



Lesson 6

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ABRAM - GOD'S PROMISE

October 10 & 11

**GOD IS
FAITHFUL**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: God called Abram to leave his home and go to Canaan, promising to make him into a great nation. Even though Abram was 75 years old, he trusted God and obeyed. Years later, God renewed His promise, changing Abram's name to Abraham and promising that he would be the father of many nations and that his family would inherit the land of Canaan.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God is faithful because He always keeps His promises. Even when Abraham had to wait a long time, God did exactly what He promised and showed Abraham that He could be trusted.

Full Story: Genesis 12 & 17

Key Passage: Genesis 15:5 & Genesis 17:5-7

KEY VERSE:



"The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope."

Deuteronomy 31:8, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

FOCUS: Feeding Families
in the Pikes Peak region

WHY DOES IT MATTER? Not every family in our city has enough money to go to the store and buy all the food they need.

WHAT IS FEEDING FAMILIES? Woodmen's Feeding Families ministry helps people in our city have the food they need. Donations help stock the ACTS Pantry, provide snacks for kids who come to school hungry and fill bags of food for kids to take home when they may not have enough to eat over the weekend. By donating food, we can care for our neighbors and show God's love in a practical way.

YOU CAN HELP! Take time to **LEARN** more about this ministry, **PRAY** for God to provide food for people in our city and **GIVE** food items to help care for people in our city!



Serve the Church.



Serve the City.



Serve the World.

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Ruby Robinson's Jungle Adventure

5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Faithful!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: Star



SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!



DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.



SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is Faithful**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Genesis 15:5 and Genesis 17:5-7!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: Have you ever looked up at the stars at night? Let kids respond. There are so many stars! God promised Abraham that his family would be as big as the stars in the sky. Abraham had to wait, but God kept His promise. God is faithful! Can you say "faithful" with me? Allow kids to respond. Faithful means that God always keeps His promises, and we can trust Him.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Introduce the Big 3 questions and answers to give kids a preview of the key ideas they should watch and listen for during the Bible lesson.

SAY:

Listen closely as I share the BIG 3 questions AND answers for today's lesson! Then, let's all look for those answers in our Bible time!

1 ASK: Who is our story about today?
ANSWER: God, Abram and us.

2 ASK: What is the problem?
ANSWER: God asked Abram to leave his home and obey him so that his family could inherit the land of Caanan.

3 ASK: What will God do?
ANSWER: God is faithful and fulfills his promise to Abram and makes him the father of many nations!

Encourage kids to listen and watch for the answers to these questions during the Bible lesson!



MAKE: "God is Faithful" Star Hunt & Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies:

God Is Faithful stars (1 per kid - hidden around room ahead of time), markers/crayons, craft page (1 per kid), glue sticks

SAY:

In today's story, we're going to learn how sometimes we can't see what God is doing. But we can always trust that God is faithful. That means God keeps His promises and is always with us, even when we can't see Him!

DO:

- Hide the "God is Faithful" stars around the room (without kids looking)
- Give each kid a craft page and show the missing star in the middle
- Have kids search for one star to glue to their craft page
- Help kids glue the star to their page then allow them to color their craft

