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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about one of the most famous people in the Bible. His name is Abraham. God promised Abraham some really important things and they all came true. One promise affects you and me! The first promise God made to Abraham was that his people would have land to call their own. It was called the promised land. Abraham had to really trust God to leave the place he grew up to go start a new life somewhere else. The second promise was about kids. God told Abraham that he would have kids as numerous as the stars in the sky! Abraham had to trust God on this one, too. He was already old, like grandpa old, before he had his first kid! This promise meant that the nation of Israel would grow in numbers. The third promise was the really big one. God told Abraham that all people would be blessed through him. This blessing was referring to Jesus. Jesus came to save the world from sin and death and that includes us! Abraham had a lot of faith in God and he trusted in God's plans. We should trust in God, too.

Big Idea

Abraham had a lot of faith and believed God.

Key Question

What is faith?

Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:8 "It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land. He went without knowing where he was going."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?** (Tip: It would be fun to buy a few cool things for yourself. You could also bless others by buying them gifts. And, you should give to God.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Faith is trusting that God will do what he says he's going to do.** (Abraham is a great example of faith. He trusted in God and did what God asked him to do, even though it was scary. God is the strongest and smartest. He will follow through on everything he says. Our job is to trust and obey.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is faith? Why is God worthy of our trust? **4-5th** How has God been faithful to you and your family?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why is God worthy of our trust? Why shouldn't we depend on our own understanding?** (Answer: God is the creator of the entire universe! He created the sun, water, and even gravity! He created everything so he knows how everything is supposed to work. We can't create things from nothing and we don't know everything. So, it would be silly to trust in ourselves over God.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: ABRAHAM MATCHING GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Matching game cards (page 5-6).
- Have them place them face down on the floor.
- Choose one kid to go first. Play like a game of concentration where one kid turns over two cards looking for a match. If a match, that kid gets to keep those cards and go again. If not a match, the kid to the right gets a chance. Continue playing until all the matches are found. Kid with the most cards at the end, wins.

Supplies needed: Matching game cards (pg. 5-6, pre cut, 1 set per group)

OPTION 2: ABRAHAM TRUSTED GOD CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Star template (page 7).
- Have kids cut out each item. Have them glue the promises onto their stars.
- Then, allow them to color and decorate.
- As they work, remind the kids that Abraham had great faith in God. He believed God when he heard about God's 3 promises: Land, People and Blessing. Abraham was brave to move where God told him to go. He trusted that he would have a lot of kids even though he was old. And the blessing that came through Abraham was Jesus. And, Jesus is the blessing for all people, including us!

Supplies needed: Star template (pg. 7, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Glue, Crayons

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BIBLE STORYLINE

Abraham

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A long time ago, God made a one-in-a-million promise to a guy named Abe. And once he believed it, his dreams came true.

Key Points:

- God told Abraham to go to the _____, far away from anywhere he'd ever been.
- God told Abraham that he would have a huge _____, even though he was _____.
- God told Abraham that the whole world would be _____ through him, even though he was just one random guy.
- Abraham had a lot of _____, even though he could hardly believe what God was promising.

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 11:8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land. He went without knowing where he was going.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?*
3. *Where did God tell Abraham to go?*
4. *What did God promise Abraham about kids?*
5. *Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why is God worthy of our trust? Why shouldn't we depend on our own understanding?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

Abraham and Sarah Maze

Help the angel find Abraham and Sarah to tell them that they will have a baby!

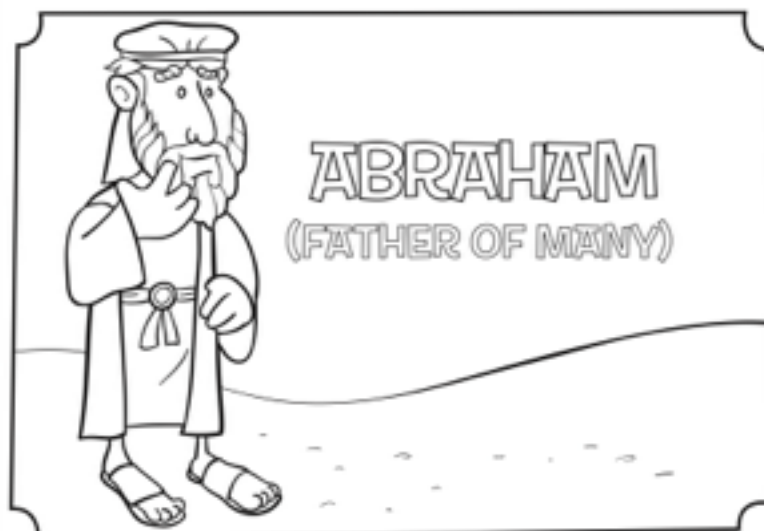


Big Idea

Key Question

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Hebrews 11:___ "It was by _____
that Abraham _____ when
God called him to _____ home
and go to another land. He
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he was going."



