning throughout the ceremony.
- ◆ Before we do the ceremony, we clean our bodies and prepare our minds.
- ◆ The Pledge Service is a precious time for meeting with God, so we should wear the best clothes we have.

## 20. True Parents create a true family



### Let's read Father's words

The Lord of the Second Advent comes to save the world, not to save one individual. He needs to establish a family. Because of the fall, we lost parental love, married couple's love, children's love and brotherly love. The Lord of the Second Advent has to restore all of these types of love.

The Lord of the Second Advent must create the family that God desires. That family must be a true family. From this true family, centering on God's love, the true tribe, true nation and true world could come about.





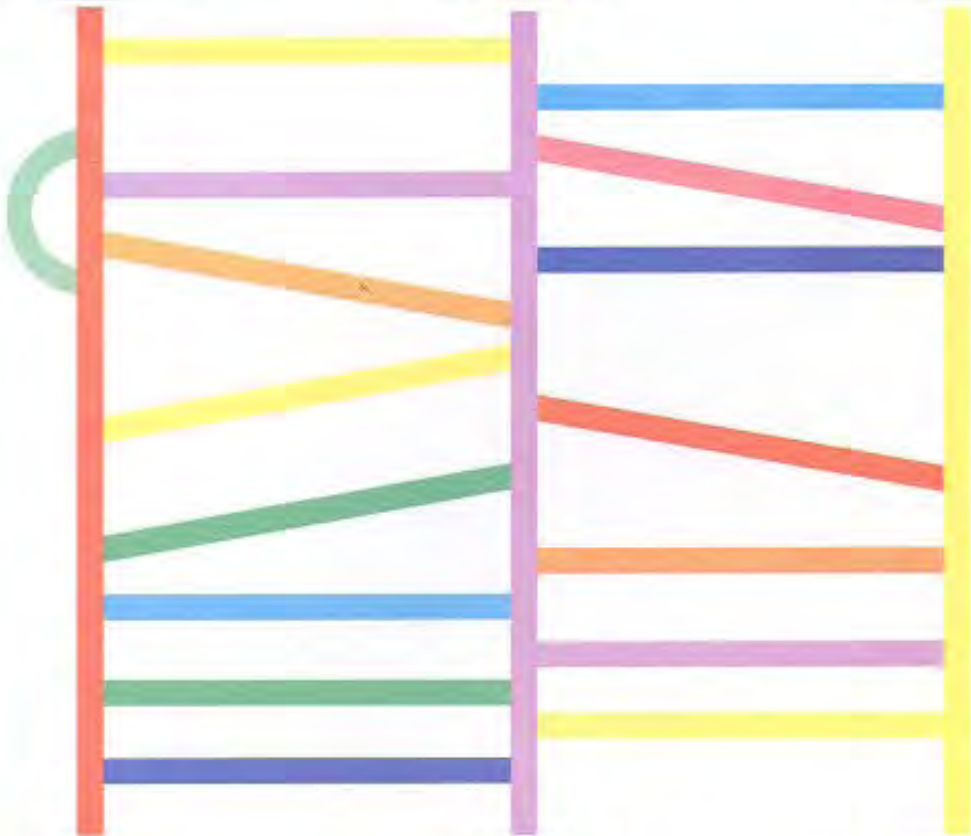
## Let's Study

- Fill in the blanks with the right words

Because of the fall, we lost \_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_ love,  
\_\_\_\_\_ love and \_\_\_\_\_ love.

- God's hope is to restore a true family.

Which way must go to find True Parents who have established a true family?



## 21. True Parents taught us the way of true love



### Let's read Father's words

The Bible says, "He who seeks to gain his life will lose it; he who seeks to lose his life will gain it." These words teach us the way of true love. Unless you risk your life, you cannot go the way of true love. That's why I faced death; six times I went to prison unjustly. Many people attacked me, but still I walked tall. God has protected me in my pursuit of the truth. In the midst of persecution I made world-level progress.





## Let's Study

- This is the story of Heungnam Prison, where True Father demonstrated his true love.

### ◆ True Father prayed to comfort God ◆

After the liberation of Korea on June 2, 1946, Father received a message from God to go to Pyongyang in North Korea. At that time, the North Korean government was trying to wipe out all religions. Many people followed Father, so that other church ministers were jealous and accused Father. In 1948 True Father was accused of causing trouble in society through his religious work, and arrested.

Father was sentenced to five years in Heungnam Prison. Life in the prison was very harsh; the prisoners were forced to work very hard and were fed very little. No one could survive in that place for very long; many prisoners died. True Father treated the hard labor as if it was prayer, and he worked whole-heartedly as if he was doing important work for God. In this way he could survive.

### ◆ True Father demonstrated true love in prison ◆

♥ Father never prayed asking God to save him. Instead, he comforted God by praying, "Heavenly Father, don't worry about me. I have promised to complete my duty and responsibility, so I will live. I'm not going to die."

♥ Father volunteered to do the hardest jobs, which no one else wanted to do. For the first three weeks, he ate only half of his food and gave the rest away to other prisoners.

♥ Everybody wanted to sleep near the door of the cell, but True Father volunteered to sleep inside, near the smelly toilet.



♥ Father received powdered rice from his mother and members once a month, but he never ate it himself. Instead, he shared it equally among thirty inmates.

♥ Family members sometimes brought clothes for Father, but he always gave them away to other prisoners and continued to wear his old clothes.

♥ Father always woke up fifteen minutes before the wake-up call in the morning and washed his body, using a small amount of the water he'd been given to drink. He tried to keep his body clean as a temple of God.



## 22. God put His whole heart into the creation



### Let's read Father's words

When God created the universe, do you think He just ordered things to exist and they came into being, as is written in the Bible? If so, there is nothing to love or value in the creation.

