



Kindergarten-2nd

July 15-16, 2017

DATE

Abraham and Sarah

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 12-21, Lamentations 3:22-23

WHERE TO FIND IT

God keeps his promises.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

We're talking about how God started a family with Abraham and Sarah, so ask kids who's in their family! Don't make assumptions though; not all kids live with blood relations, so their families might mean the people they live with or spend the most time with.

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about their "starry sky" and why they created it!

large group heads up

Abraham and Sarah's story illustrates a central facet of God's character: he ALWAYS keeps his promises. Today we want kids to understand and believe that no matter how long we have to wait, God will always do what he says he'll do.

connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

BALLOON TOSS

- Divide kids into **small groups** and blow up a **balloon** for each group.
- Each group should stand in a **circle**, while the leader stands in the center.
- Assign each kid a **number**, starting with 1 and counting up.
- The leader will toss the balloon into the air and call out a number. When a kid hears her number, she has to hit the balloon back to you before it touches the floor. You can then call out another number.
- After you've gone through every number once, change it up a little bit. After you toss the balloon in the air and call out a number, whoever hears his number has to hit the balloon back up and call out a new number **himself** (instead of you calling it out.)
- Remind kids to:
 - Only call out numbers between 1 and the number of kids you have (For example, between 1 and 12.)
 - Hit the balloon towards the center of the circle.
 - Think of numbers that haven't been called a lot.
 - **Don't pop the balloons!**
- **Younger kids:** Instead of assigning numbers, you could just have kids take turns tossing the balloon back and forth to each other.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Have you ever had to wait a long time for something you were looking forward to? What was it?
- Have you ever made a promise? Did you keep it? Why or why not?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah, (2) recognize that God always does what he says he'll do, and (3) identify one of God's promises to us.

Why? Kids may not yet realize that God has a plan that's bigger than us. But we hope that as they get older, they'll learn to recognize that all the events in the Bible are connected.

Tip: What's a promise that God has made to you? Has it happened yet, or are you still waiting? Share it with kids and help them understand what it means to trust and have faith.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

Tell kids that in a little bit, after we've done our craft, everyone will get a **stamp on their hand! But we have to WAIT just a little bit for it, just like Abraham and Sarah waited.*

1. What promises did God make to Abraham and Sarah? (A family; descendants as numerous as the stars; that Abraham would be the father of a great nation.)
2. Did they believe the promises? Why or why not?
3. Why was it hard for Abraham and Sarah to trust God's Promise? (They had to wait, they were old.)
4. How did God finally fulfill the promise? How did Abraham and Sarah react?
5. When have you finally gotten something you had to wait for? What did it feel like?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Remind kids that God promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have SO MANY people in their family, that they would be more than all the stars in the sky!
- Set out **glue sticks**, **tooth picks**, and give each kid the following materials to make their own "starry sky":
 - **1 piece of black construction paper**
 - **4 star stickers** (the stickers come in a roll, so you'll need to cut a sheet of 4 stickers for each kid)
 - **1 toothpick**
- Kids can use the toothpicks to poke holes in the paper and make it look like stars in the sky when they hold it up to the light. They can use glue sticks to glue the plastic stars on their paper, and decorate with the star stickers and white crayons.
- **Hand stamp:** Remind kids that when you make a promise, you do what you'll say you'll do, and since you promised to give them a stamp, now they get one! Give each kid a **stamp** on the top of his/her hand.

*Extra time? Have kids do a **coloring sheet**.*

special notes

Think of an example of a time you had to wait for something you really wanted, and share it with kids!

presenter tips

Here's a link to a video we'll be watching today!

God's Story / Abraham and Sarah:
<https://vimeo.com/44930545>

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and introduce the lesson.

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad to have you here. I hope you had fun playing that balloon game! You had to hit the balloon up in the air when your number got called, but what about when it *wasn't* your turn? What were you doing then? (Let kids respond.) Yep, just...waiting.
- **Ask:** What was it like when you were waiting? What exactly were you doing? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, maybe you were just standing there, not doing anything. Or maybe you were looking at the balloon and you were really alert in case your number got called!
- **Say:** Either way, you had to be prepared while you waited. Otherwise you'd miss the balloon and it would fall to the ground, which would be disastrous, of course!
- **Say:** Let's play a little waiting game right now. I want to see how long you can wait while you sit in a special position. Are you ready? Everybody sit up with your feet stretched out in front of you. (Let kids respond.) Now, lift your feet up in the air while you're still sitting, and lift your hands out to your sides. (Let kids respond. Make them try to sit in this position for at least a minute!)
- **Say:** Okay, you can let go now! Good job. That kind of waiting took a lot of strength and muscles!

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

Main Goal: Introduce Abraham and Sarah and understand why God chose them to start his special family.

