



**PRE-K  
LARGE GROUP**

## LESSON 1

# GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Has a Plan

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 12; 15; 17

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** God makes an unbreakable promise to Abraham—one day his descendants would outnumber the stars in the sky, and through his family, God would bless the whole world.

**WORD OF WONDER:** Before You created the whole world, You are God. You will always be God.  
—from Psalm 90:2

### CURIOSITY

### BELIEF

### FAITH

- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Prayer of Invitation
- Worship: Faithful, Your Love for Me
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Prayer and Blessing



God's Family Preschool Spotify playlist



## LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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Somewhere along the line, I took the baton from God's hands and said, "I'll take it from here."

Sensing the Holy Spirit's nudge, I had volunteered to teach elementary Sunday school. I was excited to serve kids and families, so I jumped into my plans. Soon I found myself trying to do more and be more. But in truth, I wasn't becoming more like Jesus. The more tightly I held onto my plans, the less like Him I became.

Read Genesis 12:1–5 and 17:1–7. God told Abram (later renamed Abraham) to take his family to a land He would show him. Abram didn't know exactly where they were going or how they would get there, but he trusted God and obeyed. Many times Abram would face the choice to keep trusting God or make things happen his own way. Sometimes he obeyed; sometimes he didn't. But always, God had a plan, and God was faithful.

That same choice presents itself to us every day. Do we lay everything on the altar and trust God's plans, or do we take the baton from His almighty hands and say, "I'll take it from here"?

Where have you taken the baton from God and said, "I'll take it from here"? Lay it before God this week and trust His plan. He is faithful.

—**Sharron Jackson**

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LESSON 1 **FOR LEADERS**  
**GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

Abraham was born a descendant of Noah's son, Shem. He was called Abram until God changed his name to Abraham meaning "father of many." Abraham received a covenant promise from God to give him blessing, land, and many descendants.

**WHAT?**

A covenant is an unbreakable agreement or promise between two people, or between God and humans. In this case, it was between God and Abraham. Some of God's covenants in the Bible had conditions, yet He always faithfully keeps His promises, even when humans don't keep theirs.

**WHERE?**

Abraham was born in Ur (modern-day Iraq), but God told him to go to Canaan (modern-day Israel). When Abraham got to Shechem, God said this was the land He would give to his offspring. So, Abraham built an altar there to God.

**WHEN?**

God first spoke to Abraham about 375 years after the global flood. Abraham was 75 years old when God made a covenant with him. It would take 25 years for Abraham and Sarah to see God's promise of a son fulfilled.

**CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY**

When sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, God had a plan to redeem His people. He chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Jesus—the Savior of the world—was born in Abraham's family line and is the fulfillment of this promise.



Curiosity

Belief

Faith

Identity

## LESSON 1 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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## Welcome

**Slide: Series Welcome Loop**

### As kids arrive...

Walk around the room and welcome as many kids as possible by showing excitement that they have joined you. Give high-fives, fist bumps, encourage them to sit on the floor in their spots, and ask questions about their week.

**Video: Countdown**

Welcome kids to worship time. Introduce yourself by name.

## Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

**RESOURCES:** Tac the Cat puppet

**Leader:** Hello, Tac the Cat! How are you today?

**Tac the Cat:** Hi, friends! I'm curious about something. It's something you see in the sky ...

**Leader:** Is it a bird? A cloud?

**Tac the Cat:** Nope! It's something you only see in the sky at night.

**Leader:** Oh! Is it the moon?

**Tac the Cat:** Nope ... you're getting closer though! There are a lot of them!

**Leader:** Oh—the stars!

**Tac the Cat:** Yes! I'm curious about stars! Sometimes I see a lot of them at night. And other times, I can't see very many. Why is that? I have so many questions. Where did they come from? What are they made of? Where do they go in the daytime? How many are there?

**Leader:** Wow, Tac. You do have a lot of questions about stars!

**Tac the Cat:** I am a curious cat!

**Leader:** I don't know all of the answers, but I like to look at the stars too. We can't see all of the stars with our eyes, but there are a lot of stars. When the sky is clear—that means there aren't a lot of clouds—we can probably see a few thousand stars. There are more stars in outer space than we can even count!

**Tac the Cat:** That is so cool! I didn't know that!

**Leader:** Talking about the stars reminds me of a story from the Bible about someone who was told by God to count the stars. It's actually our part of God's big story for today. And God used the stars as a way to show something really cool about His plan.

**Tac the Cat:** That sounds like a cool story! I can't wait! Now I'm going to go get ready for nighttime so I can start counting stars.

**Leader:** Bye, Tac!

**Have you ever looked up and been curious about the stars?** Allow the kids time to answer. **What do you think the stars are made of?** Allow the kids time to answer. **Where do you think they go in the daytime?** Allow the kids time to answer. **How many do you think there are?** Allow the kids time to answer.

## SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD HAS A PLAN**. Today we'll discover that God has a plan for us!

