

October 11, 2020 Lesson

God's Promise to Abraham – Genesis 15:1-6

LESSON:

God tells Abraham not to be afraid. God will be his protector and his provider. But, Abraham questions God by asking, "What can you possibly give me, since I have no children?" But God keeps God's promises. God tells Abraham to look up at the sky and count the stars, for this is how many children God will give him. This is God's covenant with Abraham. Covenants between God and God's people are faithful interactions with God, for God never breaks God's covenants even when there is doubt or confusion. Abraham has questions, but he remains faithful to God. Abraham might have not fully understood what God was doing, but he hoped God would do amazing things. This is a wondrous faith. This is a wonderful example of who we are called to be as people of faith. Abraham models doubt and questions in the midst of his strong and committed faith. We learn here that there are always questions about God's desires for our lives, but in this story, we learn that God always keeps God's promises. Even when they might be different than anything we could have imagined. Today's faith word is *faith*. Faith is to believe in God's presence and hope.

Wonder together:

- What does faith mean to you?
- How did Abraham show faith?
- What helps you have faith in God?
- Are you faithful to God? How?

What does a star have to do with our Bible story? Do you think you could count all the stars in the sky? Abraham might have been very confused by God's promise, but he trusted God and knew that God was with him.

ACTIVITY:

You will need supplies to make a collage (paper or piece of cardboard to glue pictures on, glue, old magazines, scissors) or to draw (paper, pencil, coloring supplies).

In the Bible story today, God helps Abraham imagine his future. Sometimes, we don't always know what will happen in our lives; but when we imagine with God, big dreams can come true.

Give each child a piece of cardboard or a blank canvas. Encourage the children to choose which supplies they wish to use for this art project. They are invited to make a vision board. A dream board is something that helps us dream about the future. Think about what you want for your life. God invites us to have hopes and dreams, and promises to help those dreams to come true.

PRAY:

God of guidance, help us to always have faith in you. Thank you for guiding and leading us in our life. Amen.

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