Reading Graphic Organizer

<u>1. Common Cluster:</u> Faith, Hope, Love, Compassion

Bible reference Theme name	Bible verse or summary of story.
Genesis 13:15 Love	^{"15} All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. ¹⁷ Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.""
Genesis 17:16 Love, Compassion	^{"16} I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.""
Genesis 28:14 Love	" ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.""
Genesis 29:20 Love	^{"20} So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her."
Genesis 37:3 Love	^{"3} Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate ^{al} robe for him."
Genesis 37:21 Compassion	^{"21} When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said."

Genesis 41:52 Compassion	^{"52} The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.""
Exodus 1:17 Compassion	^{"17} The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live."
Exodus 2:24- 25 Compassion	^{"24} God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them."
Deuteronomy 30:6 Love	" ⁶ The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live."

2. Common Cluster: Obedience, Disobedience, Sin

Bible reference Theme name	Bible verse or summary of story.
Genesis 12:4 Obedience	^{"4} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran."
Genesis 13:13 Sin	^{"13} Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD."
Genesis 16:9 Obedience	" ⁹ Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her.""
Genesis 17:1 Obedience	""I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.""
Genesis 17:9 Obedience	^{"9} Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. ¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your

	descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised."
Genesis 17:14 Obedience/Sin ?	^{"14} Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.""
Genesis 17:23 Obedience	^{"23} On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him."
Genesis 37:18 Sin?	^{"18} But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him."
Genesis 39:9 Sin	^{"9} No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?""
Genesis 41:40 Obedience	^{"40} You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.""
Genesis 42:22 Sin	^{"22} Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.""
Exodus 20:13-	" ¹³ "You shall not murder.
17 Sin	¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.
	¹⁵ "You shall not steal.
	¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
	¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.""

Exodus 20:20 Obedience, Sin	^{"20} Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.""
Deuteronomy	" ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep
30:16	his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will
Obedience	bless you in the land you are entering to possess."

3. Chosen Theme: Cluster #6 Courage, Sacrifice, Justice

Bible reference Theme name	Bible verse or summary of story.
Genesis 14:14 Courage	^{"14} When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan."
Genesis 22:2 Sacrifice	^{"2} Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.""
Genesis 22:12 Courage, Sacrifice	^{"12} "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.""
Genesis 29:18 Sacrifice	^{"18} Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.""
Genesis 29:27 Sacrifice	^{"27} Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." ²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife."

4. Chosen Theme: Cluster #9 Peace, Joy, Gratitude, Praise/Worship

Bible reference Theme name	Bible verse or summary of story.
Genesis 12:7 Praise/Worshi p	^{"7} The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him."
Genesis 13:18 Praise/Worshi p	^{"18} So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD."
Genesis 24:26 Gratitude, Praise/Worshi p	^{"26} Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD, ²⁷ saying, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master."
Genesis 33:4 Joy	" ⁴ But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept."
Genesis 35:2-3 Worship	^{"2} So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. ³ Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.""
Exodus 3:12 Praise/Worshi p	^{"12} And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.""
Exodus 12:14	" ¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance."

Praise/Worshi p	
Exodus 20:24- 26 Praise/Worshi p	^{"24} "'Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵ If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. ²⁶ And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed."

Questions:

- 1. How much of the reading did you do this week? **100%**
- 2. In the readings this week, what did you learn about God?
- I learned that God put a lot of effort into freeing the Israelites from the enslavement of Egypt. I learned how he gave the Commandments to his followers, describing what he considers to be sin. Also, I learned that God is a vengeful and jealous God, as seen through the plagues he sent to the Egyptians. Yet, I see that God wants his people to follow his laws in order to receive his abundant blessings, promising "a land of milk and honey".
- 3. What did you learn about people and human nature?

It is apparent that people are inherently disobedient, as God had to continuously remind them not to praise idols. Just as the Israelites were afraid of God, and perfered that Moses speak to him, shows that it is in human nature to be God-fearing. Also, the stories about all of the brothers showed me that humans are jealous and will act upon this jealously. Despite this, humans have the power to forgive wrongdoings done against them.

4. How would you apply what you learned to your personal life?

This made me ponder about how sometimes, even your own family, will not have your best interest in mind. Yet, it is best to forgive them because having a hardened heart like the Pharos', is not a good feeling to carry with you. Also, the Bible continues to show me that sacrifices will be rewarded. These passages also made me reflect about how I am God-fearing.