



**Lesson Titles:**  
**Fulfilling One's Calling**  
(Faith Pathway)  
**Called through Heritage**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School  
Commentary)

## LESSON 1 • December 6, 2020

### Winter 2020-2021 Theme:

The Call of God in the New Testament

**Unit I:** The Beginning of a Call

**Devotional Reading:** Psalm 102:12-22

**Background Scriptures:** Hebrews 1; Matthew 1:1-17

**Print Passages:** Hebrews 1:1-5; Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17

### Key Verse(s):

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. (Hebrews 1:2, KJV)

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In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:2, NIV)

### Questions to Consider:

1. What is the nature and identity of Jesus Christ?
2. Why was it important for the writer to recount Jesus' lineage?

### Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Grasp the significance of Jesus' earthly heritage and His heavenly origins.
- Wonder at the depth and scope of God's eternal plan to bring salvation through Jesus.
- Worship Jesus as God's definitive word to humanity.

### Lesson Context:

The book of Hebrews set the story of Jesus in the context of God's redemptive work.

Matthew opens his Gospel with a genealogy to prove that Jesus is the descendant of both King David and Abraham, just as the Old Testament had predicted.

### Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

#### I. **A Rich Heritage: Extraordinary (Hebrews 1:1-5)**

Key Point 1: Christ is described as superior to the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Key Point 2: After describing Christ as superior to the prophets, the writer presents Him as the exact image of \_\_\_\_\_.

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## II. A Deep Heritage: Extensive (Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17)

Key Point 1: Matthew was intentional in helping readers to know and appreciate the richness of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

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Key Point 2: Jesus is introduced as the Son of Abraham, emphasizing Jesus as the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham that his descendants would be a \_\_\_\_\_ to all the families of the earth.

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### Lesson Summary:

God used people in Jesus' lineage, who were \_\_\_\_\_. He used people with stained, blemished histories, who had strengths, frailties, successes, and failures to be a part of Jesus' genealogy.

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### What do you think? (These questions are found in this week's *Faith Pathway* student book.)

1. How do you explain the twofold nature of Jesus' identity as both the Son of God and the fully divine manifestation of God?

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2. How important is family history today? (Discuss its spiritual implications.)

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### As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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