- **(Image: Abraham and Sarah)** Today, we're going to hear about two people who had to wait a really, REALLY long time for something. They were named Abraham and Sarah, and God wanted them to start his special family. The family that one day, Jesus, our Rescuer, would come from!
- **Say:** Abraham and Sarah REALLY wanted to start a family of their own. They wanted it more than anything in the world! But they didn't think they could have one. We're going to watch a video now and see what happened next. As you watch, try to figure out what God promises to give them!
- **Video: God's Story / Abraham and Sarah**
- **Ask:** So what did God promise to give Abraham and Sarah? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Yep, he promised to give them a baby! But not just a baby....He also promised to give them a HUGE family! They would have such a big family that there would be more people in it than the stars in the sky! Would that be a lot of people? (Let kids respond.) It sure would!
- **Ask:** When someone makes a promise, what does that mean? (Let kids respond/speculate.) Great answers!
- **Say:** A promise is when you say you will do something, and then you do it. No matter how long it takes, if you promise it, you should do it. Sometimes people break their promises, but God NEVER does.
- **Say:** That's what God did. He told Abraham and Sarah he'd give them a family. And did He do it? (Let kids respond.) Yes, He did! God ALWAYS keeps his promises.

GOD MAKES A PROMISE

Main Goal: Identify the promises God made to Abraham and Sarah.

- **Ask:** When God made his promise to Abraham and Sarah, did it come true right that second? (Let kids respond.) Nope. They had to wait a long, long time.
- **Ask:** Do you all *like* to wait? (Let kids respond.) Me neither, it's not very fun. Have you all ever had to wait for something really special to happen? (Let several kids respond.) Yeah, maybe you've had to wait for things like your birthday, or Christmas morning, or maybe a vacation. Maybe it's hard just to wait for dinner!
- **Say:** Waiting isn't always fun, but sometimes we have to wait for God's promises to come true, just like Abraham and Sarah did.

ABRAHAM AND SARAH WAIT

Main Goal: Understand that God know what's best for us, even if it means we have to wait for his promises to happen.

- **Ask:** Why do you think we have to wait sometimes? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Yep, because sometimes even though we want something right NOW, God knows that it will be better LATER. God always knows what's best for us, and he has a plan for our lives. That means we can trust Him, and believe what he says!
- **Ask:** So, no matter what happens, or how long it takes, will God always do what he says he will do? (Let kids respond.) Yes, always!

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Main Goal: Understand that God is always faithful, even if people aren't.

- **Ask:** Now what about people? Will *they* always keep their promises like God does? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** No, not always. That's because people aren't perfect. We mess up, and make mistakes, and sometimes when we say we'll do something, we don't do it. Can you give me a thumbs down? (Let kids respond.)
- **Ask:** Do you think God breaks his promises sometimes too? (Let kids respond.) Nope, not EVER.
- **Say:** People might not be perfect, but God is. He has the entire world in his hands, and he has a plan for all of our lives, just like he had for Abraham and Sarah and their baby. God is faithful, and will always keep his promises, no matter what.

WHAT HAS GOD PROMISED TO US?

Main Goal: Identify specific promises God has made in scripture.

- **Ask:** Do you guys think that God makes promises to US, just like he did to Abraham and Sarah? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** He does, all the time! We're going to look in the Bible to see some of the promises He's made to us. I'm going to put a verse on the screen, and and if you think God is making a promise, stand up!
- (Read each of the following verses and let kids respond by standing up. Ask them what promises they see, and then summarize with the promises in parenthesis, if necessary. Then have kids sit.)
- **Slide: Psalm 121:7-8** The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever. (God promises to care for us and protect us.)

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- **Slide: Psalm 32:8** The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” *(God will guide us and watch over us.)*
- **Slide: Joshua 1:5** No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. *(God will always be with us.)*
- **Say:** Those are all promises that God makes to each and every one of us, just like he made to Abraham and Sarah. Hold a finger up as we list each promise again! (1) God will take care of us. (2) God will watch over us. (3) God will always be with us, no matter what.
- **Say:** These are things that we can always count on. We can trust in them, and believe in them, no matter how long it takes. I want you to choose one of these promises, and in your head, thank God for it. Or if you’re still waiting for God to keep a promise, you can talk to him about that too. **Say:** Maybe God has taken care of you and protected you. Maybe He’s watching over you. Or maybe He’s always with you, even when we go through sad or tough times. Go ahead and close your eyes, and thank Him for making that promise, right now.
(Give kids a few moments, then lead into prayer.)

WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Close the lesson with prayer and worship.

- **Prayer:** God, thank you for being faithful in everything you do. We trust you, and we know that you will keep your promises to us no matter what. We love you. Amen!
- **Set up worship:** Let’s show God that we trust him by worshipping! This is a chance to tell him out loud how much we love him, so sing as loud as you can!
- **Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**
- **Music Video: Listen**



connect questions

Tell me about Abraham and Sarah.

