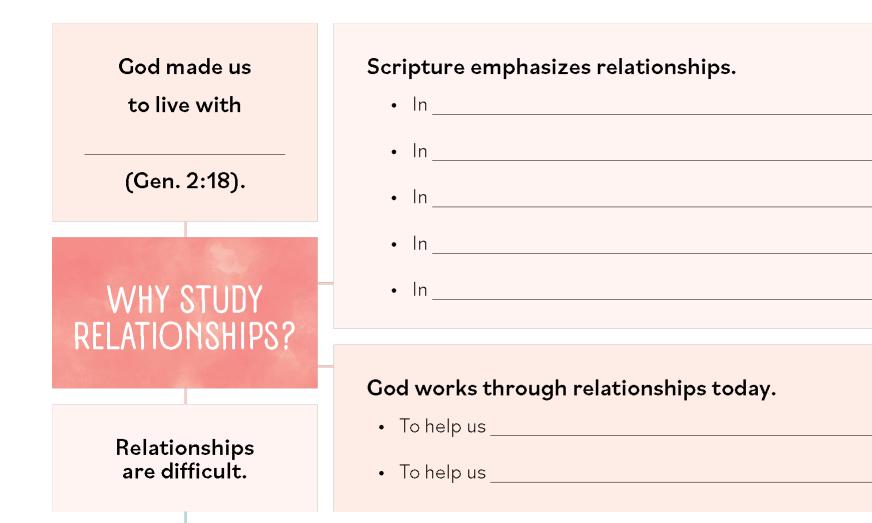
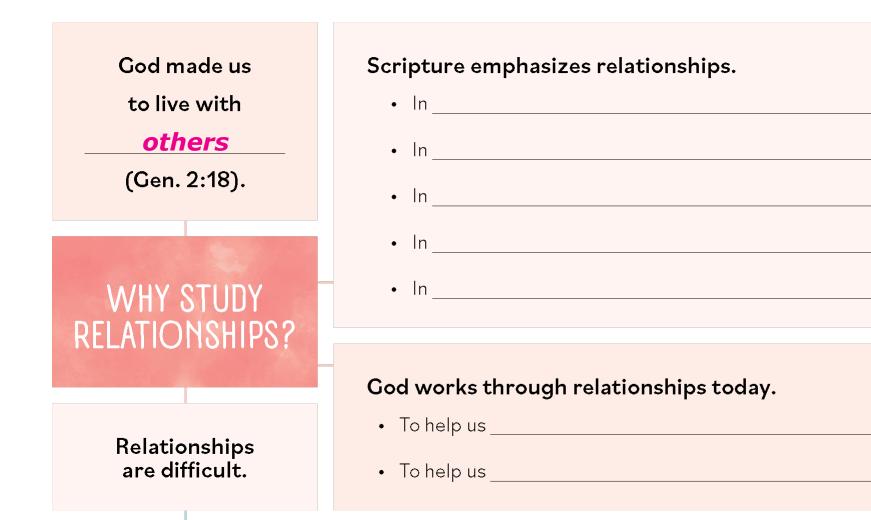
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Why Study Relationships?



Relationship A meaningful, recognizable connection between one person and another

