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*From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood. – Genesis 10:32*

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**One Family Many Nations ... Genesis 10:1-32**

**I. The Family of Japheth ... (10:2-5)**

- A People who settled \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Less is said about this family because they did not settle in the \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Family of Ham ... (10:6-20)**

- Notable Figures
  - i. Nimrod ... \_\_\_\_\_ - Rebellion
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**III. The Family of Shem ... (10:21-31)**

- The Line of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- The Family Line that will bring the \_\_\_\_\_

**What Should We Learn?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is One Family
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ over Every Nation
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ will never be upended by any efforts of mankind.

1. Think back through your family heritage, do you know of any unique characters that have been a part of your family history. Who were they? What were they known for? Does knowing these people help you to identify with your family tree? Why or why not?
2. Our Family Tree can be a great inspiration, or it can be a hinderance. The generations generally follow the patterns of their parents. Knowing this, the Book of Proverbs has a wealth of practical advice on living life, including how to parent. How do the following verses give insight to how we influence the next generation?

Proverbs 20:7    Proverbs 22:6    Proverbs 23:24-26    Proverbs 29:17

Is there one thing that stands out to you from these verses? If so, how could you incorporate it more into your life?

3. The Bible speaks clearly about the necessity for parents to influence the next generation. In the following passages, jot down the actions and attitudes that you see in each one that can relate to parenting.

Deuteronomy 6:4-8    Psalm 127:3-5    1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4. We know that children will learn a lot more about life from what they see us do. Take some time now to think about how your daily life reflects what you hope your children will catch regarding what it means to know, love and follow Jesus in the following areas...
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5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.

- a. Does the Bible promise for certain that if we raise our children properly they will not go astray?
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- The Line of the **Assyrians, Hebrews, and Arabs**
- The Family Line that will bring the **Messiah**

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