

Unit 2 Session 2: God's Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12; 15; 17)

What We Learned – March 2, 2025



Dear families,

In today's reading, we see how God kept and demonstrated His faithfulness to Abraham by establishing a covenant with him. The faithfulness of God is shown through Abraham's family lineage as God's promises were ultimately fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—a descendant of Abraham.

How did God establish His covenant with Abraham? What was the significance of Abram's name change?

Though the promises of Genesis 15:4 were years away from fulfillment, God made a covenant to show that He would be faithful to do what He promised Abraham no matter what. God wagered His namesake through establishing this covenant, promising on behalf of His own name and reputation that His promises would indeed come to pass. Animal blood was shed through this ceremony and was used to seal the covenant, demonstrating the gravity of what was at stake. God spoke to His servant's questions regarding his inheritance of both a nation and a land to call their own.

In chapter 17 when Abram received his new name from God, he was 99 years old—still childless, yet still believing by faith. For him to father not only a son, but an entire nation seemed implausible. Yet, God changed Abram's name f

of a Multitude.” Though the promise of a descendant was not yet in his reach, God spoke to him and over him that His Word was true and worthy of his obedience.

The bloodshed in this covenant agreement foreshadowed the blood to be shed as God’s promises would find ultimate fulfillment in Jesus. Through His Son, God would do what seemed more impossible than Abram’s unlikely fatherhood—God would make the way for the unrighteous to be brought into His family forever. Like Abraham, we are counted as righteous when we place our faith in Christ and in His finished work on the cross. Reflect on the great lengths God demonstrated to prove that His covenant was trustworthy and how He brought it to completion through Jesus. Now is time to proclaim this covenant love to your kids. May you speak clearly about the loving faithfulness of your Father in heaven.

Check out The Gospel Project At Home for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

STORY POINT

This is the main point to emphasize from today’s Bible story.

- Preschool: God made a promise to Abraham.
- Kids: Abraham believed God’s promise.

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week’s Bible story points to Jesus.

- Babies & Toddlers: Jesus came to earth as part of Abraham’s family.
- Younger Preschool: God sent Jesus to earth as part of Abraham’s family. Jesus saves people from their sins.
- Older Preschool: God promised to bless all the people in the world through Abraham. God sent Jesus to earth as part of Abraham’s family. God blesses all the people on earth through Jesus because Jesus saves people from their sins.
- Kids: God kept His promises to Abraham. Abraham became the father of the nation of Israel. Jesus came into the world as a descendant of Abraham to fulfill God’s promise. All who place their faith in Jesus are part of God’s family forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- Younger Preschool: Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.

- Older Preschool: Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.
- Kids: T Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- Babies & Toddlers: God is good, and His love is forever. Psalm 100:5
- Younger Preschool: The LORD is good, and His love lasts forever. Psalm 100:5
- Older Preschool: For the LORD is good, and his faithful love endures forever. Psalm 100:5
- Kids: For the LORD is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations. Psalm 100:5

** Next week: Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)