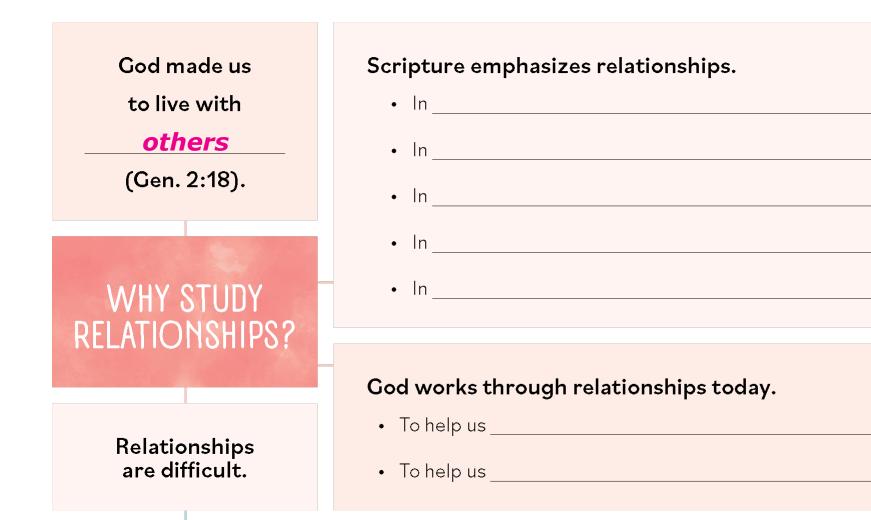


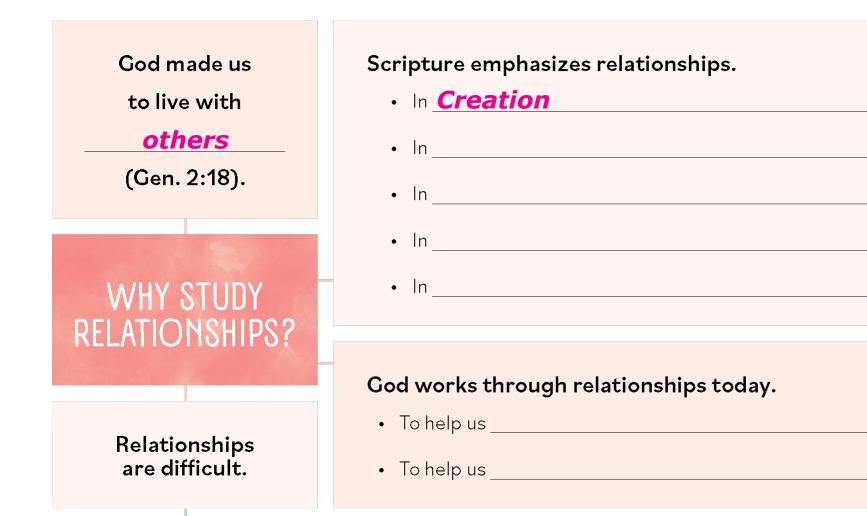


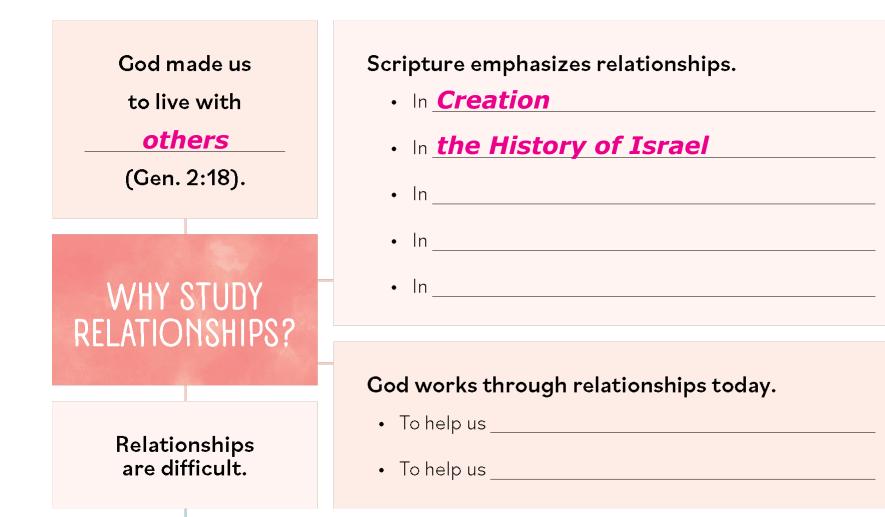
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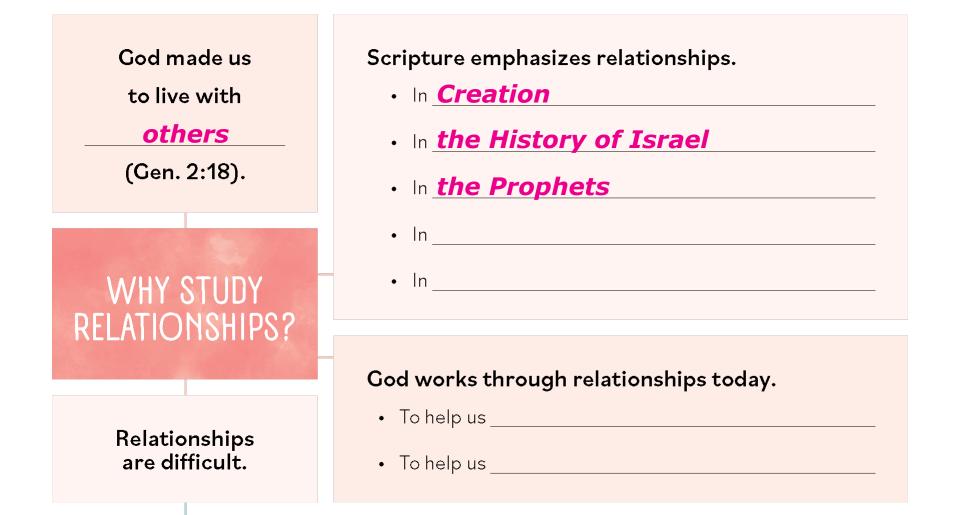


