

Abraham

Genesis 12,13

Grades 4,5

	Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)
	Materials needed - two cups, sponge, water
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- have a volunteer come up to the front and do this trust exercise with them - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J-ZWdhtqqE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch this video together https://vimeo.com/44930545
	Ask these Questions - you can divide the group into teams and see if there is a team that can answer the most questions...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What did God ask Abraham to do?- When Abraham and Sarah left their home, where did they go?- What did God say about the sand?- What did God say about the stars?- What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's son?- What was God's promise that he kept?

Break up into small groups

	Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)
	Materials needed - Jesus storybook bible, big bucket of sand, star scene projected on the ceiling
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- have the kids divide up into two different groups, some can count grains of sand and others can count stars.- Give them some time to see how many they can count.- Once you have some numbers or some kids who have given up because it is too hard, tell them that when God spoke to Abraham, God first told him that his descendants would be more than the grains of sand. The second time that God spoke to Abraham, God said that his descendants would be more than the stars in the sky.- These are big promises, but the problem was that Abraham and Sarah were both very old and they had been waiting a long time. But Abraham still obeyed and trusted God.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read "Son of Laughter" on page 56 in the Jesus Storybook Bible

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - pieces of paper and pencils, American coins

- Give the kids some boundaries, like the whole kids church area, and give each of them a pencil and paper.
 - Ask them to go on a trust hunt, they have to find things or people that they trust. For example, we trust that the lights will turn on when we flick the switch.
 - Give them 5 minutes to list as many things they can find that they trust.
 - Gather the whole group back together and listen to all the things that they found.
 - Use some of the examples to show that we can't always trust things, sometime lightbulbs burn out, chair legs break etc. but God never burns out or breaks, he always keeps his promises.
- have the leaders share stories of when they trusted in God, what happened?
 - Ask the kids if they have any stories.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - Psalm 23 sheet,

- Read through the 23rd psalm with the kids.
- Let them know that they are going to get a month to memorize it and if they do they will get an ice cream party with all the other kids who memorized it as well.
- Read through the beginning of the 23rd psalm in different voices, high, low, underwater, crazy etc.