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## 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."

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

<sup>4</sup>And 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." <sup>5</sup>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."

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

<sup>7</sup>Then 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."

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

<sup>9</sup>So 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." <sup>10</sup>Then 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. <sup>11</sup>And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup>Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup>But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."



### 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

<sup>20</sup>He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

# 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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## 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?

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Genesis 15:5: <sup>5</sup> 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."

## 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?

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Genesis 15:15-16: <sup>15</sup> Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 15:13-14: <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall 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: <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 18:10: <sup>10</sup> And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall 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?

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