

SESSION 10 PARENT CONNECTION

A PROMISED BLESSING

TODAY'S POINT: GOD WANTS US TO OBEY HIM, BUT HE HAS A PLAN EVEN WHEN WE DON'T.

BIBLE STORY

God Called Abram (Genesis 12)

KEY POINTS

- God called Abram to leave his country and his people and go to a land unknown to Abram, a land that God would later show him.
- God promised to bless Abram, make his name great, and make his family into a great nation.
- Abram obeyed and left his home. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all their possessions and servants to Canaan.

KEY VERSE: Genesis 15:6

FAMILY READING

Genesis 12:1-5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When Abram, Sarai, and Lot arrived in Canaan, what did God say to Abram? (God would give the land to Abram.)
- In what way(s) is Abram a good example to all believers?
- Abram worshiped God and remembered what God had done for him. What experiences have we had with God that we never want to forget?

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.
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A PROMISED HOPE

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BIBLE STORY

Abram and Lot Parted Ways (Genesis 13)

KEY POINTS

- Abram and Lot parted ways because Abram wanted to keep peace with his nephew.
- Abram selflessly allowed Lot to have the first choice of land. Lot chose the more appealing land.
- God promised Abram that all the land he could see would be his forever and that his offspring would be as numerous as the dust of the earth.

KEY VERSE: Genesis 15:6

FAMILY READING

Genesis 13:5-9,14-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What disagreement caused Abram and Lot to separate? (The land could not support both men's livestock.)
- What can we learn from the way Abram handled the situation?
- Read Genesis 13:14-17 aloud. Then retell the details in your own words.

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AN UNBREAKABLE PROMISE

TODAY'S POINT: GOD'S PLAN IS BEST EVEN WHEN WE DOUBT.

BIBLE STORY

God's Covenant with Abram
(Genesis 15-16)

KEY POINTS

- God showed Abram the stars and told Abram that his descendants would outnumber them.
- Instead of trusting God to fulfill His promise, Abram decided to fulfill God's promise in his own way.
- Hagar, Sarai's servant, had a baby and named him Ishmael. Sarai was cruel to Hagar, and Hagar ran away. But the Lord protected and blessed Hagar.

KEY VERSE: Genesis 15:6

FAMILY READING

Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Abram doubt God's promise? (He was still childless.)
- What examples of God's faithfulness help us to remember that God is trustworthy?

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TODAY'S POINT: GOD CAN DO THINGS THAT SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.

BIBLE STORY

God Promised a Son to Abraham
(Genesis 17-18:21)

KEY POINTS

- God changed Abram's name to Abraham as a sign of the covenant between them. Sarai's name was changed to Sarah.
- God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son named Isaac.
- God also promised to provide for Abraham and Hagar's son, Ishmael, even though he was not the son of promise.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 105:8

FAMILY READING

Genesis 17:1-8,19-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did God change Abram and Sarai's names? (Their new names were to be a sign of God's covenant promise.)
- What important things has God done in our lives?
- What does this study teach us about the faithfulness of God?

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SESSION 14 PARENT CONNECTION

A PROMISE TO PROVIDE

TODAY'S POINT: GOD PROVIDES WHAT WE NEED.

BIBLE STORY

Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 21–22)

KEY POINTS

- Through the birth of Isaac, God completed His promise to give Abraham a son through Sarah.
- God gave Abram a confusing command to give this son of promise to God as a sacrifice.
- God was pleased with Abraham's faith and obedience. God provided a ram for the sacrifice and allowed Isaac to live.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 105:8

FAMILY READING

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:2-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What wonderful promise was fulfilled through the birth of Isaac? (Abraham would be the father of many nations.)
- Why do you think God was pleased with Abraham? (Abraham had faith and obeyed God.)
- In what ways has God provided generously for our family?

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SESSION 15 PARENT CONNECTION

A RENEWED PROMISE

TODAY'S POINT: GOD'S PROMISES TO US ARE UNBREAKABLE, EVEN WHEN WE MESS UP.

BIBLE STORY

Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19–26:6; 27–28:22)

KEY POINTS

- God told Rebekah that there were two nations (Esau and Jacob) who would be born to her, and the older son would serve the younger.
- God reaffirmed the promise to Isaac after Esau sold his birthright to Jacob.
- God spoke to Jacob in a dream at Bethel and again renewed His promise.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 105:8

FAMILY READING

Genesis 25:19–24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which son did God tell Rebekah would serve the other? (The older son, Esau, would serve the younger.)
- What do God's actions toward Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau teach us about His character?
- How does knowing that God's promises are unbreakable give us peace and strength when we face difficult situations in our lives?

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A PROMISE REMEMBERED

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Proverbs 3:5

BIBLE STORY

Jacob Returned Home (Genesis 31–33)

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- The night before Jacob reunited with Esau, a man—who was God—came and wrestled with Jacob all night. Jacob would not let go until the man blessed him. So, He blessed Jacob and gave him a new name—Israel.
- Jacob and Esau's reunion was joyful.

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FAMILY READING

Genesis 32:9–12

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- Why was Jacob afraid to go home again? (Jacob was afraid Esau was still angry with him.)
- What does Jacob's prayer teach us about Jacob? What does it teach us about God?
- Think of a prayer that God has graciously answered in our lives. How can sharing our experience help others believe in Him?

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TODAY'S POINT: GOD HAS A PLAN EVEN WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD.

BIBLE STORY

Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37–50)

KEY POINTS

- Early in Joseph's life, he had two dreams that his family would someday bow down to him. In their anger, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery and told their father he was dead.
- Many years later, Joseph had found favor with Pharaoh.
- Joseph reconnected with his father, Jacob, before Jacob died. Joseph extended forgiveness to his brothers and promised to care for them and their families.

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FAMILY READING

Genesis 37:23-28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did Joseph's brothers do to him out of jealousy? (Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.)
- How do you think Joseph was able to keep his faith in God even when things looked hopeless?
- How does knowing that God has a plan for our lives encourage us when it seems like everything is going wrong?

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SESSION 18 PARENT CONNECTION

A PROMISED FUTURE

TODAY'S POINT: GOD CAN TURN EVEN THE WORST SITUATIONS INTO GOOD.

BIBLE STORY

Jacob's Family in Egypt (Genesis 46–50)

KEY POINTS

- Jacob (Israel) came to Egypt after God spoke to him in a vision.
- Jacob and Joseph were joyfully reunited—Jacob blessed Joseph's sons and Joseph himself.
- Joseph showed forgiveness and compassion to his brothers, even though they had mistreated him and sold him into slavery.

KEY VERSE: Proverbs 3:5

FAMILY READING

Genesis 50:15-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Joseph's brothers think he might hold a grudge against them?
- Why do you think Joseph was able to treat his brothers with kindness even after he had been so mistreated by them?
- How can forgiving someone be a good example to others about the way God deals with us?

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