

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Hebrews 11:8-22

⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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.

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

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

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



LESSON 45



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How are we to view God's promises?

MEMORY VERSE

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.

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: 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?

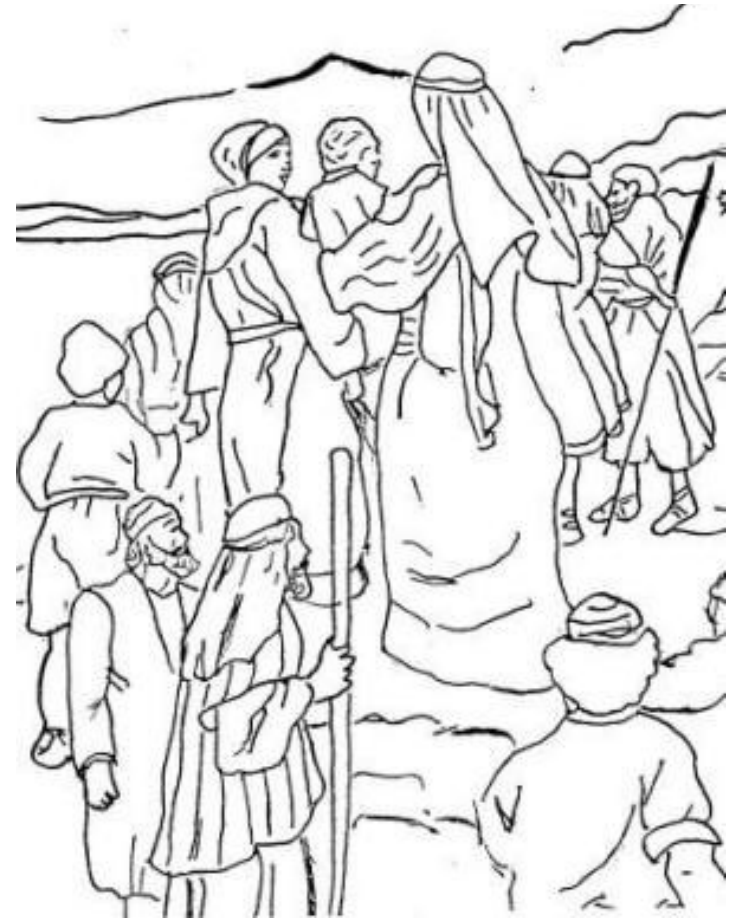
Prayer: Thank God that he is faithful to fulfill his promises. Pray that you would grow in your faith and trust God in all circumstances.

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

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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How are we to view God's promises?



We live by faith and keep God's promises in view.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

What does the verse mean?

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

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.