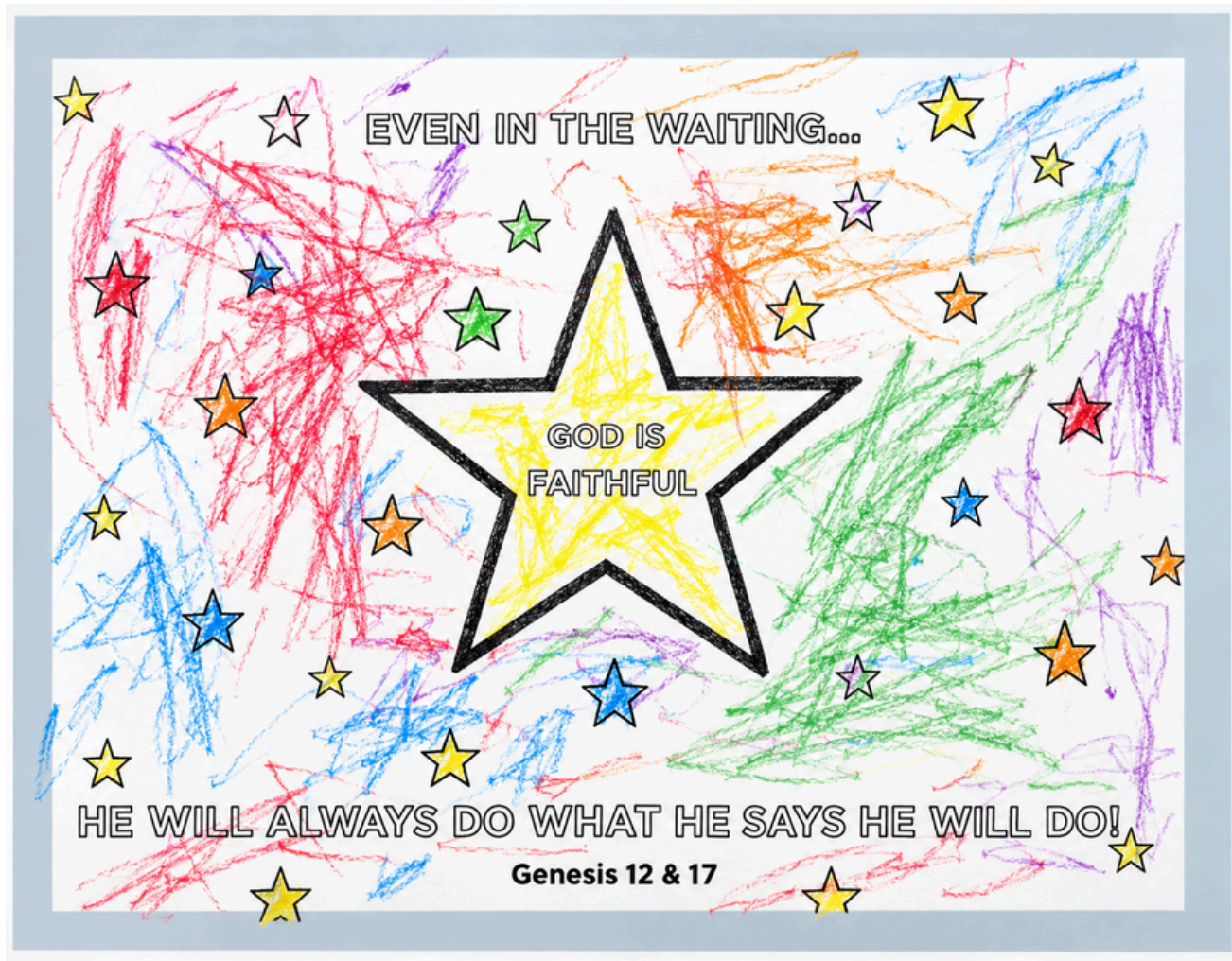
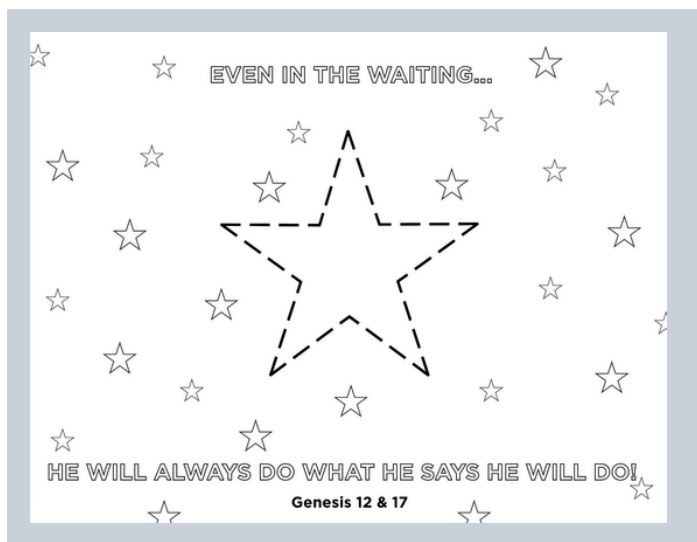


CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP OVERVIEW

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.

