

# Lesson 14

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Kids

**What are the generations of Abraham?  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the  
forefathers of God's people of promise.**

*Read aloud:*

### **Recommended Illustration**

Who can tell me who discovered America? (allow answers) Has anyone heard of a guy named, Amerigo Vespucci? Christopher Columbus? (allow discussion)

What about some famous Americans: Abraham Lincoln? George Washington? Benjamin Franklin? Does anyone know any famous stories about these guys? (allow discussion)

Why do we know these names so well? Some of you could probably even tell me the name of Christopher Columbus' boat or the dates of George Washington's most important battle. The reason you know these things is because their stories are part of the story of every American. Their story is part of your story.

The famous Americans are part of your story, because they are part of America's story. When we become Christians, we are all part of the story of God's promise, and the forefathers of that story are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

## Helpful Insights

The stories of the beginning of a nation help tell its people who they are. These help shape our values and tell us what our nation is supposed to be like. They help form our identity. They make us ourselves rather than someone else.

In a much bigger and all-encompassing way, the same is true of the forefathers of God's people of promise. Their stories, especially the story of how God loved them and what God promised them, help define the identity of the people of promise. For example, Abraham was called to faithfulness, so are all the children of promise. Isaac was called to pass on the blessing to his children, so are the children of promise. Jacob wrestled with God and found him to be powerful and gracious, so the children of promise learn of God's power and mercy too.

We can look to their stories to help us understand all that it means to be children of promise. Children of Adam were identified by sin, children of promise are identified by the faithfulness of Christ, the Second Adam.

## The Point

Jesus warns us in the New Testament not to put too much stock in our history. Just saying we are related to this person or that person does not do anything to get us into the right relationship with God. The only way to enter into that relationship, to enter into God's story, is through the faithfulness of Jesus, who gave himself up for our sin.

