



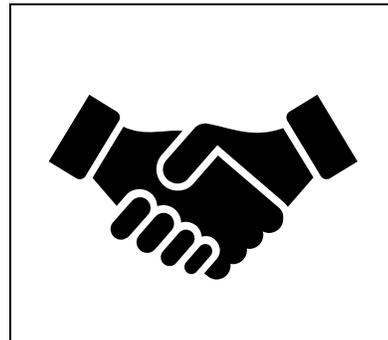
Welcome from St Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL. We miss seeing all of you in-person but we know you will have so much fun with this **Faith @home VBS** this week.

## Day 1: Abraham and Sarah A Forever Promise

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#### Supplies needed

- Children's Bible or Story Bible
- White paper
- White crayon
- Dark colored marker
- OPTIONAL
  - Plaster of paris (1 cup)
  - Water
  - Food coloring gel (3 tbsp)
  - Glow in the dark paint (4 tbsp)
  - Silicone Mold
  - Petroleum jelly



**Remember to post pictures of your crafts, your story time, your active play or even your dance time in the St Mark's Aurora Family Group!**

**Post questions, comments, suggestions as you go through the week – other families may be doing this at their own pace and would love to hear feedback along the way!**



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**Bible Story:** Genesis 15: 1-6; 17: 5-7.

Read the verses in the right-hand box aloud (or use children's story Bible and look for the story of Abraham and Sarah). Then use these discussion questions:

- What did God promise to Abram and Sarai?
- Do you think it is hard to wait for something when you don't know when you will receive it?
- How many stars do you think will be in the sky?
- How high can you count?
- Do you think Sarah and Abraham would imagine how many people live on Earth today?
- How many people do you think live on Earth right now?

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#### Craft: How many stars can we make?

Color stars on a white piece of paper with a white crayon (just do your best – we know this might be hard!). Color as many as you think you can fit on the page.

Using a dark colored marker (black, dark blue, or a dark purple), color over the whole page. (Lay down a larger sheet of paper first or be sure to use washable markers on a washable surface.)

Count your stars as they appear. How many were you able to fit into your night sky?

**Optional Extended Craft:** Make your own Glow in the dark sidewalk chalk

Take 1 cup of plaster of Paris, ½ cup of water, 3 tablespoons food coloring gel of choice, 4 tablespoons of your glow in the dark paint, and mix to combine.

Grease your silicone mold with the petroleum jelly, and spoon in your chalk mix.

Let dry in an oven set to 200 degrees for at least 3 hours, turning mold every 30 minutes.

Let cool until nighttime, and charge in sunlight.

## Abraham and Sarah

**Genesis 15: 1-6** Sometime later, Abram had a vision. The Lord said to him, "Abram, do not be afraid. I am like a shield to you. I am your very great reward."

But Abram said "Lord and King, what can you give me? I still don't have any children. My servant Eliezer comes from Damascus. When I die, he will get everything I own." Abram continued, "You haven't given me any children. So a servant in my house will get everything I own."

Then a message came to Abram from the Lord. He said, "This man will not get what belongs to you. A son will come from your own body. He will get everything you own."

The Lord too Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky. Count the stars if you can." Then he said to him, "That is how many children you will have."

Abram believed the Lord. The Lord accepted Abram because he believed. So his faith made him right with the Lord...

**17: 5-7** "You will not be called Abram anymore. Your name will be Abraham because I have made you a father of many nations. I will give you many children. Nations will come from you. And kings will come from you. I will make my covenant with you. It will last forever. It will be between me and you and your children after you for all time to come. I will be your God. And I will be the God of all of your family after you.

## Dance it Out

Watch this VBS music video for a good old-fashioned dance party about Father Abraham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPKp4AWmQoI>

## Active Play:

Head outside to your yard or sidewalk. What things can you see in the sky during daylight? Can you see anything differently if you lay down in the grass vs standing up?

Make a list on a sidewalk or your driveway of what you can see in the sky.

At twilight or nighttime, head back outside. What things can you see once the sky turns dark?

Use your glow chalk (if you made it) to make a glow list of what you can see in the sky at night!

Bonus points for drawing pictures of your family in the glow chalk as some of Abraham and Sarah's descendants!

## Research This!

Head to NASA's website and research stars! What kinds of names do some stars have?

What stars are closest to us? What stars can we see that are the farthest away?

What kinds of satellites and things does NASA use to study stars?

## Watch That?

Check out the Lifetree Kids video about Sarah and Abraham on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCcRK0efOMk>

### Prayer for the day:

Write a prayer for nighttime that includes the names of people who you are related to, and about the people you may have learned about during your science research!

How many family members can you name? Is it as many as there are stars in the sky? Say a prayer for everyone you name!

### Community Care:

Make some extra glow sidewalk chalk and drop a package off to some neighborhood friends! Remember to maintain your social distance!

Or Invite your neighbors to have a campfire at the same time as you and enjoy the night sky together.

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