



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 17

The Age of the Earth

Genesis 5:1-5, 5:32, 11:10, 11:26

Name _____

How Old Is the Earth?

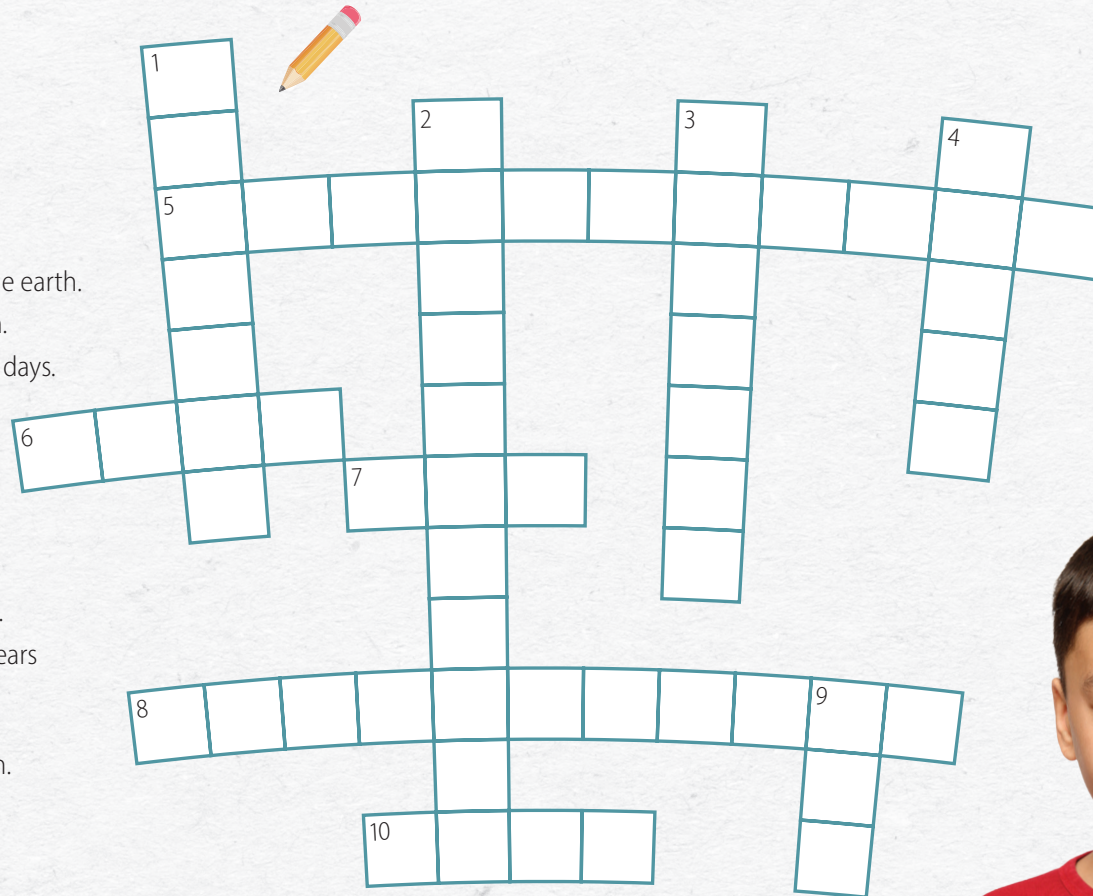
Complete the crossword puzzle using the words from the word bank.

Across

5. A false method for dating rocks and the earth.
6. The father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
7. He created the universe in six 24-hour days.
8. Written records of generations.
10. The first man created by God.

Down

1. He lived about 2,000 years after Adam.
2. The approximate age of the earth in years (2 words).
3. The book in the Bible that contains information about the age of the earth.
4. Our written source for truth.
9. Made by God from Adam's rib.



Word Bank:

ADAM
ABRAHAM
BIBLE
EVE
GENEALOGIES
GENESIS
GOD
NOAH
RADIOMETRIC
SIX THOUSAND

Across: 5) RADIOMETRIC 6) NOAH 7) GOD 8) GENEALOGIES 10) ADAM
Down: 1) ABRAHAM 2) SIXTHOUSAND 3) GENESIS 4) BIBLE 9) EVE

Psalm 8:5-6

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.

Memory Verse





What You Heard *In the Word*

- The Bible tells us the age of the earth! We can figure it out through the genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11.
- Radiometric dating is used to date the earth as billions of years old. It is not accurate.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose one of your friends said to you, “I don’t remember ever reading anything in the Bible that said the earth is 6,000 years old.” **What would you say?**

The Bible does indicate that the earth is 6,000 years old—but you need to dig a little to get it. God has recorded some very detailed genealogies—or family trees—in the book of Genesis. God gives us the ages of people born from Adam to Abraham—that is a period of about 2,000 years. And more studying shows us that Abraham lived 2,000 years before Jesus. And Jesus was born about 2,000 years ago. It all adds up to 6,000 years!

HomeWord *For Parents*

As you read the genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11, take note of the details God gives us. Genesis 5 recounts the ten generations before the Flood; Genesis 11 lists the ten generations after the Flood. These lists serve as “birth certificates” and allow us to calculate the time from Adam to Abraham.

As we add up the years from Adam to Abraham, we get approximately 2,000 years. Historically, it has been agreed upon by Christian and non-Christian historians alike that Abraham lived about 2,000 years before Christ. If we add the 2,000 years that have passed since Jesus’ birth, we get an accurate age of roughly 6,000 years.

Secular scientists use radiometric dating methods to date the earth at billions of years old. These methods have been rejected as inaccurate by many respected scientists. These methods are neither testable nor provable. The dates determined are often inconsistent and wrong.

God’s Word unmistakably teaches a young earth and universe. God has ensured the accurate recording and preservation of His eyewitness account of the earth’s history, which Jesus Christ endorsed repeatedly during His earthly ministry. We must have confidence in what God has revealed to us in His Word and not allow man’s ideas to cause us to reinterpret it or compromise it in any way.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