OPENING LARGE GROUP



INTRODUCTION

Welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.

► 4 B'S (BEHAVIORS)

Share the expectations for how to participate during Large Group time.

► KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse. Kids can watch the Key Verse video (when it's new for the series) or practice together using the slide.

► MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

► PRAY FOR MISSION FOCUS & LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.

PERSONAL REFLECTION



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet personal reflection time of responding to what God is teaching them.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP



PRAYER

Transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids to send them into their week with God's truth in their hearts.

OPENING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT



INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Does anyone know our God statement for today? *(allow kids to respond)* **God is Faithful!** I'm so excited to dig into that with you but before we do, let's cover our 4 B's of how we're expected to participate during Large Group!

4 BEHAVIORS OF LARGE GROUP

- **Be Ready** - Eyes watching and ears listening.
- **Be Respectful** - Listen when others are talking and follow directions.
- **Be Safe** - Keep your hands, feet and body in your own space.
- **Be Involved** - Sing, answer, move and join in!

KEY VERSE - Deuteronomy 31:8

Let's recite our Key Verse together! When we memorize the Bible, we put God's truth in our hearts and minds to help us remember what is true and who God is. Let's practice together! *Play the Key Verse video or show the verse slide.*



MISSION FOCUS - Feeding Families (in the Pikes Peak region)

Now that we're all sitting and ready to listen, let's look at our mission focus for today. Our focus this weekend is a way to **SERVE THE CITY**.

Today, we're looking at one of the ACTS ministries at Woodmen called **Feeding Families**. This ministry is really important because not every family in our city has enough money to go to the store and buy the food they need - maybe some of your families have even experienced this before.

But the exciting thing is that Feeding Families helps people in our city get the food they need! Donations help stock the ACTS Pantry, provide snacks for kids who come to school hungry and fill bags of food for kids to take home when they may not have enough to eat over the weekend. By donating food, we can care for our neighbors and show God's love in a practical way.

So what can you do to help? You can take time to **LEARN** more about this ministry, **PRAY** for God to provide food for people in our city and talk to our parents about ways you can **GIVE** food items to help care for people in our city! *Take an info card to share with your family today!*

PRAY (for the mission focus and upcoming lesson)

Let's bow our heads, close our eyes and show respect to God while we pray!



WORSHIP

Let's move into a time of worship. This is a chance for us to praise God and say "thank you!" for everything He does for us. You can worship in a way that helps you focus on God best. You can stand, sit, kneel, raise your hands or participate in the motions. *Play worship songs.*

SONGS: Every Move I Make, The B-I-B-L-E, Jesus Loves Me



LESSON VIDEO

Please take a seat quietly so we can watch our lesson video together. As you watch, see if you can find the answers to our big 3 questions! Who is the story about? What is the problem or what happens? And what does God do? Let's watch together! *Play lesson video.*

WORSHIP RESPONSE SCRIPT



PREPARE AHEAD

Before Large Group, prepare all Worship Response materials and ask Ministry Partners to help lead and support the activity.

SUPPLIES: “God’s promises” scripture keychains (given to leaders to pass out and read individually to each kid), Waymaker



REFLECT: God is Faithful!

Let’s get our hearts and bodies ready for Worship Response. Start by taking three deep breaths (*take 3 breaths together*). Now let’s relax our bodies and find a comfortable position to be still and focus on God - one that won’t distract others.

REVIEW LESSON & GOD STATEMENT

God gave Abraham a promise, and even though it took a long time, God was faithful and did exactly what He said He would do. God has given us many promises throughout the Bible that we can trust because God is faithful. We’re going to take time today to **reflect on some of God’s promises to us**.

