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☆ Let's Talk and Wonder

SAY God told Abraham to leave his country and move to a new land that God would show him. God promised to bless Abraham with children and make him a great nation. Abraham trusted and obeyed God. He and his wife, Sarah, packed up their belongings and moved to Canaan, the new home God gave them.

ASK Later on, God took Abraham outside at night and showed him the stars. *Why?*

SAY God told Abraham to count the stars. But, of course, he couldn't count them all! God told Abraham that so many people would come from his children and grandchildren that no one would be able to count them, just like the stars in the sky! God promised Abraham and Sarah, who were very old, that they would have a baby boy. Abraham believed God. The Lord gave him faith to follow him and believe his promises.

SAY I wonder how Abraham and Sarah felt on their way to the new land God had promised them . . .

I wonder what Abraham thought when he heard God's promise . . .

☆ Let's Make

Give each child a sheet of **paper** and **crayons**. Tell the children they are going to make pictures of someone like Abraham who wants to trust and obey God—and that someone is *themselves!* As they work, go around the room and talk to the children about belonging to God and trusting him. Add this caption to each drawing:
God helps (name of child) trust and obey him.

☆ Let's Listen and Look

If possible, locate and bring to class the storybook *Count the Stars! The Story of God's Promise to Abraham and Sarah* by Patricia Nederveld. Read it aloud to your children. They will enjoy listening to the words and looking at the pictures!

☆ Let's Sing

Sing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Remind children that we belong to a wonderful, caring God and we want to praise, love, thank, and serve him!



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