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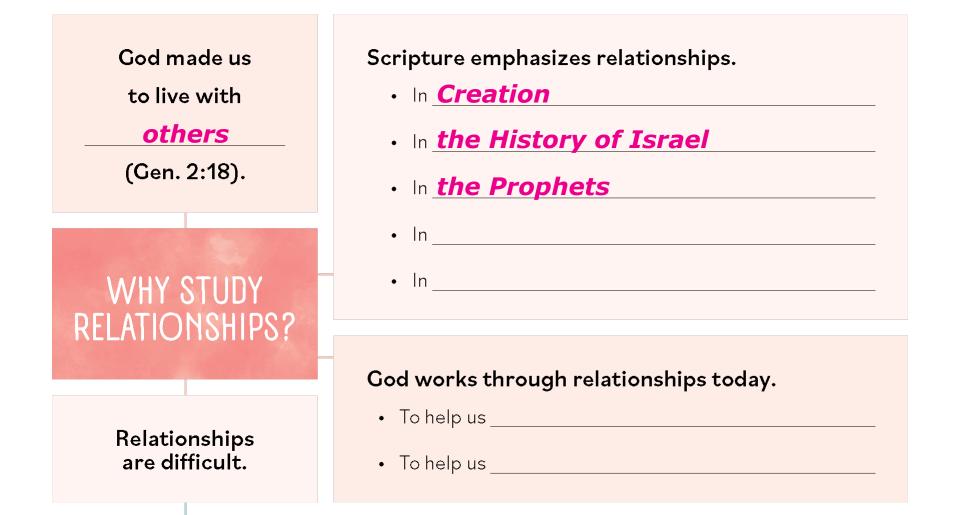


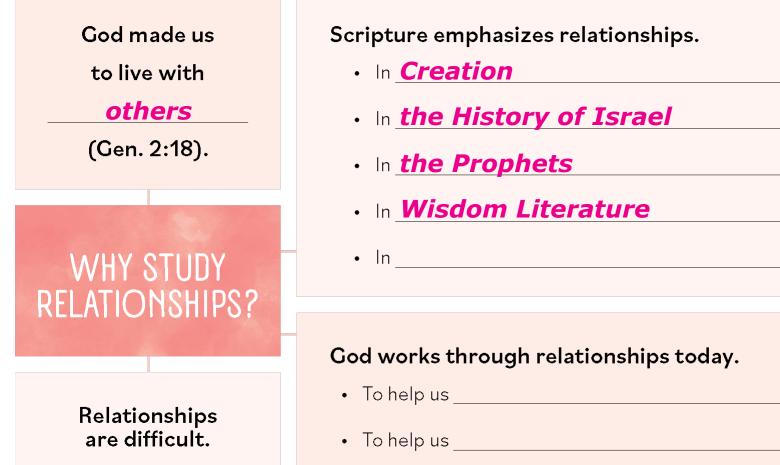


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In Scripture, someone with a message from God; a person who shares God's truth, sometimes about the future





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A student who follows a teacher; in Scripture, one of Jesus' followers

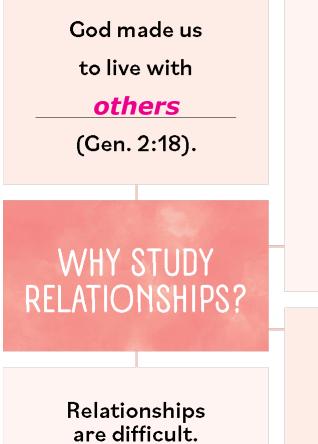


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- You and the other sex





God Our Creator

Describing the Iron Age Gods

- Reflected human desire and depravity
- Reinforced a ruling class
- Often bound to a land or tribe
- Unpredictable and unstable