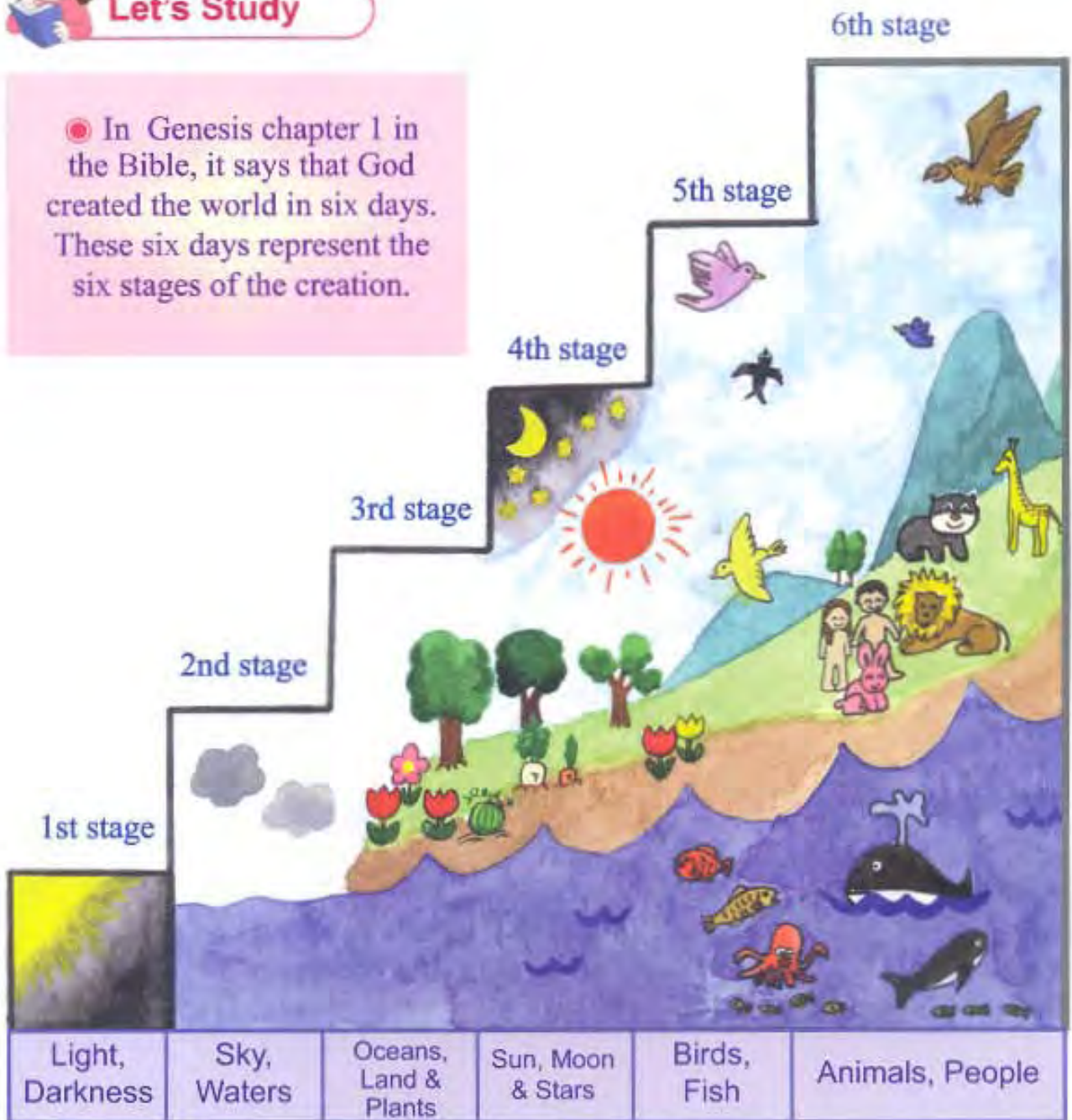
God didn't create the universe by magic. He gave His whole heart, investing all of Himself to create the universe.





## Let's Study

● In Genesis chapter 1 in the Bible, it says that God created the world in six days. These six days represent the six stages of the creation.



At which stage were each of the following things created?



Stage



Stage



Stage

## 23. God created the world for His children



### Let's read Father's words

The cosmos is a mysterious place, created by God with His whole heart. God created this cosmos for His children, not for Himself. When we look at the cosmos, we should have a grateful heart, thinking that our Father made all of this for us. With this heart, when we walk in the hills and see the trees, flowers, birds, flowing water and blowing wind, we feel truly amazed.





## Let's Study

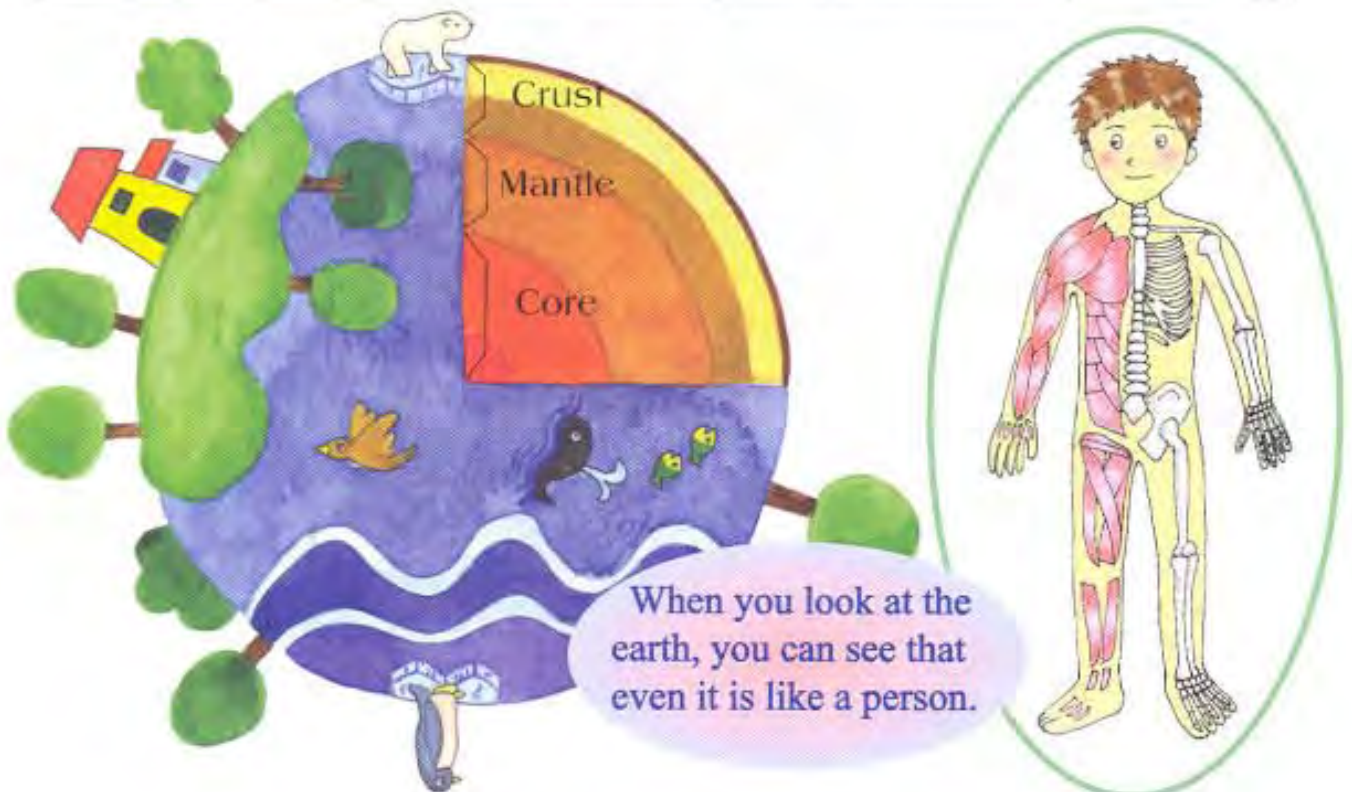
- Let's read the Bible verses in which God told His children to rule over all things

**God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it, rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:28)**

- Read the following paragraph to discover how the earth and human beings are similar, and fill in the blanks.

God created living things, starting with simple creatures and moving to those that were more complex. Finally, He created man and woman. Human beings contain all the elements and structures that can be found in animals. We are able to imitate nearly any animal sound. Like plants our bodies are made of cells. In the same way that plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, our lungs absorb oxygen.

Person	Hair	Skin	Muscle	Bone	Marrow	70% water
Earth	Plants	Crust	Mantle	Rock	Core	70% water



## 24. A true owner loves the creation



Let's read Father's words

People treat things with care if they belong to someone they love. Yet they do not take care of the creation, which was created by God and deserves the very best care. People like this are not sons and daughters of God. In every tree and plant we should feel God's heart and His breath, which He invested in the creation six thousand years ago. We should shed tears with a plant or a tree, thinking, "You must be so lonely since you have lost your owner." God wants a world in which people feel the value of God's handiwork in even the smallest being.





## Let's Study

● Let's read this Bible verse

**We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (Romans 8:22)**

- Because of people's carelessness, the environment is being destroyed as in the pictures below. Based on Father's words, let's think about what we can do to save the suffering natural environment.

