

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Whom do you trust most? Why?
- How can we learn to trust God more?
- Why was Abraham considered righteous? How can we be righteous? (See Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:5; Gal. 3:11.)

God's Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12: 15: 17

STORY POINT: GOD MADE A COVENANT TO BLESS ALL THE WORLD THROUGH ABRAHAM.

God chose Abram and told him to move to a place he had never been. God promised Abram three things: a large family, land for his family, and blessing. This was a good promise. But Abram was sad because he didn't have any children to inherit his blessing.

God took Abram outside to remind him of His promise. "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you can," God said. "Your family will be that numerous." Abram believed God, and God was pleased. God said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram asked, "How can I be sure?" So God confirmed His covenant with Abram.

God told Abram to bring five animals. Abram obeyed God. Then, when the sun was setting, a deep sleep came over Abram. While Abram slept, God told him what would happen in the future.

When it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch representing God passed between the animals. This showed that God would be responsible for keeping His promise.

God was so serious about His promise that He changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "Father of Many." God said, "I will bless Sarah. She will have a son, and you will name him Isaac." God promised to keep His covenant through Isaac and his future family.



Christ Connection: God promised to bless all the world through Abraham. God sent Jesus from His home in heaven to be born on earth into Abraham's family. Through Jesus, all the nations of the earth are blessed because Jesus saves people from their sins.

Starry Code

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the code to fill in the correct vowels based on the shape of each star.



G d m d

c v n n t t

b l s s l l t h

w r i d t h r g h

b r a h a m .

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 2 • Session 1
God's Covenant with Abraham

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God called Abram to leave his home.
- Abram had faith in God, so God considered him righteous.
- God made a covenant to bless all the world through Abraham.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What makes it easier or more difficult to trust God?
- How can we learn to trust God more?
- How can we be called righteous like Abraham was?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take a trip to the countryside to star gaze. Find a star map online and use it to help your family find different constellations. Challenge your kids to count the stars and then discuss God's covenant with Abraham.



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Find the Baby

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the baby that belongs to the parents in each row.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 2 • Session 1

God's Covenant with Abraham

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God promised Abram a big family, land, and a great reward.
- God changed Abram's name to Abraham.
- God promised to bless all the world through Abraham.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Was Abraham special? Was that why God chose him out of all the people in the world with whom to make a covenant?
- Why was it strange that God promised Abraham a big family? Did he and Sarah have children?
- How does God bless us through Abraham's family?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Choose a clear night this week to stargaze. Use a telescope if one is available. Look for constellations. Talk about how God promised to give Abraham as many descendants as stars in the sky.



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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Genesis 12; 15; 17

Key Verse: "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
Galatians 3:29

BIBLE & SCIENCE

A HOLE-Y HAND

Supplies: 8 1/2 x 11 paper, markers

TRUTH EXPLOSION: We can give others the hope God gives us.

Each person should have one piece of paper. On one half of the paper color a design that communicates feelings of hopelessness. For the other half, pick colors that best express positive and hopeful feelings.

1. Roll the paper into a tube shape.
2. Hold the tube up to your eye.
3. Put your other hand up next to the tube near the middle, with your palm facing towards you.
*It should make a "hole" appear in the palm of the hand. The hole will vanish when the paper is lowered.

That's pretty amazing, right? It's not nearly as amazing as what Jesus does for us when we feel discouraged, however.

Lab Results: What helps you go from feeling hopeless to hopeful? How does Jesus use his power to give you hope? What things can you do that will help other people feel hopeful?

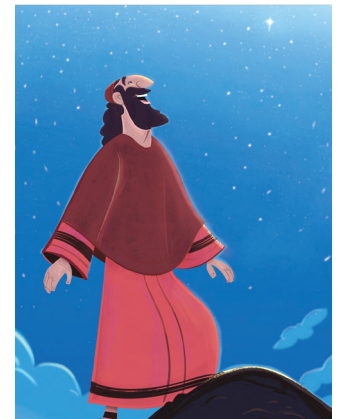
God gave Abraham a hope that seemed impossible. It was a son, even though he was very old. He also promised that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars!

STAINED GLASS STARS

Supplies: heavyweight paper or poster board, hot glue gun, aluminum foil, glue stick, colored sharpies, scissors

1. Cut large stars from heavyweight paper or cardstock (approximately 4 inches wide).
2. Using a hot glue gun, make thick lines of glue across the stars in various directions
3. Wait 30-60 seconds for the glue to dry
4. Cover the star with aluminum foil, attaching it using a glue stick. Make sure to fold the edges of the foil around the back of the star and secure it.
5. Using colored sharpies, color the different areas between the glue lines.

Encourage everyone to tape their stars somewhere at home as a reminder that God made a covenant to bless all the world through Abraham. When God told Abraham that his offspring would be as numerous as the stars in the sky, Abraham believed God. All the stars he saw in the sky were a picture of the large family Abraham would one day have.



THE NAME GAME

Lead everyone in a simple clap-clap-snap-snap rhythm. Repeat the rhythm until the kids feel comfortable with it. Then, without dropping the beat, state your own name in place of the second snap. The kid to your right will do the same, and so on until each kid in the circle has said their own name. For an added challenge, play a round where each kid says another kid's name, who must then say a third kid's name; play continues to pass this way.
Usually, we use one name for our whole lives. Today we learned about a time God made a covenant with a man and changed his name! Why do you think he would change his name?

BARK-MEOW-MOO

Distribute a different animal toy to each person. Have everyone sit in a circle with their animal in front of them. Then deal out a deck of cards to everyone equally. Kids take turns flipping their top card face up. If two people place a card of the same number faceup, they must race to make the sound of the OTHER kid's animal. The person who fails to make the sound first must take the cards from the person's discard pile. The first player to get rid of their cards wins!
Great animal sounds! Today we learned about a time God used animals to show that He was making a covenant with a man name Abram.

NAME MEANING RESEARCH

Use a baby name book or a computer to help your kids research what their names mean. Allow them to write their names on a large sheet of paper, along with the name meanings. Encourage them to draw pictures to represent what their name means and make a fun poster.

The names our parents choose to give us sometimes have a meaning based on what our parents felt when we were born or what they hope will be true about us, God changed Abram's name to Abraham which means "father of many nations. God made a covenant to bless the whole world through Abraham.

DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.

1. Who chose to make a covenant with God?
2. What did Abraham do when God asked him to go to a place he had never been?
3. God said Abraham's family would have as many people as what?
4. What did God change Abram's name to?

UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What three things did God promise to Abraham?
2. What did God say the size of Abraham's family would compare to?
3. Why do you think Abraham trusted God's plan?
4. Have you ever been asked to do something difficult that you did not fully understand?
5. Do you think it would be hard to obey God if He called you to do something you didn't completely understand? Why or why not?
6. What are some ways our salvation through Jesus is similar to God's promise to Abraham?
7. How do our actions affect our relationship with God? Can our sin cause God to stop loving us?

******God made a covenant to bless the whole world through Abraham. Abraham probably struggled to trust God. God promised a large family, but Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old and still did not have a child.