



25 Nov 2018 (Week 1)

Big Point: Incredible Faith is Trusting God!

God's Word: God calls Abraham to a new Land (Genesis 12)

Memory Verse: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1)

Life Question: How do I trust God?

Kids spot

INTRO

Welcome children and start by asking if they remember what they learnt on Sunday about faith.

As a recap, ask kids what faith means to them.

Kids may give answers like

- Faith is trusting in someone you believe
- Faith is trusting in something they cannot see like the wind
- Faith in God means believing that He can and will do all that He has promised

Give some practical scenarios that kids can relate to. For example:

- You have faith that your dad will keep his promise to catch you when you jump into the pool.
- You have faith that your mum will keep her promise and take leave to come for your year-end concert.

Tie in the concept of faith to a promise made by someone they can trust.

LESSON

(Adapted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/lesson-abram-follows-god-genesis-12/>)

Let's turn to Genesis 12 and read how Abraham showed faith and trusted in God's promise.

Have the children take turns to read Genesis 12:1-5.

Verse 1: God commanded Abraham to leave his home and his family. Can you imagine how scary that would have been for Abraham? It would have been hard for him to leave his home and travel so far away, but Abraham obeyed because he wanted to please God.

Read verses 2-3. God promised to bless Abram if he did what God told him to do. That means that good things will happen to Abram. God promised Abram that he will have many children and grandchildren and that his family will become a great nation. They will become the people of God, a nation called Israel.

Read verses 4-5. Say, When Abraham heard that God wanted him to leave his home, he left. He didn't wait. He left immediately and followed God. God wants us to follow Him just like Abraham did.

Read verses 6-9. Say, while Abraham travelled to his new home, God told him that he would eventually have the land in which he was traveling. Abraham thanked God by building an altar in his honour as a form of worship.

What lessons can we learn from Abraham about faith?

- Abraham obeyed God even though he was scared. Having faith doesn't mean we are fearless. But we can fear less because we know God is with us. Just like how it may be scary to jump into a pool, but we know Daddy has promised to catch us.
- Abraham had faith in God because Abraham knows the trustworthy character of God and God keeps his promises. Ask the children if they can name some attributes of God.
- Abraham obeyed and trusted God whole-heartedly without any delay. Ask the children if they sometimes drag their feet when asked to do something by their parents. How can they learn to act immediately and obey whole-heartedly?


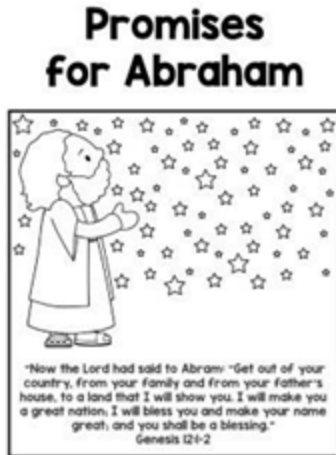
Remind the children that God made a promise to Abram and that God's promises are good. He promised that a great nation will come from Abram. He promised that Abram's name will be great among the Earth, and that all people will be blessed through Abram. God always keeps His promises.

How do I trust God?

- Trust God even though I may be scared
- Trust God because God is a promise keeper
- Trust and obey God whole-heartedly

Craft Activity

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<p>Activity #1– Print page 1,2 (All ages)</p> <p>- The 3 promises of God</p>	<p>Activity #2– Print page 3,4 (For ages 5 and below)</p> <p>- Colouring, maze, tracing words</p>
	

Additional Activities - Word Search for kids age 7 and up

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/god-promised-abraham-word-search/view>