What did God promise to give Abraham and Sarah?

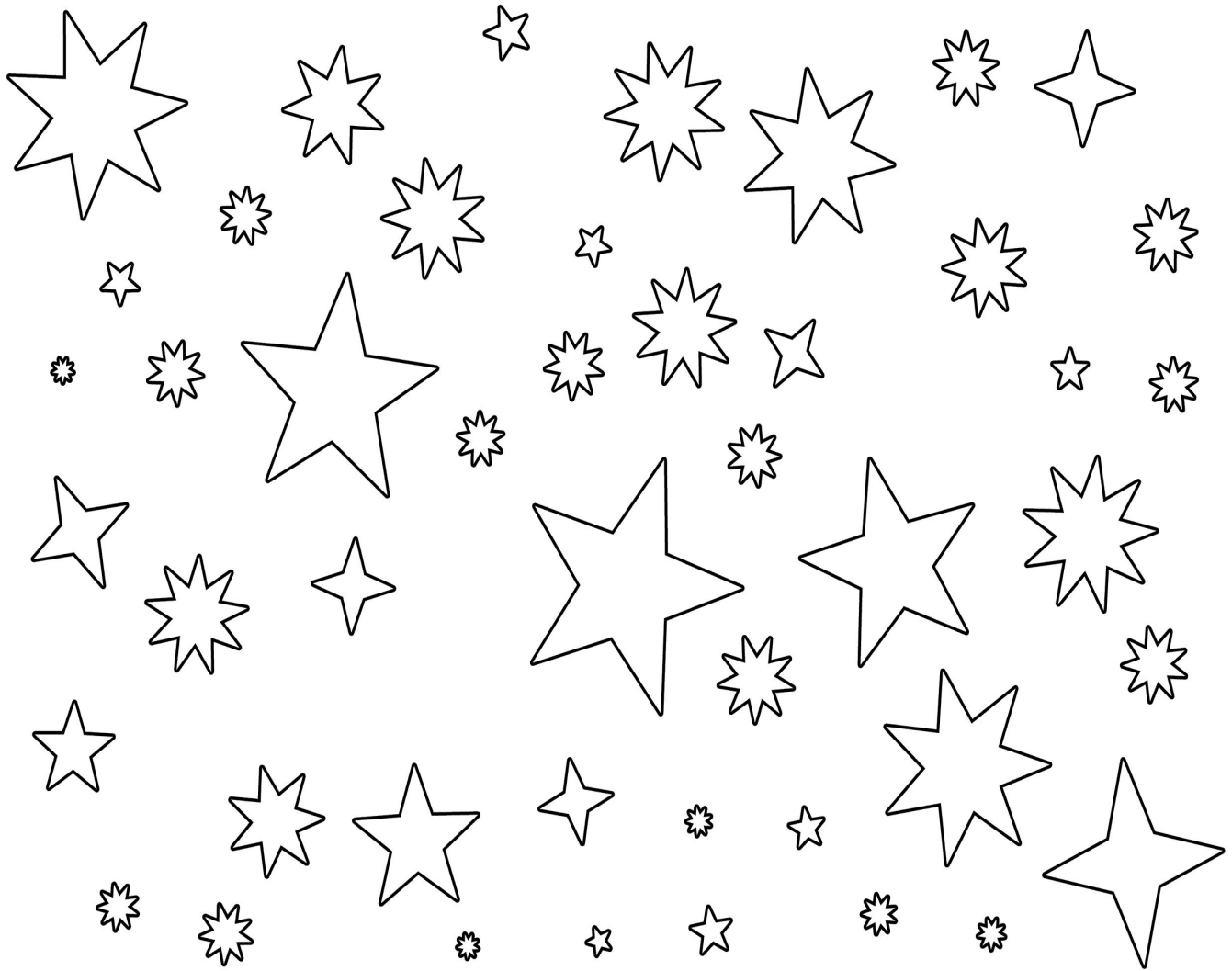
lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Balloon	2 per small group, reused	Amazon, Creative Balloons 12" Latex Balloons - Pack of 144	KC Central

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page	1 per kid	Black and white paper, Page 10	site
Markers	1 set per small group, reused	In room	site
Stamp	1 per small group, reused	Oriental Trading, Emoji Stampers, IN-13729319	KC Central
Black construction paper	1 per kid	Discount School Supply, Black Construction paper, Item #9CPBK	KC Central
Star stickers	4 stickers per kid	Oriental Trading, Roll of Star Stickers, Item #IN-12/1975	KC Central
White Crayon	1 per kid, reused	Discount School Supply, Large White Crayons, Item #12PCWH	KC Central
Toothpick	1 per kid	Sam's Club, Toothpicks, Item #205109	KC Central
Glue sticks	1 set per small group, reused		site

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible for Early Readers	1 per room		site

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1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
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