

## Comparing Covenants

**Directions:** Read “A College Signs a Community Covenant” (page 103) and the article “Marriage Covenant” ([www.foryourmarriage.com/marriage-as-covenant](http://www.foryourmarriage.com/marriage-as-covenant)) to complete this table.

Descriptions of a Covenant	The Army’s Community Covenant Program	Marriage
A covenant involves commitment by two individuals or groups. Who are the two individuals or groups in each example?		
A covenant involves a strong desire for the well-being of others. Where do you see this desire in each example?		
A covenant is a binding and solemn agreement. What do you see in this example that shows it is binding and solemn?		
A covenant holds the two individuals or groups to a particular course of action. Where do you see this in the example?		

**Think about it:** How would these relationships be different if they were called “deals,” “contracts,” or “agreements” instead of “covenants?”

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Handout 4-B

## Debate Planning

Assigned event (circle one): Creation/Sin and the Fall/Punishment/The Promise

Your assignment is to offer convincing reasons that the event above is the most significant of the four for faithful people today to remember in their prayers. Use your class time to research and organize the points you will use to persuade your classmates. The following chart may help you:

Describe this event. What happened?	What does this event show us about our relationship with God?
What are some common experiences that people have today related to this event?	What are some important quotations from the Book of Genesis that you might refer to during the class debate?
What are some reasons your classmates might think this event is less important than one of the others?	What are some responses you might give to these reasons on the left?

## Pointing to Christ

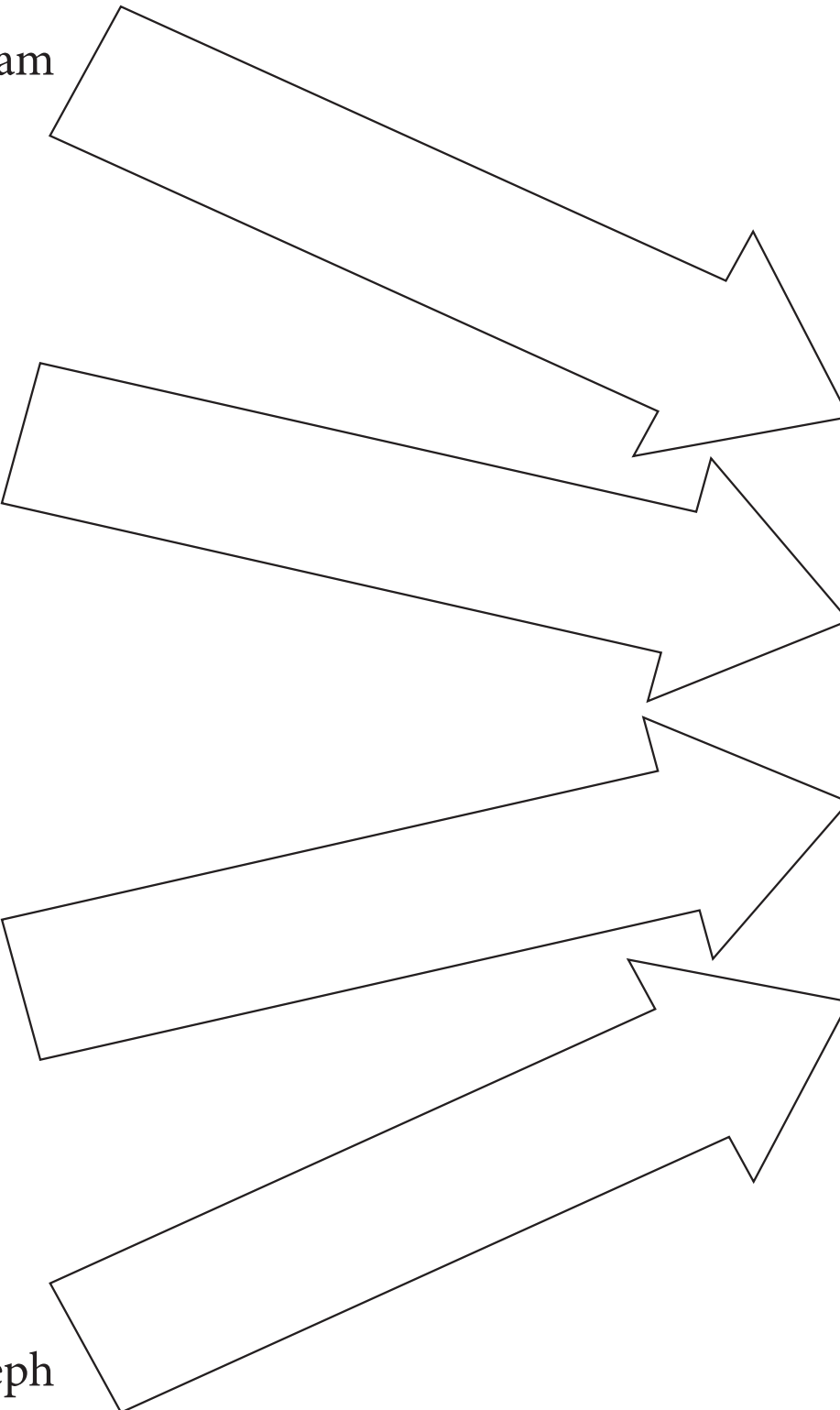
**Directions:** The stories of our ancestors in the faith, told in the Old Testament, prefigure the story of Jesus. As you read, look for details in the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph that foreshadow the story of Jesus. Write these in the arrows.

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph



JESUS