

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Hebrews 11:8-22

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off ¹⁴were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, ¹⁸¹⁸ of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

²²By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning 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

(These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off ¹⁴were assured of them), embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

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 obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the 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 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the 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 he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning 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 Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by 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 concerning things to come.

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 the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.