

The Faith of Abraham

Scripture: Various Genesis Passages and Galatians Review

Memory Verse: Romans 4:20 *"He (Abraham) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God."*

Lesson Focus: In the last several lessons of Galatians, Paul has been referring back to this guy named Abraham as he defends the good news of the true gospel (that people are saved AND stay saved through faith in Jesus Christ alone). Many of the kids probably do not know the story of Abraham or at least how it connects to Jesus or us today. Yet, he is one of the most important biblical figures as he is not only the forefather of the Jewish nation, the forefather of Jesus, but also the forefather of "faith" (**Romans 4:16**)! We hope this lesson will help the kids connect some of those dots, and like our memory verse says, will "strengthen" their faith!

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that we will be watching a cartoon video that covers the life of Abraham. While the video does not have any exceedingly intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. If you'd like to preview the video, you can find it on Rightnow Media [here](#).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information. *
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have an activity sheet available for the lesson.

Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1) 1st-2nd Grade leaders: There will also be a craft that we would encourage you to do with the kids.
- 2) 3rd-5th Grade Leaders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

- 1) In the beginning of the video, what did God promise to give Abraham? **Read Genesis 15:3-5.**
- 2) What made God's promise to Abraham so outrageous? **Read Genesis 17:17.**
- 3) What was Chris's "dream come true"? What is your "dream come true"?
- 4) What was Abraham's "dream come true"? **Read Genesis 21:1-3.** Did God keep His promise to Abraham?
- 5) How did God test Abraham? **Read Genesis 22:1-2.** Why do you think God tested him like this?
- 6) Did Abraham pass the test? How did he show or prove his trust in God? **Read Genesis 22:7-8.**
- 7) In our study of Galatians, Paul has repeatedly pointed back to Abraham as a model of true faith. Abraham didn't just trust THAT God was there, but also trusted IN God Himself. What is the difference? (**see James 2:19**)
- 8) **Read Galatians 3:6-9.** Abraham received God's blessing through faith. How do we receive the same blessing?
- 9) In what ways does the story of Abraham and Isaac point forward to Jesus's death on the cross? (Compare **Genesis 22:2** and **John 3:16** for example!)