

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 15:1-16

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

²But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?" ³Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

⁴And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

⁶And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

⁷Then He said to him, "I *am* the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

⁸And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

⁹So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. ¹⁴And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."



LESSON 36



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Why did Abraham believe
God's promise?

LESSON RHYME

P—P—Promise
Like the stars that he could see
P—P—Promise
His descendants one day'd be

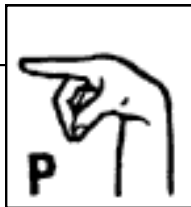
Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child answer questions about it from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the **Lesson Rhyme** on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the **Lesson Rhyme** (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under **Concluding Lesson** at the back of the book.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

This week I learned

Lesson Rhyme Signs

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



Daily Reading 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?

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did God choose Abraham? What did God say would happen to Abraham's descendants? 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?

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.

Application: As Christians we ask God by faith through prayer to do things. Talk to people and ask them how God has answered their prayers.

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

#36

What did God promise Abraham?



P—P—Promise

Like the stars that he could see

P—P—Promise

His descendants one day'd be

Day 1

Draw a picture of Abraham and the 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.

Day 6

Draw a 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.

Genesis 15:5: ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:15-16: ¹⁵ Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."

Day 5 Draw a 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.

Day 2 Draw a 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.

Genesis 15:13-14: ¹³ Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. ¹⁴ And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 18:11-12: ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹² Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

Day 3

Draw a 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.

Day 4

Draw a 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.

Genesis 18:10: ¹⁰ And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

Genesis 21:1-3: ¹ And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. ² For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³ And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac.