

The Beginning of God's Promise

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STUDY TEXT: GENESIS 12:1-9

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: God Calls People to Trust Him ([Genesis 12:1-3](#))

Live It Out: Remember that God's plans are always bigger than our own.

- Which of God's promises to Abram would have been hardest for you to believe? Why?
- What do God's promises to Abram reveal about God's character?

Live It Out: Identify one area where God is calling you to trust Him even though you cannot see the outcome. Commit to taking one step of faithful obedience.

- Why is it sometimes difficult to obey God when we don't know what the future holds?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness when you stepped out in obedience?

Big Idea 2: God Promised to Bless All Nations Through Abraham ([Genesis 12:2-7](#); [Galatians 3:8](#))

Live It Out: Thank God that His plan of salvation includes people from every nation. Pray for one opportunity to be a blessing to someone by showing Christ's love or sharing the gospel.

- Why do you think God chose to bless the nations through one man and one family?
- How does God's promise to bless all nations change the way we view people from different cultures and backgrounds?

Live It Out: Remember that God's promises are trustworthy even when you cannot yet see how He will fulfill them. Choose to trust Him in one area where you are waiting for His direction or provision.

- Why is waiting often one of the hardest parts of trusting God?
- What promise of God do you find yourself needing to trust most right now?

Big Idea 3: Faith Responds With Worship and Obedience ([Genesis 12:7-9](#); [Genesis 15:6](#))

Live It Out: Express your gratitude to God through intentional worship. Spend time thanking Him for His faithfulness and looking for opportunities to honor Him in your daily life.

- Why was building an altar an appropriate response to God's promises?
- What are some practical ways we can worship God beyond attending church each week?

Live It Out: Thank God that salvation is His gracious gift, received through faith rather than earned by good works. Ask Him to strengthen your trust as you continue following Him.

- *What does Genesis 15:6 teach us about how people have always been made right with God?*
- *Why is it important to remember that obedience is the result of faith rather than the means of earning God's acceptance?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Genesis 1:1

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *What hard thing did God ask Abraham to do? What hard things has He asked you to do?*
2. *What promises did God make to Abraham?*
3. *Why do you think Abraham built altars to worship God wherever he was?*
4. *Why is worship an important part of following God?*

Faith Connections

On small pieces of paper, write steps of faith (pray, read your Bible, be helpful, learn a verse, be forgiving, be kind, etc.) and some of God's promises. Place the pieces of paper in a jar. Each day, let a different family member pull out a slip of paper and read it aloud. If it's a step of faith, talk about how the action helps grow our faith and ways we can live it out. If it's a promise, discuss what the promise teaches us about God.

Stand Strong

Why did God choose Abraham?

Answer: God did not choose Abraham because he was more deserving than others. He chose Abraham according to His gracious plan to bless the nations. Through Abraham came the nation of Israel and ultimately Jesus, the Savior of the world. Abraham responded in faith, trusting God's promises. His story reminds us that God often works through ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary purposes.

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15:6

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned God made Adam and Eve and He took care of them. God said they could eat from any tree *except* from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Devil tricked Eve into eating fruit from that tree, and then Adam ate from it too. God forgave their wrong choice and continued to take care of them. **God Takes Care of Us** too.



Help the children in your life understand that following God is more than simply trying to be a good person. Like Abraham, we are called to trust God's promises, and that trust produces a life of obedience, worship, and faithfulness.