



UNIT 3 | SESSION 1

GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

GENESIS 12-20

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 135:5-6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.

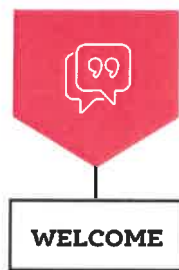
CHRIST CONNECTION:

God promised to bless all the world through Abraham. God sent Jesus from His home in heaven to be born on earth into Abraham's family. Through Jesus, all the nations of the earth are blessed because Jesus saves people

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Option 1: An impossible task - Read page 79 option one. - - Hand out bags of rice for 2 people to count together Then hand out the worksheet paper. Put glue on the paper and then add the confetti stars. -	Bags of rice Worksheets Glue Stars
	**For those who weren't here last week, Shena would love to record them saying what they are thankful for, and have them say their memory verse" She will pull the following kids if they are here: Age 3 - Kyle Matlak, Age 4 - Mara Arends, Frieda Kielstra, Johan Noort Kindergarten - Aiden Barnum, Russel Bruinsma, Makenna Matlak, Coen Tolsma, Gr. 1 - Noah Arends, Alexis Gross, Andrew Kampman, Frankie Tolsma, Ivy VanDelft, Gr. 2 - Jake Bosgra, Wren Houweling, Malakai Meyer, Addison Mutch, Aryah Stackard, Gr. 3 - Lee Barnum, Noah Carruthers*, Katelyn Kampman, Brooklyn Mutch	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Sophie. She'll get you when ready.	

Classroom:	Play the game “who is older?” with your group. See worksheet.	
	Balloons: We are handing out helium balloons to all the kids. They must have them tied on their wrist.	



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, ask kids about their week, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “Have you ever moved to a new place? Sometimes it’s hard to leave behind everything that is familiar to start over somewhere new. If you have ever had to move, how did you feel about leaving your old home and moving into your new one?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete the “Count the Stars” activity page.

SAY “Can you imagine trying to count the stars? That would be impossible! In our story we’ll hear that God told Abraham to count the stars. We’ll find out in just a minute why God told him to do such an impossible thing!”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK

Give each kid a bowl of rice. Explain that you will give the kids 2 minutes to count all the grains of rice in their bowls.

SAY “Was it frustrating to be unable to count all the grains of rice? It was an impossible task wasn’t it? In our story we will hear that God gave Abram an impossible task too. God told Abram to count all the stars in the sky! Can you imagine trying to count each star in the night sky? We can’t even count that high! God didn’t give Abram this task to frustrate him. Instead, God wanted Abram to know something about the special promise God would make. We’ll find out more in just a minute.”

☐ OPTION 2: MOVING BLOCKS



Spread out colorful pieces of paper throughout the room (close enough for the kids to be able to get from one to the next). Instruct the kids to line up on one side of the room. Invite them to step from paper to paper until they reach the other side of the room. For an added challenge, call out colors that the kids must try to step on in order.

SAY “Great job everyone! You had to work hard to move from one block to the other. Was it easy to get from one side of the room to the other? Moving isn’t always easy. In our story we’ll learn that God called Abram to move to a new place that he had never been before. Abram trusted that God had a plan for his life, so Abram obeyed God. We’ll learn more during our Bible story.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**



Who is Older?

Two walls are each labelled. One says "Older" and one says "Younger".

Read a place / thing and ask the kids "Is _____ older or younger than Gateway?"

Remember: Gateway is 75 years old.

Students choose which side of the room to go to and you read the answer:

Tim Hortons	Younger (61 years)
MCdonalds	Older (85 years)
Starbucks	Younger (51 years)
Walmart	Younger (63 years)
The Internet	Younger (41 years)
Abbotsford Christian School	Younger (72 years)
First t.v.	Older (134 years)
Google	Younger (27 years)
Disney	Older (101 years)