All the things of nature: the water, the air, the sunlight, do not belong to you individually. Unless we treat them well and keep them clean, they will attack us. You should treat all things with a public attitude. You should know that God has a connection with even the smallest thing in nature. *(Father)*



## 25. We offer holy things to God



Let's read Father's words

The things we have are only ours to manage temporarily. We have to manage them well and offer them to God, so that eventually they can return to God's bosom through True Parents.

Before making a holy day offering table, you have to prepare yourself for three days, keeping a clean mind and body. You have to pray, "Father, in place of my life, please accept this small offering, which I have sanctified and which I offer with my whole heart."





## Let's Study

● Let's discuss the meaning of an offering.



**1** In the time of Abraham, people offered animals as sacrifices. Nowadays, we offer our obedience to God, True Parents and our own parents; we offer our heart and hard work to do good things instead of easily doing bad things. It is as if, instead of the dove, the cow or the lamb, we are offering ourselves to God with absolute love.



**2** Sometimes an offering can be absolutely serious, as though we are offering our own life. That is like the offering of Isaac; with complete sincerity, we reach out to God with all our heart.



**3** When we make an offering to God, we must prepare it whole-heartedly. If a family wants to receive a blessing from God, all the family members, including the children, must make a condition together.

● Let's study about making a precious donation:



In the Bible (Luke 21:1-4), Jesus spoke about donations given by the poor and the rich. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others." God accepts a donation that has been given whole-heartedly.



◆ When you receive an allowance, first you have to put your tithe money in a donation envelope.

◆ You should not donate money that is left over after you have bought something to eat.



◆ You should prepare for three days before offering your donation.

◆ You should not ask your parents for donation money on Sunday morning.



## 26. Through the blessing we complete a true family



Let's read Father's words

The ideal of the Kingdom of God cannot be realized unless we marry and have a family. That's why we say, to realize the ideal of the Kingdom of God, all men and women must receive the blessing. This is obvious for those who are not married, but even those who are already married must receive the blessing after they reach a certain standard. We say that everybody must receive the blessing in order to go back to the original ideal world of the creation. The original ideal world of creation is the world that true men and women enter through the blessing, but because of the fall that world of love was never realized.

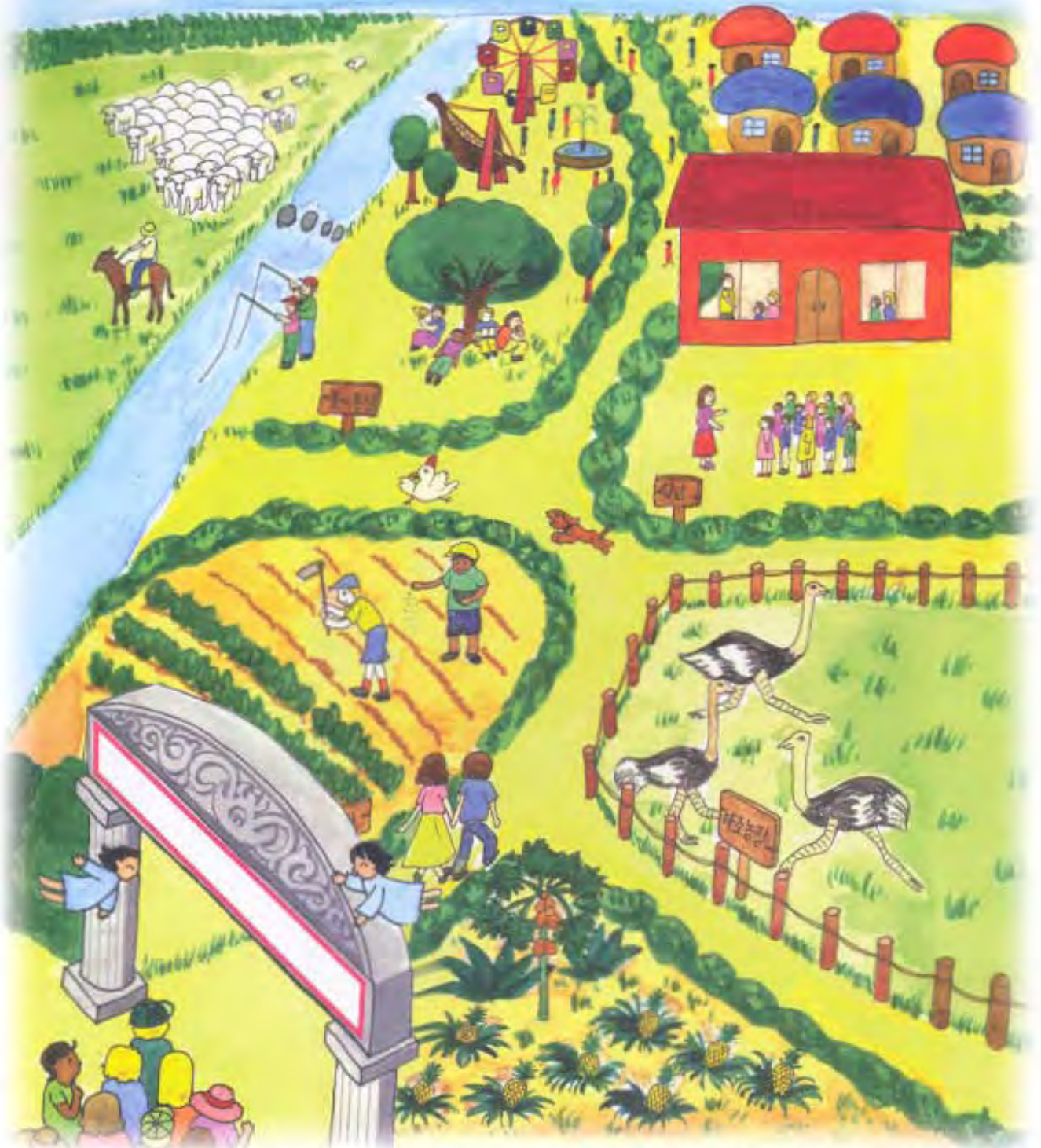




## Let's Study

● True Parents built New Hope East Garden in Brazil. As you see in these pictures, there are cows, a playground, a school, and an ostrich farm. Where are True Parents fishing now? Find True Parents and draw a heart around them.

● In the white space, write the words: New Hope East Garden.



In the picture, you can see some people arriving at New Hope East Garden. Our brothers and sisters travel here from all over the world to learn about true love.

## 27. The value of the blessing



### Let's read Father's words

You have to remember that you will receive the blessing and that it is something that will bring you great happiness. Even if you owned the whole fallen world, it is a world of sorrow. That's why your receiving the blessing is something you can do with the most joyful and thankful mind. There is nothing for which you could be more joyful or thankful.

The blessing is so valuable; it cannot be traded for the whole world. When God blesses one man and one woman, He expects them to become a true father and true mother who can practice true love centered on God's will.





## Let's Study

● God's will is to complete the four position foundation. What is the four position foundation?

It is a family foundation centered on God. The four position foundation is completed when one man and one woman, centered on God, unite as an ideal couple and produce children. Such a family is so united that they can never separate from God's love.



● Like True Parents, we also must become a true father and true mother. To do that, what should we keep in mind?



♥ I study so that I can become a true mother or father and establish a happy family.

♥ No matter how many men and women are around me, I don't pay attention to them.

♥ A dahlia has a lot of petals. Like a dahlia, I protect my body with many layers to preserve my purity.



● Let's find out about our parents' blessing, and fill in the blanks.

♥ When:  Year  Month  Day

♥ Where:

♥ Blessing Family:  Couple

● Let's think about what we can do for our parents on their blessing anniversary.