Describing Yahweh

- Does not cater to our base desires
- Cannot be controlled by earthly rulers
- Created all and offers salvation to all
- Offers promises and keeps them



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Yahweh

Term used in the Hebrew Bible to refer to God; means "I am"

Covenant

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A strong, binding promise, often between two parties

God is

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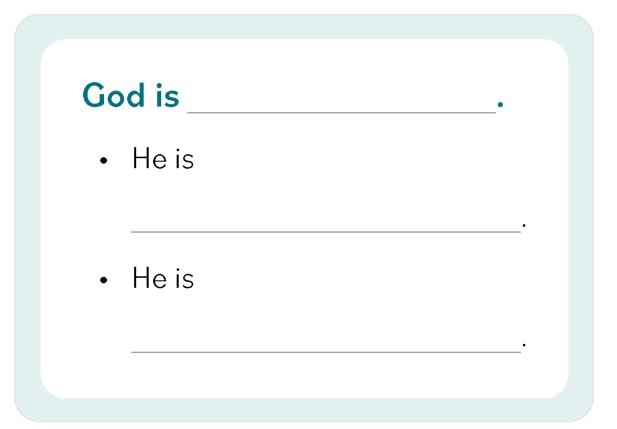
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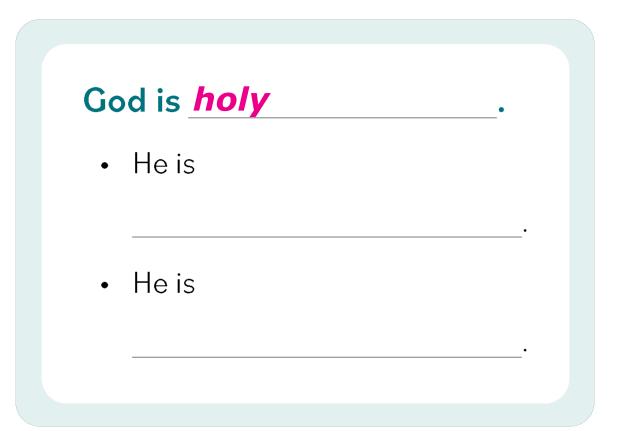
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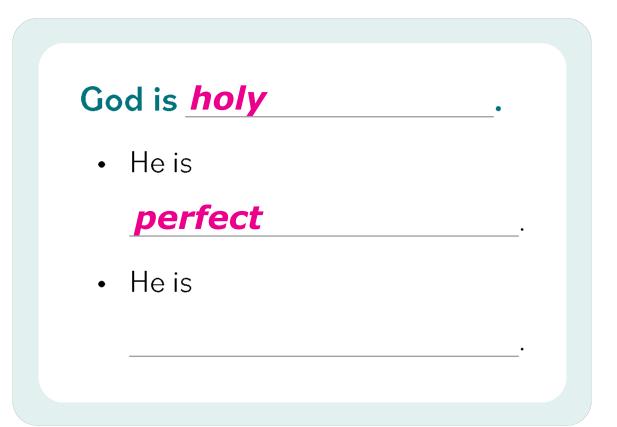
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In Scripture, God's absolute control over all things, despite acts of evil and rebellion against Him



