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Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

Journal Focus – Genesis, chapters 16-18

Reading 1: Genesis 16 Sarai doesn't trust God.

How did Sarai demonstrate that she didn't trust God? Who did she blame for her suffering when Hagar got pregnant? What was really the cause of her suffering? What did the angel say Hagar's son would be like? (Note: The Arabs are descended from Ishmael.) What was the outcome of Sarai's lack of faith?

Reading 2: Genesis 17:1-14 God makes a covenant with Abraham.

Why did God change Abram's name? What did God promise Abraham? What was to be the sign of the covenant? What is circumcision?

Reading 3: Genesis 17:15-27 God promises a son.

Why did Abraham laugh at what God said? What was Abraham to name the son Sarah would bear? What did God say about Ishmael? What showed Abraham believed God?

Reading 4: Genesis 18:1-15 Sarah laughs at the promise.

What did the Lord say to Abraham? Why did Sarah laugh? What does that say about Sarah?

Reading 5: Genesis 18:16-33 Abraham pleads with God.

What did the Lord say about Sodom and Gomorrah? What did Abraham do that was very bold? What does that show about Abraham? What was the Lord's response to Abraham?

Reading 6: Romans 4:18-25 Abraham believed God.

What was the promise to Abraham? Why would that promise have been hard for Abraham to believe? Why didn't Abraham waver in unbelief? What was the result of his faith? What does our righteousness come from?



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 36



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Why did Abraham believe God's promise?

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 4:20-21

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

Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the 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.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **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.*

Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

Digging Deeper: Genesis, chapters 16-18

Reading 5: Genesis 18:16-33

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

Reading 6: Romans 4:18-25

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Why did Abraham believe God's promise?

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

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DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading chapters in the book of Genesis that won't be covered in Gnosis Club. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand more fully the history of God's people Israel. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about the readings.

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