♥ Things I can do to make them happy: \_\_\_\_\_

♥ Gifts I want to give them: \_\_\_\_\_

## 28. The blessing is the ceremony to inherit love



Let's read Father's words

In the garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve's children married, Adam and Eve, their parents, should have blessed them according to God's instruction. We receive the blessing in the name of True Parents. In this world, have you ever seen parents conduct the marriage ceremony for their own children? Never. That means there is no perfect person in this world.

Marriage is the ceremony through which we inherit love. Parents bless their children in marriage, then expect them to live as their parents have done, centered on God's love.





## Let's Study

- Let's compare the difference between our blessing and marriage in the outside world.

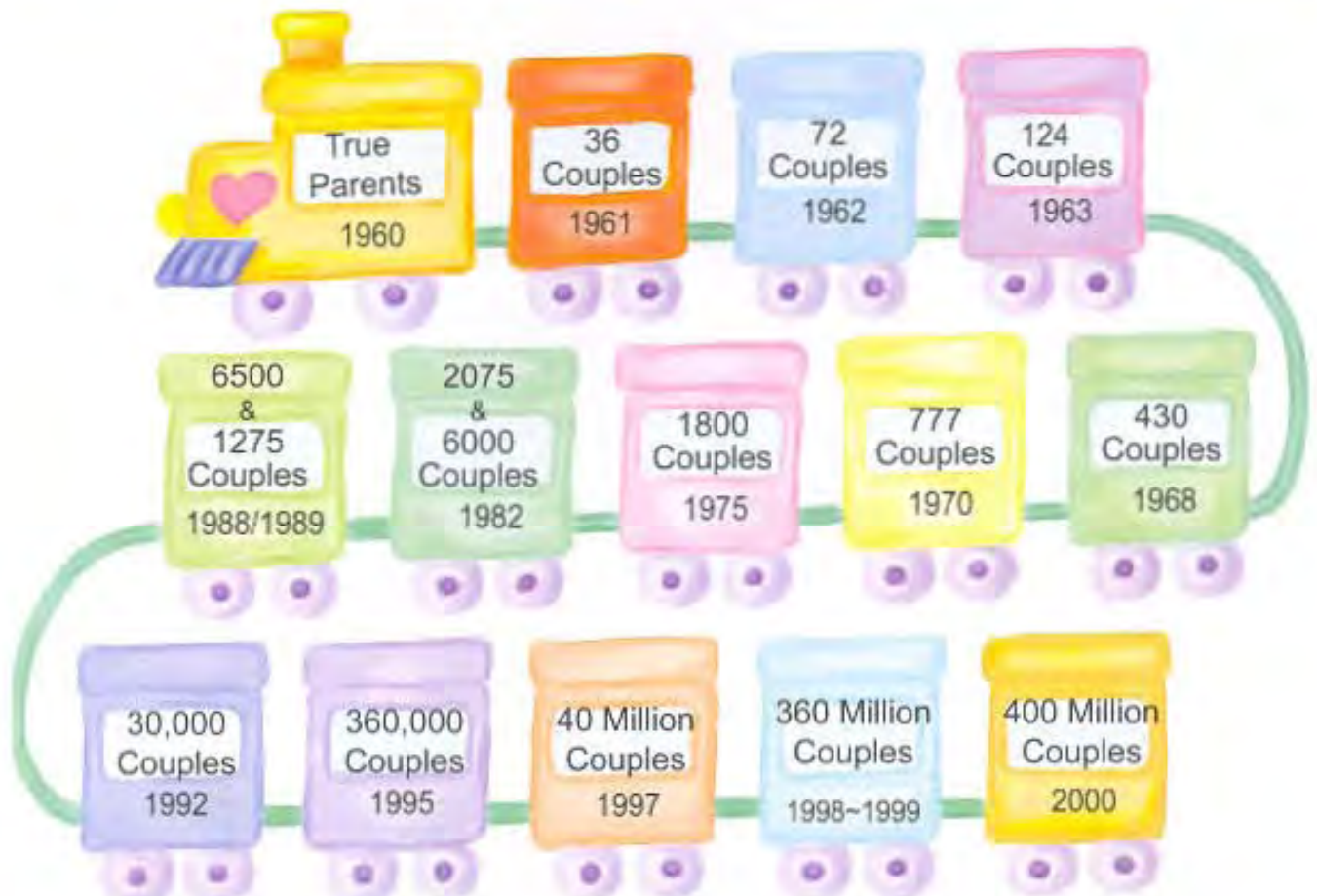


Our blessing is conducted by True Parents, who have inherited God's love.



In the outside world, marriages are conducted by a religious leader or official registrar of marriages who do not have such a close relationship with God's love.

- Let's study the history of the blessing, which began in 1960, after the Holy Wedding of True Parents. Can you remember them all?



## 29. The way of the blessing



### Let's read Father's words

Before marriage, you should not have your own mind. You have to adapt to the idea of God and your parents. When your grandparents and parents say that the time has arrived, that's the time you should receive the blessing. Before you receive the blessing, you should not move around according to your own desires.

You think it's okay to have a girlfriend or boyfriend and write letters to each other, right? You think it's nothing to wink at someone, just like buying a pencil on the street. According to the Principle, a person who acts in that way is not entitled to receive the blessing. As fallen descendants, we have to restore the original standard.





## Let's Study

- In order to receive the blessing from Heavenly Father and True Parents, we have to prepare the containers of our faith well. Let's mark how well we are practicing our faith, in each of the categories marked on the containers.

(Very Good: O, Average:△, Poor:X)



- To receive the blessing, you must keep your mind and heart pure and beautiful. Consider what might happen if you do the kind of things that Satan likes, as in the following pictures. If you have had difficulties over any of these things, why not have a talk with your parents?.





## 30. The tradition of love



### Let's read Father's words

The Kingdom of God on earth is the place in which a husband loves and respects his wife as he does God, and a wife loves and respects her husband as she does God. Such a tradition must be set up in this world.

Blessed families must set up the tradition of loving all God's children, even if they have to shed tears of blood. Next, they have to educate their children and descendants. Giving birth to a child is not for myself, but for the future world.





## Let's Study

- A blessed family must keep the tradition of attending God and True Parents, based on true love. Let's study how the tradition of the Eighth Day Dedication Ceremony has been inherited through history.



At the time of Abraham, the Israelites circumcised their boy children eight days after birth.

The ceremony of circumcision was a tradition of the Israelites, through which they extracted evil blood, cleansed their sin, and confirmed that the Israelites were the chosen people who were separated from the Satanic world.



At the time of Jesus, the second Israelites held the ceremony of baptism.

The ceremony of baptism is a tradition of Christians, through which they repent for their sins, receive forgiveness, and pledge to become like Jesus Christ.



In the time of True Parents, the third Israelites must receive the blessing.

The blessing is the tradition of Unificationists, through which we remove our original sin through True Parents, and are reborn as a family of God centered on true love.

A blessed family holds the Eighth Day Dedication Ceremony on the eighth day after a baby is born, to offer the child as a son or daughter of God.

The Eighth Day Dedication Ceremony is the tradition of a blessed family, in which we pledge to God to take care of the child that has been entrusted to us by Him.

## 31. The blessing creates a true world



### Let's read Father's words

The Blessing is not for one individual. God blesses a family so that they can become a new family, living for the community, the nation and the world. The Kim family does not exist for the Kim family itself. The Kim family must become a family representing the community, the nation and the world.

When you receive the blessing, you should not think that you are receiving it for yourself, but for the world.