## Declaring God's Wonder

### SLIDE: DECLARATION

Encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

**Thank You, God, that You made me!** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Make prayer hands, then point up and then to yourself.

**And I am Your kid!** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands on your hips.

**Jesus loves me so much.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

**His love for me is big.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

**The Holy Spirit leads me,** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Bring your arms down from above, making a path in front of you.

**And I can follow You.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

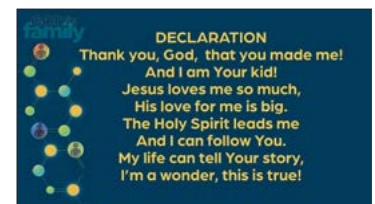
March in place like you're following the leader.

**My life can tell Your story.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

**I'm a wonder; this is true.** (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands up, shake your fingers, and celebrate ("praise hands").



## Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You that You made each of us for a reason. You have a plan for us. We thank You because You are a good God. Your plans for us are good. Holy Spirit, show us how to listen to You, follow Your plan, and walk in Your way. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## Worship

Today we'll learn about God's good plans! We can thank God because He has a plan for us

**WORSHIP VIDEOS: Praise, This Little Light of Mine**

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them that today's story comes from the book of Genesis in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

### Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

**I open my Bible, and what do I see?** (Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)

**God's big story, waiting for me!** (Point to yourself.)

**Let's start by watching part of God's big story from the book of Genesis in the Bible. That's the first book of the Bible.**

**VIDEO: GODS BIG STORY**

# GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

**SUPPLIES:** yellow paper (several sheets), scissors (prep only)

Ahead of time, cut out a few star shapes from the yellow paper and set them aside. You can also use the Bible Story Picture to help the kids visualize the story as it's being told.

**Let's listen to God's big story today. As I tell the story, every time I say, "But God wasn't done yet," you respond by saying, "God has a plan!" I also need a few volunteers to hold up some stars when I get to the point in the story about the stars.** Choose a few kids to hold the paper stars.

**At the very beginning of God's big story, God created everything. God made the world and everything in it. He made humans last. God made humans in His image. That means people show what God is like. But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

**People can love God and show how good God is. God told the people to take care of everything that He made. But humans chose to disobey God and to sin instead. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that is not what God wants. Even though people sinned, God had a plan to make everything new! God had a plan to bring people and His creation back to Himself. But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

**God's plan started with a man named Abram. He lived in a city called Ur. One day something surprising happened to Abram. The one true God spoke to him! God said, "Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). Abram was an old man when God talked to him. Abram and his wife, Sarai, did not have any children. God asked them to leave their home and families. But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

**God said, "I will bless you ... [and] All nations on earth will be blessed because of you" (Genesis 12:2-3). God was going to bless the whole world through Abram! Abram believed God's words and obeyed. He packed up all his things and took his wife and his nephew, Lot, with him. They left for this new land Abram had never seen. But when they arrived, people were already living in the land called Canaan. God promised to give the land to Abram and his family forever. It must have been hard for an old man with no children to believe this promise. Abram still trusted God. But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

**God gave Abram lots of sheep and cattle. Abram said to God, "How are you still going to use my family to bless the world if I don't have any children?" But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

Call up the kids who have the stars and invite them to hold the stars up (they could even stand on chairs so the stars are in "the sky"). **So God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can" (Genesis 15:5).**

**There were lots and lots of stars. Abram could not count all the stars shining in the sky. Then God said, "That's how many children will be born into your family" (Genesis 15:5). Abram did not have any children at all. However, God was going to give him a really big family. But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

God made an unbreakable promise, called a covenant, with Abram. God told him that one day his family would have all the land He promised. God said that Abram was going to have children. God told Abram that his wife, Sarai, was going to have a baby. She was too old to have babies! Abram laughed at what God said! **But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

God changed his name to Abraham. That means "a father of many nations" (Genesis 17:5). God gave Sarai a new name too. She became Sarah, the "mother of kings" (Genesis 17:16). The new names reminded them that God had a plan for their family. **But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

Abraham and Sarah had faith in God. They trusted that God was going to make a way. Nothing would stop God's plan to bless the world through the family of Abraham and Sarah. **But God wasn't done yet!** Encourage the kids to say, "God has a plan!"

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

### SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Ask the following question to help kids connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

**Our Wonder Truth today is GOD HAS A PLAN. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.

When the first two humans—Adam and Eve—disobeyed God, sin came to the world. But God had a plan to fix everything that was broken by sin. As part of His plan, God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family. Many years later, Jesus was born in Abraham's family line. When Jesus died and came back to life, God's plan to fix the sin in the world started!

## Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish the activity, pray with them and thank God for how good and trustworthy He is. Use your own words. Here is an example:

**God, You are a big and powerful God. Thank You for how You made the stars, the world, and me! Thank You for how good You are to us. Thank You for having a plan and being trustworthy. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them. Use your own words. Here is an example:

**Blessing:** God promised Abraham that He had a plan for him. God's plans are always good. May God shine His light on you and help you remember that He has a good plan for you too!