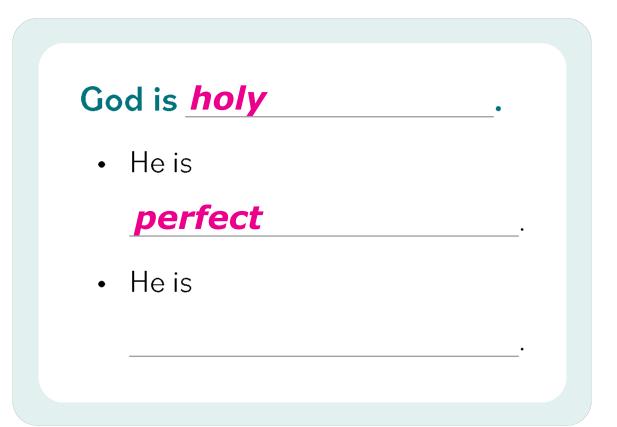






Sin

The rejection of God and His goodness; disobeying God's commands



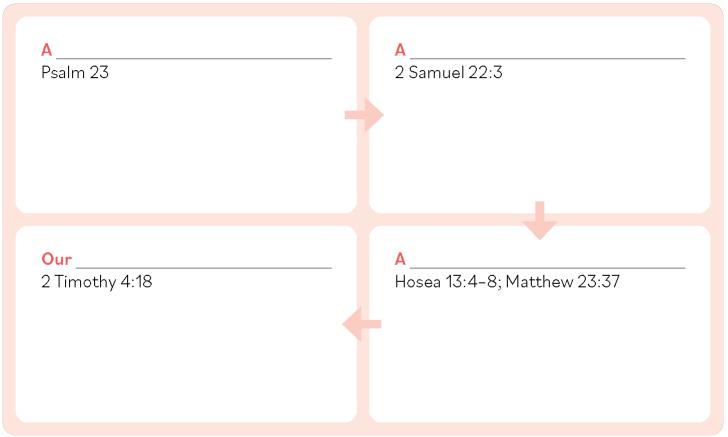


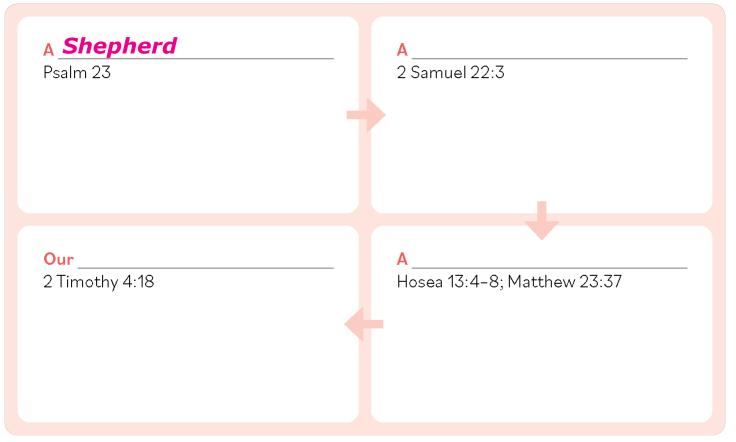
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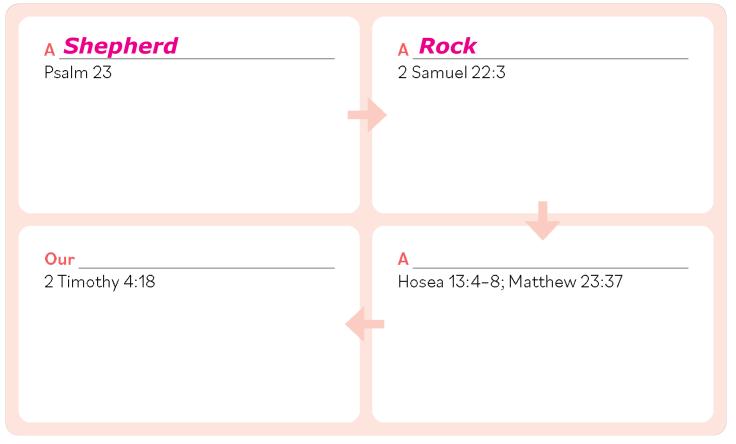
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LESSON 3 God Our Savior

The Fall

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Humanity's turn from God toward sin and death; the universal consequences of the first sin

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A word referring to three equally divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—existing as one unified God

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We are lost and powerless in our sin. We deserve death, judgment, and separation from God (Rom. 3:23).

But Jesus died to pay for our sin, and He rose to show His power over death (1 Cor. 15:3–4, 56–57).

If we trust Jesus—if we accept His sacrifice for our sin—God will forgive us and consider us righteous (Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:22).

We who have trusted Jesus no longer need to fear punishment for our sin (Rom. 6:23).

Instead, we can now live in a way that is holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1).

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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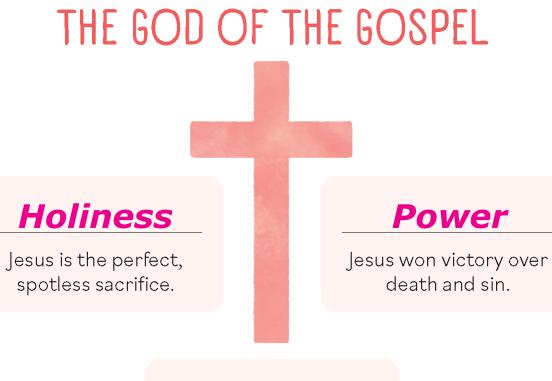
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