

### 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

**Activity: Packing Up**

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## Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Packing Up

**SUPPLIES:** backpacks or small suitcases, clean clothes, small toy, yellow construction paper (optional), scissors (prep only, optional)

Set out a few backpacks or small suitcases, along with a few items of clean clothing and some toys.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Come see what we have today! We have suitcases and things to pack. We're going to pretend we're going on a trip. Let's pack the bags!**

Encourage kids to pack the clothing and toys into the bags. Ask them if they've ever been on a trip. Ask them what they would pack for a trip.

**Great job packing! We're going to learn today about someone who packed up all his things to go on a long trip to a new home, where God was leading him.**

## Activity: Reach for the Stars

**SUPPLIES:** yellow construction paper, scissors (prep only)

Ahead of time, cut out a few star shapes from the yellow construction paper. Hold them up and show them to the kids. Invite the kids to point to the stars, then reach for the stars, then jump up and try to touch the stars. Then invite the kids to count the stars. **Have you ever looked at the sky at night?**

**What do you see outside?** Allow the kids to respond. **You might see stars in the sky! How many stars do you think there are? There are so many stars! We're going to hear a story about a time when God told someone to count the stars. Then God told that person that He has a plan.**

Allow the kids to take turns holding up the stars.

**We'll learn today about God's plan. Our Wonder Truth today is GOD HAS A PLAN.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—Point up.

**HAS**—Fold hands as if praying.

**A PLAN**—Open hands as if opening a book.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [God's Family Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today, we're learning God has a plan. We'll learn in God's big story that God had a plan for Abraham. God also has a plan for you! Let's sing a song to thank God!**

Play songs from the [God's Family Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, flashlight, paper stars

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Promise to Abraham God's Big Story Video](#)

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a man named Abraham.** Encourage the kids to say, "Abraham." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to him.**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also use the Bible Story Picture to help the kids visualize the story as it's being told.

If you haven't already, cut out a few paper stars.

**In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light** (Genesis 1:3). Turn on a flashlight. **But that wasn't all. God made the sky, land, seas, and plants. He made the sun, moon, stars, and animals. God also made people! He made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve.**

**But Adam and Eve didn't listen to God and follow His plan.** Shake index finger as if saying, "No." **They had to leave God's garden.** Point in a going away motion. **God looked for people on earth who would follow His plan.** Shine flashlight around as if searching. **One day God said to a man named Abraham, "Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you"** (Genesis 12:1). Point in a going away motion.

**God promised Abraham to bless the world through his children. Abraham was confused. He didn't have children. He asked God, "How will my family bless the world? I don't have children." God said, "Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can. That's how many children will be born into your family"** (Genesis 15:5). Invite a few kids to come up and hold up the paper stars. **There were so many stars in the sky! Too many to count.**

**Abraham didn't have children yet, but he knew God was trustworthy so he believed God's promise that one day he would have as many children as the stars!**

**God's plan for each of us is good. He is big and powerful enough to do anything. We can trust Him!**

Save the paper stars to use again in the last activity.

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

### WORD OF WONDER

**Before You created the whole world, You are God. You will always be God.**

—from Psalm 90:2

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **The Word of Wonder for the God's Family series is from Psalm 90:2. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

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

- **BEFORE YOU CREATED**—Point your thumb backward over your shoulder.
- **THE WHOLE WORLD**—Start with your arms and hands above your head in a circle, moving down to your sides.



- **YOU ARE GOD.**—Point up with both hands; three times (once for each word).
- **YOU WILL ALWAYS**—Spread your right hand out before you from left to right.
- **BE GOD.**—Point up.
- **FROM PSALM 90:2**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

Let's pray and talk to God. When I say, "big and powerful," make big muscles with your arms.

God, thank You for being a **big and powerful** God (make muscles with arms). Thank You for how You made the stars, the world, and us. Thank You that You have a plan for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands 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.

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

## Activity: Counting Stars

**SUPPLIES:** paper stars (at least 5), tape, yellow construction paper (optional), scissors (prep only, optional)

If you haven't already, cut out at least five stars from paper.

In God's big story today, we learned about how God had a plan for Abraham. God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a new place to live. Then God told Abraham to count the stars, and promised to give Abraham as many children in his family as there are stars in the sky. God had a great plan for Abraham. God has a plan for us too! We can trust God. Let's count these stars to help us remember our story.

Hold up each paper star and tape it to the wall, while inviting the kids to count the stars with you. Then encourage the kids to count the stars and touch each one. You can also invite them to count other things in the room such as the number of kids, the number of chairs, or anything else you can see.

**God had a plan for Abraham, and God has a plan for us.**

**Leader Tip:** To make it more fun, make a lot of paper stars and let the kids take turns helping tape them to the wall.