

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 6

CONNECTION POINT:

No matter what lies ahead, continue to trust God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: While wonderful things can happen “by accident,” most success in life comes with careful planning. Culture lifts planning up as a virtue with warnings like: “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.” How do we react, though, when our plans run counter to God’s or circumstances block our path? Followers of Christ are called to live by faith, trusting the goodness of God’s will and always depending upon Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; 15

Live It Out: Print the word *OBEY* in large letters on a sheet of white paper. Give your child dot painters to paint on the word. Say that obey means doing what God says.

God told Abram to leave his home and move to a new place. God would take care of Abram and his family.

Abram did what God told him. Abram, his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and his workers packed all that they had. They traveled to a land called Canaan.

One night, God told Abram, “Do not be afraid. I will protect you. Your family will be great.”

Abram said he had not children. God said Abram would have a child of his own. He told Abram to look at the sky and count the stars. God told Abram that his family would have grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and more, as many as there were stars in the sky.

Abram listened to and believed what God told him to do. God took care of Abram and his family.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; 15

Live It Out: Review the story of Abram with your child. Ask your child how God guides her to do right things. Explain that God guides us by His Word, the Bible.

God told Abram to leave his country and travel to a land that God would show him.

Abram went where God directed him. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, along with their servants and everything they owned.

Abram arrived at Canaan. God said to Abram, “I will give all this land to your children and their children and their children.” Abram built an altar and thanked God.

Later, God came to Abram in a vision. When Abram pointed out that he had no children, God said, “You will have your own son.” God showed Abram the stars. He said, “Count the stars, if you can. That’s how many children will be born into your family. I am the God who brought you here for this.”

God made a covenant with Abram to show He would keep His promise.

STUDENTS

Scripture: James 4:13-17; 5:7-11

- How can we find the right balance between making plans and trusting God for our future?
- When have you had to be patient while waiting for the Lord to provide?
- When have you experienced God’s compassion and encouragement during hard times?

Live It Out: The only answer for our sins was Jesus’s death on the cross. People are often tempted to believe that the Christian life is an easy one. However, because Jesus obeyed the Father, He suffered. When we follow after Jesus, we should expect to be treated as He was.

We don’t know what the future holds, but we can know this: no matter how good our lives are, we will face trouble because we live in a broken world. The hardships in this life should cause us to long for Jesus’s return. Ask you student of any issues he or she is currently facing. Pray together that God would help you to remain faithful during hardships.