Abraham was the first patriarch. "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations" - **Genesis 17:5**



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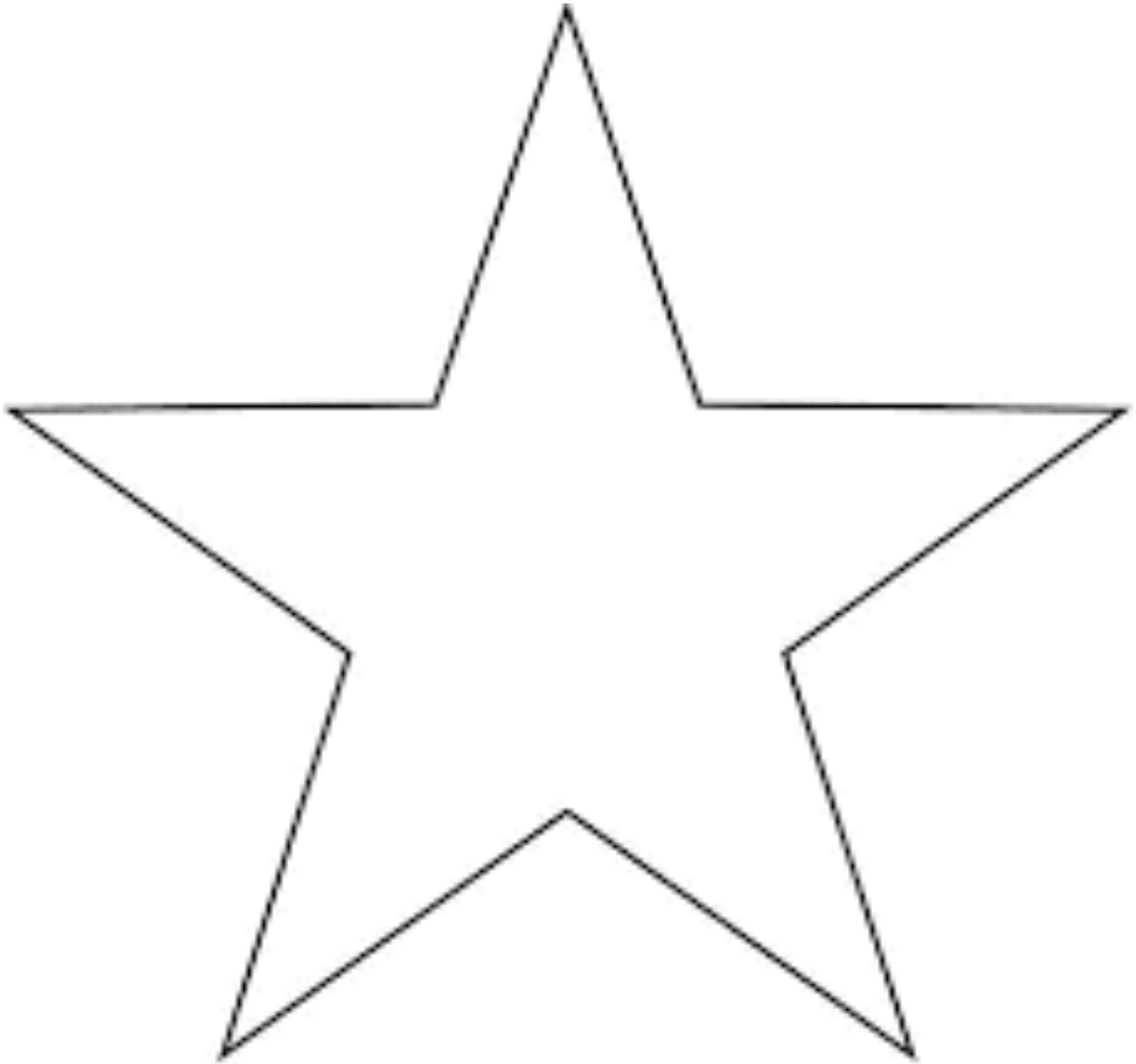


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