EXPLAIN WORSHIP RESPONSE ACTIVITY

- Does anyone know where we find God’s promises? **Let kids respond.**
 - That’s right, in the Bible - God’s Word! (**Hold up Bible for kids to see**)
 - Everything in the Bible is true and we can trust these special words from God!
- Your leaders are going to walk around and read one of God’s promises to you.
 - Once they’ve read the verse to you, you can keep the keychain.
- It’s going to take some time for your leaders to read a verse to everyone.
- As you sit waiting patiently, you can listen to or sing along with the worship song on the screen, read the verse on your keychain again, pray quietly or just sit quietly.
- As you participate, please remember to be quiet and participate on your own.
- At the end of class, take this keychain home with you and put it somewhere you’ll see it.
- Every time you look at the card, remember that God is faithful!

DISMISS KIDS TO PARTICIPATE & PLAY SONG

Play the song in the Powerpoint as kids participate. If the song ends before all kids are done participating, play it again.



PRAY OVER THE KIDS

After all kids have had a chance to participate, close Worship Response by simply praying over them. No transition or introduction is needed—just begin the prayer.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT



OFFERING

One more way we can respond to and worship God is by giving offering. Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say “Thank you, God!” for all He has done for us. Remember, you never *have* to give offering. Giving offering is something you *choose* to do with a thankful heart! God gives to us...so we give back to Him! If you have offering today, you can place it in the offering bin before you leave.



God gives to us...



We give back to God!

BLESSING

Before we go, I want to speak a blessing over you so can you please stand up? A blessing sends us into our week with God’s truth in our hearts, reminding us of who He is and that He is with us wherever we go. If you’d like, hold out your hands with your palms up as a way of showing that you are ready to receive these words and God’s truth. Listen closely as I speak this blessing over you.

God is our promise keeper! May you have confidence this week that God will do what He says He will and God loves you!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, dismiss kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

We learned a lot together today! Now we’re going to head back to Small Group to unpack what we learned and talk about what it means for our lives. This is a great time to ask questions, share your thoughts and see if you caught the answers to our Big 3 Questions from the lesson!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in **small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner**.



REFLECT: Big 3 & Application

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's talk about what we learned today! Find a spot to sit quietly and get in a comfortable position that's not distracting to others. Let's start by looking at the **BIG 3** questions we talked about at the beginning of class. Did anyone find the answers?

1 ASK: Who was our story about today?

KIDS RESPOND: God, Abram and us.

2 ASK: What was the problem?

KIDS RESPOND: God asked Abram to leave his home and obey him so that his family could inherit the land of Caanan.

3 ASK: What did God do?

KIDS RESPOND: God is faithful and fulfills his promise to Abram and makes him the father of many nations!

Now let's talk about how this could **APPLY** to our own lives. Depending on what God is teaching us, our answers might be different. But I would love to hear your thoughts!

➤ ASK: Why does this matter to me?

Example: I can trust that God is always faithful. He keeps his promises to me when I obey him!

➤ ASK: How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: Even when I'm worried or anxious, I can trust that God is faithful; I can thank God for being faithful to me; I can trust that God will always be with me!



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud. It can feel a little scary to pray together, but God loves to hear our prayers! We don't have to say anything fancy - we can just talk to Him!



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then have a leader close in prayer. You can also use your prayer journal to write down and reflect on prayers from your group each week.

If time
allows

OPTIONAL RESPOND ACTIVITY

The goal of the OPTIONAL Respond Activity is for kids to engage in a game that helps reinforce the lesson for the day.



ACTIVITY: Follow the Stars Relay Race

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: stars



SAY:

Today we learned that God is faithful! Faithful means God always does what He says He will do. God told Abraham to look up at the stars in the sky and told him that one day his family would be as many as the stars! Abraham had to wait a long time, but God kept His promise. Just like Abraham could trust God, we can trust Him too. God is faithful!



DO:

Place the gold stars in a path across the floor. Have kids take turns jumping from one star to the next star. When they reach the end, help them name one way God is faithful before sending the next child through.

To make it more exciting, divide kids into two groups and create two paths with the stars. See which group can make it to the end of the line the fastest, ensuring each kid has said a way God is faithful once they reach the end.

Examples: God is always with me, God always loves me, God keeps His promises, God listens when I pray, God takes care of me, God helps me when I'm scared, God's Word is true, God never changes.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.