## Let's Study

● This is the diary of Song Dol. Find Song Dol in the picture.



My father and mother are an international blessed couple. My Father is Korean; my mother is American. Today my aunt and uncle have come back from Jardim, Brazil, along with my cousins John and Susan. They were there for the Ideal Family Education workshop. They seem like an even closer family now. It must have been good to be with other families from different countries. Uncle told me he really feels we are going to build a new world.

## 32. The ideal family is the foundation of happiness



Let's read Father's words

In the family, there must be parents and children. Only then can the family be the foundation of happiness.

Sons and daughters should be able to say, "My mother and father are the best people in the world. They are representatives of God." An ideal family could be realized only when the children see their father's and mother's unchanging love and think, "We want to be like them."





## Let's Study

● Let's read Father's words and write "ideal family" in Korean

In the ideal family there are three kinds of love centered on God: eternal parental love, eternal couples' love and eternal children's love.

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● A couple that has received the blessing from True Parents is going around the world to find the best way to build an ideal family. Let's follow them.



### 33. The family based on true love



#### Let's read Father's words

What is true love? It is parental love, blessed couples' love and children's love. Without a tradition of sacrifice, love will not last long; sooner or later it will break. Because parents sacrifice for their children, parental love never breaks. If children grow up with true parental love, they will never disobey their parents. When a husband and wife compete to serve each other and sacrifice for each other, blessings will come to that family.





## Let's Study

- Find these important words in Father's speech and write them on the ginkgo leaves



Happiness comes from the family.

A happy family includes loving parents, husband and wife, and children.



## 34. Our family is united in heart



### Let's read Father's words

We cannot live without love. We must feel this love in our family. In the family, when a husband and wife look at each other, they feel happy, and when parents and children look at each other, they feel happy. We should be proud of this happiness. God is the same. Without a family God cannot feel happiness.





## Let's Study

- The family is the training ground of true love.

Let's look at the four great realms of heart that must be experienced in the family.

**The four great realms of heart are created by the love of parents for children, the love of a husband and wife for each other, the love of brothers and sisters for each other and the love of children for their parents. The four great realms of heart mean these four great kinds of love.**

- We have to experience and perfect the four great loves in our families first. Write down and discuss with your friends the four great loves that you will try to experience in your life.



My parents show their love for me by \_\_\_\_\_.



I show my love for my parents by \_\_\_\_\_.



I show my love for my brothers and sisters by \_\_\_\_\_.



When I grow up, I will show my love for my husband (or wife) by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Fill in each blank with the correct word below to complete the third part of the Family Pledge

Our \_\_\_\_\_ pledges to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ realms of heart, the \_\_\_\_\_ kingships, the realm of the royal family, by \_\_\_\_\_ on True Love.

three great    centering    four great    family    perfect

## 35. The restored True Family



Let's read Father's words

Who is the center of the restored family? God's purpose of creation is to have a family with His true son and daughter. So God's true son and daughter must be the center of the restored family. Who would that be? God's true son must come with mighty authority to inherit the whole cosmos. He is the Lord of the Second Advent. He must come and perfect a True Family.





## Let's Study

● Let's study the family tradition of True Parents, which is our model.



### True Father prays for us all the time



True Mother said:

When I wake up in the morning and open my eyes, True Father is already deep in prayer; I never know when he wakes up. Whether the wind is blowing or rain is falling, whether it is day or night, Father prays for you. Whenever I see True Father praying like that, I think that God has to love this man; there is nothing else He could do but love him.

### True Mother always wants to give



True Father said:

If True Mother has something valuable, she wants to give it away to somebody. She loves to give; she finds joy in giving. Many people think True Mother has a lot of jewelry and clothes, but that is not the case. She leads a very frugal life.



### The True Parents' family tradition

True Mother said:

As the True Family we must observe family traditions. For example, on True Parents' Birthday, True Father takes the first bite, then I take one, then each child from the oldest to the youngest eats, one by one.

## 36. The offerings of Cain and Abel



### Let's read Father's words

After Adam fell, God pursued the providence of Adam's family centering on Cain and Abel. But because Cain killed Abel, the will of God was not fulfilled.

If Cain had had even a little of the right heart to make his offering through Abel, God would have accepted Cain's offering.





## Let's Study

Why did God accept Abel's offering and not Cain's?



◀ When Adam fell, he came to have two masters: God and Satan.

▶ God put Cain in the position to represent Satan and Abel in the position to represent God.



◀ Cain raised grain and Abel raised sheep; both worked very hard for a year before making their offerings to God, but God accepted only Abel's

**The reason God didn't accept Cain's offering was not because He hated him, but because Cain was in the position from which Satan could claim his offering.**

Which of the following could Cain have done to enable God to accept his offering?

- 1) Complained that God only accepted Abel's offering.
- 2) With an obedient heart, made the offering through Abel.
- 3) Begged God to accept his offering, saying he had worked harder and more sincerely than had Abel.

## 37. Noah's unchanging faith



Let's read Father's words

Noah struggled for 120 years, denying both himself and his family. That was not easy. Noah had received God's commandment 120 years earlier, but he didn't wait around idly, or, after only one year's work, think "I still have 119 years to go!" For 120 years, he worked hard, despite people's ridicule and reproach, and he kept his faith in God's words.





## Let's Study

- What did Noah think when God asked him to work for 120 years to build the ark?

① This is really strange. Why would God ask me to build an ark on top of a mountain? People will laugh at me.

② How on earth could God ask me to build an ark for 120 years?

③ I will listen to God and begin to build the ark today.

- Look at these pictures and tell the story of Noah, putting the events in the right order.



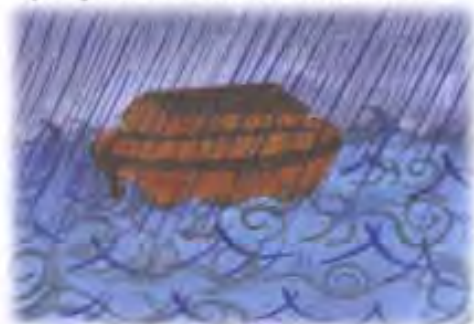
① God told Noah to build an enormous ship, called an ark



② The rain stopped, the land dried, and everyone came out of the ark and prayed to God with thanks,



③ People laughed at Noah while he was building the ark.



④ 120 years passed, the ark was finished, and God did as He promised and sent 40 days of rain to judge the world. Noah's family was safe inside.

- What if Noah had not believed God's words and had not built the ark? Let's discuss what might have happened.



## 38. Abraham leaves home



Let's read Father's words

Abraham was the son of an idol-maker. He was living a happy life when God called him, saying, "Abraham, leave your home." Abraham, without a word of complaint, left his hometown Ur of the Chaldeans. He crossed the border of his country and became a wanderer.

Abraham left behind everything he loved: his family, his country, his wealth and everything else; and went to the unknown land God had chosen for him. In this place he often shed tears for God and the people, and so separated himself from Satan. He prayed for his people and suffered for his country. Through this condition God could ordain him as the ancestor of faith, bless his descendants and help them prosper.





## Let's Study

- Fill in the blanks with the right words.

Abraham's hometown was \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham's father Terah was a maker of \_\_\_\_\_. (This meant that Satan also loved Abraham.)



- God told Abraham to leave his home. Abraham gave up all these things in order to separate from Satan:

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) His hometown                 | 2) His wife and nephew          |
| 3) His family and his relatives | 4) His wealth      5) His idols |

- In going through suffering for the sake of his people and nation, Abraham showed his great faith in God and made the condition to separate them from Satan. God therefore blessed him, as is recorded in the Old Testament. You can read the words in the box below.



