

Lesson 36: God Makes Covenant with Abram

[Genesis 15:1-18](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/e6x4VqCZGRA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/dVMorAK20-U>

Worship Theme: God knows everything.

Memory Verse: "For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction." (Psalm 1:6)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jesus Christ Is the Lord of All <https://youtu.be/l-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. Who Is My Master? <https://youtu.be/e4gCJBfWNTs>
3. God Never Fails Us <https://youtu.be/uVqBqBENPi4>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "One-Two-Three Say Their Name"

1. Have the children sit in a circle.
2. The teacher will say "one-two-three" while tapping their lap and then point to any child and say their name.
3. Then the child whose name was called, will do the same (say "one-two-three" while tapping their lap and then point to any child and say their name).
4. If the child cannot say the name of the child they're pointing to, then they lose the game.
5. Play the game until one child is left in the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that we may not know everyone's name in this room, but God knows everyone's name. This is because God knows everything.



Introduction:

Have you ever made a promise that you did not keep? How do you feel when others don't keep their promise? When God makes promises, he always keeps his promise. Today, we will learn about God's promise to Abram. What do you think God will promise Abram?

Bible Story:

Abram is a man who trusted God and obeyed God. He was married to a woman named Sarai. When Abram was 75 years old, God promised that he would give land to Abram's descendants, but Abram didn't have any children. Still, Abram trusted God.

Some time later, God appeared to Abram during the night. This time, God said to Abram, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward" (Genesis 15:1). But Abram was disappointed because he still didn't have the children God had promised him. He said to God what good his reward will do when he has no one to inherit God's good gift. Then God told Abram that he really will have a child, a son who will inherit all he has.

Then God took Abram outside. Then God told Abram "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be" (Genesis 15:5).

When Abram heard this, he believed God. Abram knew that God knows everything. Abram knew that God could be trusted, so Abram put his faith in God. And what God said really was true. In time, Abram did have a son. And that son grew up and had children. After many years, Abram's descendants were as numerous as the stars in the sky.

In our Bible story today, God told Abram what was going to happen to him in the future. Wouldn't it be great to know what's going to happen in the future? But only God knows everything. God told Abram that he would have a son and would have descendants - grandchildren and great-grandchildren - as numerous as the stars in the sky. Each one of those people was a part of God's plan. That means you are part of God's plan too. Nobody is a mistake! God has a plan for everyone who will trust him.

God even had a plan for his own Son, Jesus. When Jesus came to the world as a baby, God knew he'd grow up to teach us how to love others and to save everyone who believes in him from their sins. Not only was that God's plan for Jesus, but that was God's plan for the whole world. Each one of us is important to God's plan. God wants us to trust him and follow his plans because he knows everything and knows how things will turn out. God is worthy of our worship because he knows everything. Let's thank God for knowing everything.

Questions to discuss:

1. Why was Abram disappointed? (he did not have any children)
2. What did God promise Abram? (descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky)
3. How could God tell Abram his future? (because God knows everything)
4. What is one reason we can trust God and follow him? (God knows everything)

Game: Banana, Apple, and Orange

1. Have everyone stand in a circle with their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them.
2. When the teacher says "banana," everyone jumps forward. When the teacher says "apple," everyone jumps backwards. When the teacher says "orange," turn around and hold the shoulders of the person behind you.
3. Those who make mistakes will be taken out of the game. Play until there are about 3-5 children in the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that some people were confused during the game because they did not know what to do. But God is never confused because God knows everything.



Memory Verse:

"For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction." (Psalm 1:6)

Craft: "God Makes Covenant with Abram" - Coloring Paper

Materials Needed: Printed coloring paper, crayons

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

God's plans are perfect. We thank God for Jesus, who revealed God's plans and helped us see that when we follow God's direction, God is with us at every step. When have you recognized God's plans for you? It's a special feeling when God guides you. Sometimes it's scary if you aren't sure you can do what God asks you to do. But when God leads you, he helps you through. Share with your students how God has directed you and how it felt to follow him. Encourage them that God's plans are the best because God knows everything.

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