

# Lesson 2

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Kids

**What did God require from Abraham?  
God required only that Abraham trust the  
promises of God.**

*Read aloud: Genesis 15:3-6*

### **Recommended Illustration**

Before your talk, place cash inside an envelope (this will actually be given away, so be mindful of that as you choose your amount).

Ok friends, it's time to review. Whoever can answer all the questions and answers from our creation study correctly gets all the money in this envelope. BUT--if you volunteer and you get any wrong, you have to pay me the amount inside. Who's up for it? (There will probably be a volunteer or two, but now you will interject with a new idea.) Wait, I have a better idea. Everyone put your hands down. On the count of three, whoever raises their hand first gets the envelope and the cash. I PROMISE. 1-2--3.

There should be way more hands in the air this time. Give the money to the first person you see raise their hands. Then transition by asking the kids to talk about why so many of them raised their hand the second time instead of the first time. The reason is that we all know we stand a lot better chance with a promise than with a test.

## Helpful Insights

**(Rather than commentary, this week you have a sample lesson that shows you how to transition from the illustration into the body of your talk. Feel free to make it your own!)**

As God deals with Adam and Eve, we find that the relationship he describes is a gift, but it is a gift with a set of limitations. There is an "if" attached. Their agreement has terms and conditions.

Obedience is required, and disobedience has consequences. With Abraham, what we find is an unconditional promise. God simply says, "I will." When Abraham believes, that secures the promise once and for all.

Because of sin, this is the only sort of promise that does us any good. God, in his grace, gives us a way to be blessed by him that does not require us to earn anything or prove anything. Faith alone, placed in the promise of God, is the basis of our relationship with God. This all started to become clear with Genesis 3:15, and is made even clearer in the story of Abraham.

## The Point

God makes an unconditional promise to Abraham. Simply by believing, the children of Abraham are counted as the friends of God.