**"I will make you a great nation: I will bless you and make your name great: and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)**

## 39. Esau and Jacob receive blessings



### Let's read Father's words

Jacob left his hometown and went to his Uncle Laban's home, where he lived for 21 years. He suffered a lot until he married his wives Leah and Rachel, and became wealthy. Even though his brother was waiting to kill him, Jacob always hoped that one day he would be able to go back and naturally win the heart of his brother. Jacob prepared himself for this. When he returned to his hometown he offered everything that he had to his brother Esau. Esau welcomed Jacob and embraced him. In this way Jacob and Esau could both enter the circle of the chosen people of Israel, blessed by God.





## Let's Study

- Let's study how Jacob, with the help of his mother Rebekah, received his father's blessing in place of his brother.



Esau liked hunting and Jacob liked to take care of the house.



Esau was older, but he traded his older brother's position with Jacob for some bean pottage.



Isaac got old and wanted to give the blessing to Esau.



But Rebekah had an idea and made Jacob look like Esau.



While Esau was hunting, Isaac blessed Jacob, thinking he was Esau.



Esau got so angry when he came back that he wanted to kill Jacob.

- To escape from his angry brother, Jacob fled to Haran, where his Uncle Laban lived. Let's follow Jacob's way till he reconciled with his brother Esau.



## 40. World of interdependence



### Let's read Father's words

Everything I own belongs to the public; even my body is dedicated to the public purpose. What about my mind? Of course my mind is also public.



True Parents go fishing not just for fun. On the ocean they pray deeply and make many difficult, physically demanding conditions.

True Father said, "In the future the ocean will contribute a lot of food for mankind."



◀ True Parents with halibut caught in Alaska.

True Father began a project to make powder from fish that could be used in the fight against global hunger



▲ True Parents visit the fish powder factory.

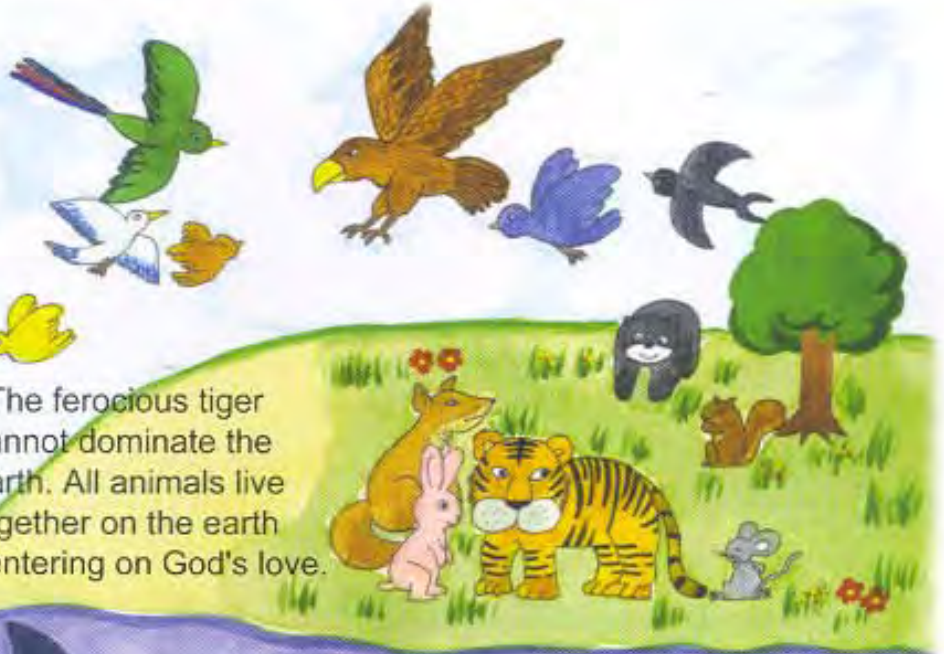




## Let's Study

● For whom did God create this world ?

The eagle, the king of birds, cannot dominate the sky. All birds live together in the sky centering on God's love.



The ferocious tiger cannot dominate the earth. All animals live together on the earth centering on God's love.



The fierce shark cannot control the sea. In the sea all fishes live together centering on God's love.

*...And we are the ones who must bring God's love to them!*

● To whom do my mind and body belong?

The most precious things, like air and water, belong not to an individual but to all of us. Likewise, I received my mind and body from God and my parents, so they are not mine. I should not treat my body carelessly, and should not allow bad thoughts in my mind.

● Let's talk about how we should treat public places and things that belong to everybody.

public phone



restroom



swimming pool

playground

subway or bus

## 41. World of mutual prosperity



### Let's read Father's words

For both men and women, politics should center on the family. In the garden of Eden politics were centered on God. The origin of politics is the family. Men and women must take a public position.



True Parents meet political leaders of the world and help them understand that politics must be based on true love.



## Let's Study

- Let's look at an example of how an election for the president of the student body might be held, with an attitude of brotherly love, unlike elections held in the world today.



I'd like to recommend this brother...

No, some other brother who can do a better job than I could.



I pray for the person who is most needed for our school.



Oh, it's me!

I believe this is God's will and I accept with gratitude!





## 42. World of universally shared values



### Let's read Father's words

You all have to become true parents, true teachers and true masters. What is the root of all of these? It is true love. True love means I invest myself 100 percent and want to invest again and again.



◀ True Mother in Argentina during her world speaking tour. (May 1999)



◀ True Mother visits a center for disabled children to give them hope and courage. (August 1999)

Ae Won is an volunteer social service founded by True Mother to help alienated and poor people.

▶ True Mother visits an orphanage in Africa (November 1995)





## Let's Study



This is the news from the Garden of True Love.

The "Christmas Festival of Dreams and Love" was held for 1200 orphaned teenagers who are the heads of their families, and disabled children. After the festival Hoon Sook Moon, the president of the Universal Ballet, spoke to the children to encourage them.



Ae Won volunteer social service gave scholarships to the teenagers who are in the position of family head and other poor young people.



Volunteer service workers delivered relief materials and lent a hand to families who had lost their homes and property in a flood in August, 2000.



Children pledge to donate money as part of a campaign to support North Korean children.

Children, let's lead the way in loving and sacrificing for others so we can create a beautiful world, sharing our joys and sorrows together. This is the news of the day.



## 43. The responsibility of Abel



Let's read Father's words

Abel made his offering with full devotion in perfect unity with God. In order to return to God, Cain also made his offering with full devotion. When God accepted only Abel's offering, Abel should have said to Cain, "Brother, I feel sorry about it." If Abel had had a humble heart, the work of restoration would have been done. In this respect, we can say that Abel failed in his portion of responsibility.





## Let's Study

● What kind of attitude should Abel have had toward Cain? Choose the right sentence from those below for each of the following blanks.

- ◆ When God accepted only his sacrifice, Abel should have said to God, with a humble heart, \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Abel should not have been boastful in his joy; instead he should have comforted Cain, saying \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) I feel sorry, brother, that God accepted only my offering even though you put more heart and devotion into your offering than I did.
- 2) God loves me more than you.
- 3) God! Thank you for accepting my offering.
- 4) Please take Cain's offering, too.

● In our lives, what kind of people are Abel-type and what are Cain-type? How about me? Am I an Abel-type person or a Cain-type person?

<b>Abel</b>	<b>Cain</b>
Practices God's will, is public-minded, and thinks of God before himself.	Thinks of himself first, is a pushy, selfish person.
Works hard, sacrifices more than others, and is grateful to God when receiving blessings ahead of others.	Is too proud of himself, and looks down on young members who joined the church later.
Tries to take care of people who are worried and troubled, even though he has his own worries.	Avoids hard work; gives hard work to others.

