

Lesson 18

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Kids

**Who is the greatest son of Abraham?
Jesus Christ is the greatest son of
Abraham because he was completely
faithful to God.**

Read aloud:

Recommended Illustration

Who is Abraham? (allow kids to answer: Abraham is the father of the faithful ones of God) Has this answer bothered anyone else? Let us be honest, Abraham's children have some pretty awesome promises coming their way, and it would be great to be in on that deal, but it is not looking good for me if I am honest about this whole "faithful" thing. You see, when God says he wants us to be "faithful", what he means is that he wants us to want to please him more than we want to please anyone else.

That is where it gets difficult. The "want to" part. Think about the last time your parents asked you to do something you did not want to do. What did that feel like? (allow kids to respond here) If it made you angry or sad or frustrated, there is a reason. Deep inside you were disappointed to have to please your parents in a way that did not please you. This is true of our relationship with God as well. The Bible calls it unfaithfulness. So if you are paying attention, you know that being faithful to God is a lot harder than it sounds.

Helpful Insights

Thankfully, one descendant of Abraham got it right. All through history God looked for a faithful descendant of Abraham. He looked for one who would always think God's thoughts and do God's deeds, one who would never seek himself before God. Jesus Christ did just that. In doing that, he became the greatest son of Abraham, the one who is completely faithful to God. As God's son on mission, Jesus was able to do what no one had ever been able to do before: obey God in every way at all times.

Even as grown-ups, is it not easiest to be loyal when we get our way? This is where Jesus' faithfulness becomes super unique. Even when God getting God's way meant that Jesus had to die, Jesus was completely loyal. Even as he died, and he felt what it was like to feel God's presence slip away, he continued to be faithful right up to his last breath. When his body was destroyed, something else was destroyed with it, the wall between God and people created by Adam's unfaithfulness and ours.

The Point

This is not just good for Jesus. It is good for everyone. Jesus' faithfulness has made it possible for everyone who believes in him to enter into the family of Abraham. The Bible calls this adoption. God makes you his child when you put your faith in Jesus, and because of that he sets you in a place of friendship with him. He puts you in his "inner circle." You get special privileges because you know him in a special way, all because of Jesus' faithfulness to God.

