



## GOD'S FAMILY

### SERIES OVERVIEW

In the fateful moment when Adam and Even took the fruit and ate it, God already had a plan. His heart was set on relationship, and His plan was to restore all that was lost in that moment. How would this be possible? He would use a family—His family—to make it happen. During this series, we'll explore four stories of God's faithfulness to the earliest members of His family. We'll journey alongside Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob as they learn that God has a plan, keeps His promises no matter what, and is always faithful. It is from this very family that one day God would send the One who would make all things right again, the One through whom we are all invited into the family—Jesus.

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### ELEMENTARY SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
Sept 7	God's Promise to Abraham	Genesis 12; 15; 17	God Has a Plan	Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God. —Psalm 90:2
Sept 14	Abraham and Sarah Have a Baby	Genesis 18; 21	God Keeps His Promises	
Sept 21	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25–27	No Matter What, God Keeps His Promises	
Sept 28	Jacob Wrestles with God	Genesis 32–33	God Is Faithful	

## SERIES INVITATION

Families are messy. And I'm not just talking about the awkward conversations at the Thanksgiving table when politics or parenting styles come up. Our families see the best and worst in us, and throughout the Old Testament, God's family was no different.

When God called Abram (later renamed Abraham) and promised that his descendants would outnumber the stars, He knew this family would be far from perfect. God knew Isaac and Rebekah would show favoritism to different sons. He knew that when faced with desperate hunger, Esau would make a foolish decision. And He knew Jacob would trick his way into a birthright and blessing that weren't rightfully his. But still, God made the promise, and still, He kept it.

Because when God looked at Abraham's family, He didn't focus on the worst in them. As a loving Father, God looked at them and saw His kids. He saw that despite their shortcomings, they were a part of the bigger story He was writing.

In His endless mercy, God didn't merely take this messy family and redeem it. He made this family the very vehicle through which He brought redemption to the world. He made them *His* family. And through Jesus—a son of Abraham and the Son of God—we too are a part of the family. So when our loving Father looks at you and me, it isn't the worst in us He sees. He just sees His kids.

—**Sharron Jackson**

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