● How should you behave to become an Abel to those who are in the position of Cain?



In order to become Abel, you must receive God's love and be united with God. In order to do this you have to know God's ideology and practice it through witnessing. Next, you must win over Cain with God's love.

## 44. We live for others



Let's read Father's words

We must live for others. A responsible person is one who lives for others. Among ten people, the person who loves the others most and lives for them will become the center. The other people will be naturally drawn to him.

The person who loves his nation more than everyone else should become the president of that nation. The person who sacrifices himself and lives for a company more than anyone else is the one who should inherit the company. Living for others is not a bad thing. That is the way to become the center, to be a responsible person, and to inherit everything. That's why I say to live for others.





## Let's Study

A true leader is a person who lives for others.



- Which students are living for the class? Look at the picture and discuss it.

What should the class monitor be doing?

He should be a model for the other students and show them what to do before telling them to work.

How should the students do their work?

- They should do the cleaning not because someone is watching, but because they love their classroom and classmates.
- When there is a difficult job to do, they should not ask someone else to do it, they should do it themselves.

- When you become an adult, how would you behave as the true owner of a company?

What should you do as an employer?

You should not be proud of yourself, but be a role model to your employees and love them.

What should you do if you are an employee?

You should not be idle. You should do your best without complaining.



## Things to practice



- Being a leader is being a person who lives for others.
- I will try my best to live for others.

## 45. Children live for the family



Let's read Father's words

If there are ten members of a family, if the youngest child lives for the whole family more than all the others, the parents and children will all follow him. As he continues to work for the family, he will automatically become the center of the family. That is natural, because God Himself, as the center of the cosmos, is a being who lives for others. No matter how young the child may be, if he is like God, he will take the central position in the family.





## Let's Study

- Let's study the story of Joseph, who saved his family through his deep faith and love for God and his family.

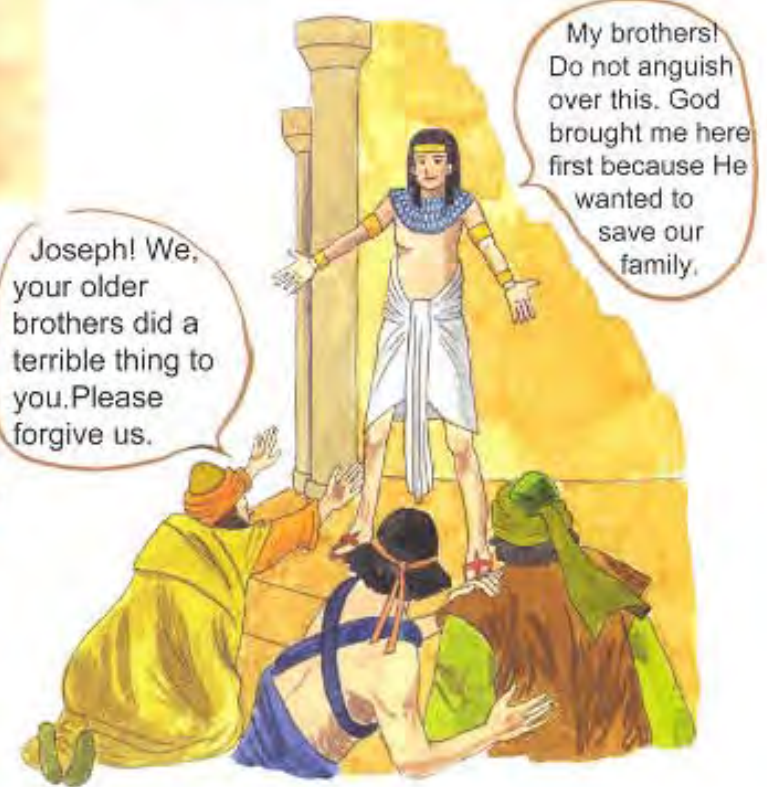


Heavenly Father!  
Now I realize that  
my older brothers  
could not love me  
because I was so  
proud of myself.

Joseph's father, Jacob, loved his son Joseph the most among his twelve children. Out of jealousy, his brothers sold him to some merchants who were traveling to Egypt.

In Egypt Joseph became a slave to Potiphar, who was captain of the guard at Pharaoh's palace. Joseph was smart and wise, he worked hard, and God was with him all the time.

Joseph was sent to jail on a false charge. While he was there, he helped Pharaoh prevent famine in the land by telling him the true meaning of his dream. Thanks to this he became the prime minister of Egypt. When his brothers fled from the famine in their hometown and came to get food, Joseph forgave them and embraced them warmly. Because of this condition of brotherly love, all the Israelites could survive.



Joseph! We,  
your older  
brothers did a  
terrible thing to  
you. Please  
forgive us.

My brothers!  
Do not anguish  
over this. God  
brought me here  
first because He  
wanted to  
save our  
family.

## Things to practice



- I will understand my brothers and sisters and love them first.
- I will be thankful to my parents who are always living for me.



## 46. God's people



Let's read Father's words

A tribal messiah is the owner of true love. To become a tribal messiah with true love was the hope of God, the hope of Adam, Eve and the hope of Jesus. All of us must become owners of true love and march forward.

To be a tribal messiah means to be a tribal ancestor. This is like Moses, who stood in the vanguard and led his people in the Exodus. We have to know that we are in the vanguard; we are leaders who are guiding our tribe to our historical hometown.





## Let's Study

- God chose Moses to lead the Israelites, who had been suffering for four hundred years in Egypt, and guide them into the promised land of Canaan. Let's talk about how Moses delivered the people of Israel.



- Let's study the meaning of tribal messiah

A tribe refers to people who share the same ancestors, the same language and the same culture. A messiah means a savior, one who helps people find God. Therefore, a tribal messiah is a person who has a messianic mission representing his family and clan, and who works to create a heavenly nation.

- As God made Moses a savior of the Israelites, True Parents made the blessed families into tribal messiahs. Then what is the mission of the blessed families?

The blessed families are Abel families who must save our relatives, the Cain families. We must teach them about God and True Parents and guide them to receive the Blessing. That is our mission.

### Things to practice



- 1) I will teach our relatives about our True Parents.
- 2) I will often call and write letters to my relatives.

## 47. Communities work for the nation



Let's read Father's words

A family has to sacrifice for the tribe, the tribe for the people, and the people for the nation. That's the way it is. If there is a people that sacrifices for the nation, that nation will be saved. A people must offer everything to the nation, serve the nation, sacrifice for the nation; then the nation will never perish.





## Let's Study

- There are many nations in the world. Among them, the nation of Israel had the mission of attending the Messiah (Jesus) and saving the world and humanity. That was God's will. As the chosen and prepared people, what of the following should the Israelites have done?
  - 1) They had to keep other people at a distance because foreigners believed in other gods.
  - 2) They had to build the Kingdom of God on earth by uniting all the peoples and religions into one.
  - 3) As the chosen nation, they had to seek the salvation of only their own people.

- Let's read the following paragraph and study about the March First Mansei Movement, in which the Korean people strove to regain their national independence.

During their 5000 years of history, the Korean people suffered many foreign invasions. Every time, the people and patriots were sacrificed in order to save the nation. On March 1st, 1919, a nationwide pro-independence movement rose up against the Japanese who ruled the country, and many Koreans stood up to declare their independence to the world. This is known as the March First Mansei Movement. At that time many people lost their lives, but through this national sacrifice Korea was finally restored.

