

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Hebrews 11:8-22

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¹¹By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

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²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

LEVEL 2

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 45



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How are we to view God's promises?

LESSON RHYME

D—D—Descendants

God knew their every need

D—D—Descendants

They went where God did lead

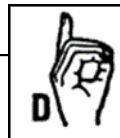
Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **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, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

This week I learned

Lesson Rhyme Signs

D - D	Make sign of "D"
Descendants	Touch sign of "D" to temple repeatedly
God knew	Lift arms up into air & look up
Their every need	Bring sign of "N" back & forth to chest
D - D — Descendants	Same as above.
They went where	Walk 2 R fingers on L palm
God did lead	Keep moving palm out



Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What did God call Abraham to do? What did God promise Abraham? When would what God had promised come to pass?

Day 2: Why did it take faith for Abraham to believe God's promise? When did Abraham receive the promise?

Day 3: Who did God's promise to Abraham pass on to?

Day 4: What are descendants? What did God say would happen to Abraham's descendants? How many descendants would Abraham have?

Day 5: How would God free the people from slavery? Where would God take the people? What would the people have to do in the meantime?

Day 6: What does it mean to rest in God? Why can we rest in God? What should be our response to God?

Concluding Lesson

Review: What did God call Abraham to do? What did God promise Abraham? Why did it take faith for Abraham to believe God's promise? Who did God's promise to Abraham pass on to? What did God say would happen to Abraham's descendants? How would God free the people from slavery?

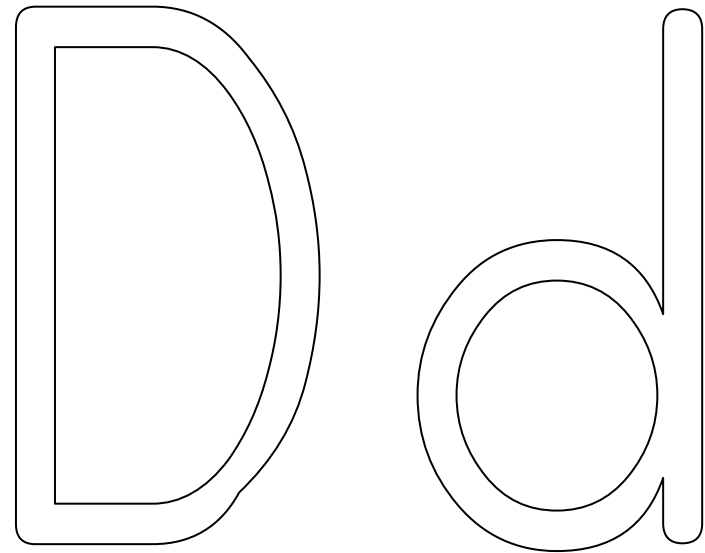
Prayer: Thank God that he is faithful to fulfill his promises. Pray that you would grow in your faith and trust God in all circumstances.

Application: Discuss what you have learned from the study of Abraham and his descendants.

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.

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What can we learn from Abraham's descendants?



D—D—Descendants

God knew their every need

D—D—Descendants

They went where God did lead

Day 1

Draw a picture of Abraham moving to a new land.

God gave a call to Abraham,
a very faithful man,
To take his things and family
and move to a strange, new land.
God promised he would give him
a son in his old age.
When that all would happen,
only God could gage.

Day 6

Draw a picture of Abraham and Sarah.

Remember God is faithful
and in him we can rest.
As he fulfills his promises
and always does what's best.
He is watching over us
and knows our every need.
So we can follow after him
wherever he does lead.

Hebrews 11:8-9: ⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Hebrews 11:13: ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Israelites leaving Egypt.

From Egypt God would take them,
back to the promised land.
One day he would deliver them
by his almighty hand.
But in the meantime they would have to
wait and wait and wait.
God's timing is just perfect;
it's not too soon or late.

Day 2

Draw a picture of Sarah with her baby.

For the promise Abraham,
had to wait and wait and wait.
Since Abraham was very old,
it seemed it was too late.
When he turned one hundred years,
the promise came to pass.
God did what he had promised
and he had a son at last.

Hebrews 11:22:²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

Hebrews 11:11-12:¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Day 3

Draw a picture of Jacob stealing Esau's blessing.

To Abraham's son Isaac
the promise would pass on.
Then to Isaac's second son,
the birthright would belong.
Jacob was a trickster
and his father he deceived.
But still he was the one through whom
the promise was received.

Day 4

Draw a picture of Jacob's family.

Jacob married four wives
and then he had twelve sons.
So of Abraham's descendants
there'd be tons and tons.
God had said that first in Egypt
the people'd be enslaved.
Then four hundred years would pass
before they would be saved.

Hebrews 11:20: ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

Hebrews 11:21: ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.