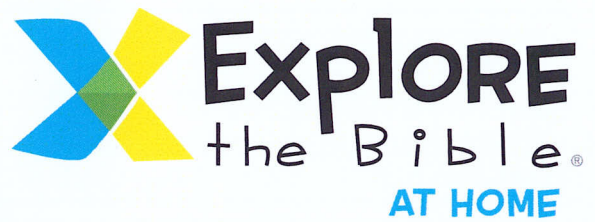


FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-9,15-22; 21:1-7

BIBLE VERSE:

Genesis 17:7

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God had a special plan for Abram.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*God always keeps His promises. (YK)
God fulfills His promises in His perfect time.
(OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Galatians 5:13-26

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Galatians 5:22-23

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Galatians 5:2-4*

MONDAY: *Galatians 5:5-6*

TUESDAY: *Galatians 5:7-10*

WEDNESDAY: *Galatians 5:11-12*

THURSDAY: *Galatians 5:13-15*

FRIDAY: *Galatians 5:16-18*

SATURDAY: *Galatians 5:19-21*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Genesis and Galatians together as a family:



- **A new home.** God told Abram to gather his family, pick up his household goods, and move to a place God would show him. The Bible tells us that Abram did exactly as God instructed him. Abram had no knowledge of what God's plan was, but Abram was faithful to God. God had a special plan for Abram in Canaan, the new land God had called him to.
- **More than the stars in the sky.** When Abram arrived in Canaan, God met with Abram and issued a covenant to him. Abram was an older man when he moved, and yet God promised Abram that his family would one day grow more numerous than the stars in the sky. Abram believed what God said was true and God credited Abram's belief as righteousness. God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which meant "father of a multitude."
- **God had a plan to fulfill His promise to Abraham.** Though difficult for Abraham to see at first, God had a plan to fulfill the promise he had made. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, tried to take matters into their own hands, but God's promise to Abraham would be fulfilled through Abraham and Sarah's own son. Eventually, Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to Isaac, the son through whom God's promise would be fulfilled.
- **Faith or works?** Abraham's faith, or belief, was credited to him as righteousness from God. Unwilling to learn from Abraham's example, the Galatian churches had reverted back to believing their righteousness came through their human works. Paul continued to encourage the churches by telling them that works were important, but could not secure salvation. Paul's explanation highlighted the importance of works as evidence that someone had been saved. The church members needed to remember that good works were a sign of salvation and not a method for salvation. Paul's words to the Galatian churches are also valid words for us today. Many times those around us teach that good works are required to earn salvation, when in fact the works a Christian does are a reflection of the salvation that has already come.