- One young girl whose name was Yoo Kwan-soon is remembered for her courage and patriotism in leading demonstrations during the March first Movement, during which she gave out three thousand Korean flags in defiance of the Japanese annexation of Korea.

### Things to practice



- 1) I will practice loving my country through service and good deeds.
- 2) I will study hard to become an honest leader of my country.

## 48. Nations work for the world



Let's read Father's words

What is an ideal nation? Throughout history, the nation that acts for itself alone has been criticized. A nation must go beyond its own interests and sacrifice itself for other nations. However, not a single nation has a plan for the whole world.

God is not the God of one nation. God is the God of the whole world. God wants to make a world of one family and one nation. So we need an ideology that teaches us to sacrifice our own nation to save the whole world.





## Let's Study

**God wants the world to be one family, but today there is fighting and conflict in many parts of the world.**

- Look at the orange dots on the map. Each of them is a place where people were fighting each other at the beginning of the new millennium.



- Did you know that in these same areas of the world, and in fact in almost every country, there are missionaries and brothers and sisters working for peace?

In 1975, True Parents assigned three missionaries each to 120 countries. They lived in places where the local people were poor, and even where there were wars going on. They have very interesting stories to tell. All of them worked to help True Parents bring peace to the world. Some even met the president of their country. All of them found people from their mission countries who wanted to join them.

### Things to practice



- 1) I will sacrifice small things for the greater purpose.
- 2) I will become a great person who can bring the love of True Parents to a world that really needs it.

## 49. Children work for God's nation



Let's read Father's words

Day and night we must move forward for God and the heavenly kingdom. No matter how many times I sacrifice my life, I have to relieve the sorrow of God. If we have courage, we should be able to carry our own cross and God's cross too.

Today we must work for the sake of Heavenly Father and His kingdom. We have to remember clearly that we were born to be filial sons and daughters of God, to be loyal to God, and to be faithful to our husband or wife. This is our mission.





## Let's Study

# The Kingdom of God

● Jesus Christ explained the nation of God in parables.

When the disciples asked Jesus, 'What is the Kingdom of God like?' Jesus told them a parable:

It is like a mustard seed which a man planted in his field. The seed was small and black, like a sesame seed. It



sprouted and had small fine roots.

The sprout came out of the mud and grew new leaves, and the roots fed them with water. The little plant took in the sunlight and breathed the fresh air, and finally grew into a big tree. The tree bore a lot of fruit, and many birds of the air came and perched in its

branches, enjoying the fruit and singing joyfully.



**This means that the Kingdom of God will be very small at first, yet will grow very big in the end.**

*True Parents explained it like this:*

The Kingdom of God is a place I go with my family, not by myself alone. When the father enters, the mother enters too. When parents go in, then children go in together. That is the Kingdom of God. Do you think it is all right if a father goes to the Kingdom of God and the mother goes to hell?

## Things to practice



- 1) I will help out in the church to become a good member
- 2) I will never give up my faith in God no matter what happens.



## 50. Children can witness to new people



Let's read Father's words

What will you take with you when you go to the spirit world? You cannot take money. You cannot go in by the name of a church. You cannot enter even if you were the president of a nation. So what you have to do is to have many spiritual children with whom God is pleased. You cannot give birth to so many babies, but you can have as many spiritual children as you want.

The Kingdom of God is an endless world; in that place we need to be connected by a bridge, a heart of love. Therefore when we have many spiritual children our world is wide, and many roads are open to us in heaven.





## Let's Study

● What shall we do to witness to our friends? Answer the following questions.

◆ **Even toward one person, we have to serve with utmost devotion.**  
(The Way of God's Will)

Make a list of friends to whom you want to witness and pray for them every day.

Name:

:

Name:

:

We have to share True Parents' message with our friends. Which words do you want to share?

True Parents' words that you want to share:



If you want to witness to your friends, first you must live a model life. Write down what you want to do for your friends

I will be kind to my friends.



### Things to practice



1. I will share True Parents' words with my friends.
2. I will help my friends and witness to them with love.

## 51. Let's become children of real ability



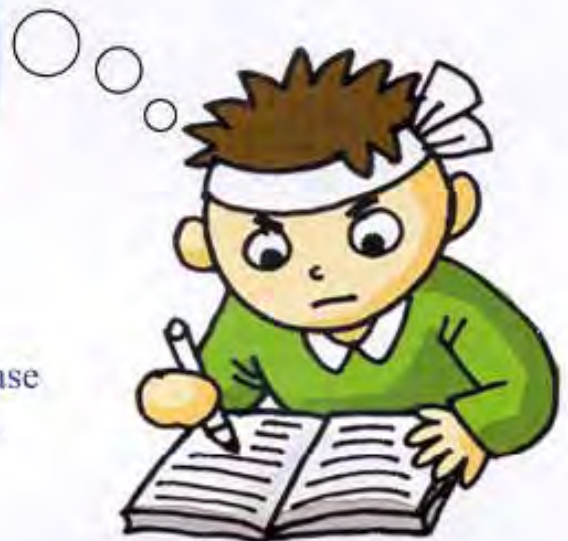
Let's read Father's words

You have to prepare yourselves to become beloved children who can represent True Parents. What you think and what you want will determine what kind of person you will be. The quality and quantity of your life will be different. You need to prepare yourself, and you need real ability. You must think about what kind of work you want to do.

You'd better decide early what you want to do, and prepare yourself and strive for that for your whole life. If you do so, you will become a world-famous person.



Father, I want to be a true person. Please let me be the kind of child you need.





## Let's Study

● If Father was asked the following question, how do you think he would respond?



**Father, I hate to study. I just want to play with my friends. Why do we have to study difficult things?**



Is there anybody who loves to study? Nobody. Everybody hates to study. But you have to study. Why? To accomplish your purpose, to be the person you want to be, you have to study. You have to be the best professional, the best leader in your field in the world, and educate others to that level.

For whom do you have to study? Not only for your own success. You study not only to be successful yourself, but to be a good friend to the poor people, to teach the illiterate people, and to liberate them.

First of all, you have to study to make a lot of proud children of God like yourself.

● Write down your hopes for the future and how you can prepare yourself to fulfill them.

I want to become a good  as a representative of our True Parents.

First I have to be healthy and develop my real ability. I need a good nature and a loving heart to become a

To be healthy I have to

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To develop my ability I have to

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To have a good and loving character I have to

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### Things to practice



- 1) I will set an unchanging goal to become an excellent leader.
- 2) I will develop my ability to witness and restore many people as God's sons and daughters.

## 52. We are proud sons and daughters of God



Let's read Father's words

Your standard of life should testify that you are the sons and daughters of God, through blood lineage, through the truth and through your practical life. Unless you have this standard, even though you attend church, you are still just a servant.

What you can be proud of in front of Satan is your love of God and True Parents. From beginning to end, the only thing you can boast of is True Parents. You can say to Satan, "You failed to attend True Parents, but I attended them and was loyal to them. Because of my love for True Parents, my descendants will go to heaven."





## Let's Study

- All the children of the world must go to the original hometown, Jeongju, together with True Parents. Let's follow the footsteps of True Parents, who have dedicated their whole life to God's truth, God's lineage and God's true love.



Original Hometown  
Jeongju

True Parents embraced the communist world with true love and opened the road to unification of South and North Korea.



True Parents' Holy Wedding



Father first proclaimed the Divine Principle at the mud hut he built in Pomnetgol, Pusan.



Pusan

### Things to practice



- 1) I will pray with devotion for unity in my country.
- 2) By practicing true love, I will realize the Kingdom of God and dedicate it to God.

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