

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Hebrews 11:8-22

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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; <sup>10</sup>for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off <sup>14</sup>were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. <sup>15</sup>And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But 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.

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, <sup>18</sup><sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," <sup>19</sup>concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

<sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

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

<sup>22</sup>By 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 <sup>14</sup>were assured of them), embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the 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, *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: 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?

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Hebrews 11:8-9: <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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?

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Hebrews 11:13: <sup>13</sup> 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?

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Hebrews 11:22: <sup>22</sup> 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?

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Hebrews 11:11-12: <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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?

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Hebrews 11:20: <sup>20</sup> 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?

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Hebrews 11:21: <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.