

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 15:1-16

¹ After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

⁸ But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

⁹ So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."



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LOWER ELEMENTARY

LEVEL 3

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 36



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Why did Abraham believe God's promise?

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 4:20-21

20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse 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, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

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 about 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.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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Why did Abraham believe God's promise?



Abraham was fully persuaded that God was able to do what he promised.

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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 15:5: ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 15:15-16: ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

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.

What does the verse mean?

Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, repeated five times.

Genesis 15:13-14: ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 18:11-12: ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 18:10: ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 21:1-3: ¹ Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.