



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#36 – God’s Covenant with Abram Genesis 15

PICTURES NEEDED

36-1 Abraham looking at the stars

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What was God’s promise to Abraham?

Abraham was blessed by God to be a blessing to all people.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

A—A	Make sign of “A”
Abraham	Make “A” with both hands and shake
God he did	Lift arms up above head
Believe	Touch sides of head
A—A—Abraham	Same as above
Blessing did	Wiggle fingers down like rain
Receive	Hands out palms up, bring in to body



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture 36-1)

What is this a picture of?

Abraham is looking up at all the stars in the sky because God told him to. God promised to make Abraham's descendants as many as the stars in the sky. Descendants are the children, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, all the people that come from one's children forever after. This was a hard promise for Abraham to believe because he didn't have any children at that time. He and his wife were too old to have children.

Even though he was very old, Abraham believed God's promise to give him a son and that made God happy. Abraham knew that God always does what he promises.

God also promised to bless all people on earth through Abraham. Jesus is one of Abraham's descendants. We are all blessed because Abraham believed and trusted God.

The big question for this week is: **Why did Abraham believe God's promise?**

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.
Title: What did God promise Abraham?

Page 1—Genesis 15:5

(picture of Abraham and stars)
God had chosen Abraham
as faithful he was found.
God said that his descendants
one day would abound.
He told Abraham to look and count
the stars that he could see.
God said that his descendants
like the stars one day would be.

Page 2—Genesis 18:11-12

(picture of Abraham and Sarah)
Abraham was quite old
and his wife laughed at the thought.
In her old age to bear a child,
it seemed likely not.
For 90 years she had lived
and still had no child at all.
Though Abraham had trusted God
and listened to his call.

Page 3—Genesis 18:10

(picture of Abraham praying)
So when God said within a year,
a child she'd surely bear.
She really didn't trust that God
was answering her prayer.
But Abraham believed that God,
his promise he would keep.
So Abraham kept waiting,
his faith was very deep.

Page 4—Genesis 21:1-3

(picture of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac)
God did what he had promised;
a son to them was born.
In their old age they had a child,
just as God had sworn.
The baby they named Isaac,
as that's what they'd been told.
God had given them a son
though they were very old.

Page 5—Genesis 15:13-14

(picture of Isaac and his children)
Isaac would have children
that Abraham wouldn't see.
Because Abraham would die before
his grandsons came to be.
Isaac's sons would not receive
God's promise of the land.
But God would still watch over them
and keep them in his hand.

Page 6—Genesis 15:15-16

(picture of Abraham praying)
Abraham's descendants,
400 years would have to wait.
But later out of slavery
in that land they'd celebrate.
God's promises don't happen fast;
they are sometimes very slow.
But to trust and wait for them,
faith in God does surely show.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: Why did God choose Abraham? What are descendants? What did God say would happen to Abraham's descendants? What does abound mean?

Day 2: Why did Abraham's wife laugh at the idea of having lots of descendants?

Day 3: What was the difference between Abraham and his wife?

Day 4: What did they name their child? Why did they name him that? Why in their old age were they able to have a child?

Day 5: Why wouldn't Abraham ever see Isaac's children? What would God

Day 6: How long would Abraham's descendants have to wait to receive the promise God had given Abraham of a special land to live in? What can be said about God's promises?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

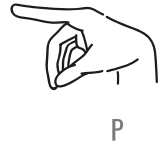
- Prayer: Thank God that he listens to our prayers and answers them in his way and his time. Thank God that the way that he does things is always good and right. Pray that you would always trust God and wait on him to do things in his way.
- The Big Question: **Why did Abraham believe God's promise?**
Abraham was fully persuaded that God was able to do what he promised.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

P—P	Make sign of "P"
Promise	Raise R hand from top of L like swearing on Bible
Like the stars that he could see	Put hands up & wiggle fingers like twinkling stars R hand over eyes looking up
P—P—Promise	Same as above
His descendants one day'd be	2 fingers R hand walking on L palm Move above across body



★ **Activity:** Stars

Instruction: Draw or cut out and paste stars on the page.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does promise begin?

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

• **Song:** Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many sons, Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you, So let's all praise the Lord.

Right arm!

Right arm: Clench fist, bend and extend arm upward repeatedly throughout song

Right arm, left arm!

Left arm: Add left arm in same motion as right

Right arm, left arm, right foot!

Right foot: Add right foot stepping up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot!

Left foot: Add left foot stepping up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up!

Chin up: Add head nodding up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around!

Turn around: Add turning in place while continuing other motions

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down!

- **Craft:** As numerous as the stars
As a reminder that God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars complete a star picture.

Materials: white paper, dark blue or black construction paper, white crayon or paint or whiteout, or stick on stars, scissors, glue sticks

Preparation: Run off craft 36 on regular paper. Stars can be printed on white shipping labels.

Instructions:

1. Have the students color and cut out the picture of Abraham.
2. Paste the picture of Abraham in the corner of a half sheet of dark blue or black construction paper.
3. Have the students either draw stars in the sky with white crayon or paint or paste on star stickers.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.