



GOD'S AMAZING STORY

KIDS LEADER GUIDE
SESSIONS 1-18 + 2 BONUS SESSIONS



LEADER DEVOTION

OPEN THE BIBLE

Read Genesis 12 from your Bible or Bible app.

STUDY

God promised to send a Rescuer for His people when Adam and Eve disobeyed in the garden. God's good promises and His plan of redemption continue with Abraham (formerly called Abram). In our Bible reading today, we see that God promised to give Abraham a large family and land. God promised that all of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's offspring. However, Abraham and Sarah did not have children when God made this promise. Today's Point is that **God is in control of everything. Nothing is outside of God's control.** God's plan is always good and timely. Abraham learned to trust and believe God's calling on his life.

In today's session of TeamKID, help children understand that God made a promise to Abraham that seemed impossible. Abraham and Sarah were far too old to have children. But God promised to give Abraham a family and that all the nations would be blessed through his family. God was faithful and kept His promises to Abraham. Jesus is the blessing from Abraham's family because He brings salvation to the world.

CONSIDER

- What about God's plan or promise did not make sense to Abraham?
- How is Jesus a blessing to the nations?
- Can you think of a specific time that God kept a promise to you? How did God's faithfulness in that situation reinforce that God's plan is always good and timely?

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel [noun.] good news; the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. Romans 3:23; 6:23



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13

CLASSROOM RULES

1

Chair Check
Sit in your seat when asked

2

Hands Up
Raise your hand

3

Safe Hands
Keep your hands to yourself

4

Clean Crew
Clean up after yourself

5

Feet Flat
Keep your feet flat on the floor

6

Listen to Leaders
Listen to what the leaders are saying

7

Bear your Badge
Keep your student badge on at all times

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BIBLE CLUB SCHEDULE

2:50pm - 3:12pm

Check - In & Snacks

3:12pm - 3:27pm

Recreation

3:27pm - 3:42pm

Worship & Large Group Bible Lesson

3:42pm - 3:57pm

Bible Activity

3:57pm - 4:20pm

Small Groups

4:20pm - 4:24pm

Missions

4:24pm - 4:30pm

Clean - Up / Check Out

4:30pm

Pick-Up

BIBLE CLUB LEADERS

STARKEY

Pastor Alex

Betty Jackson

Linda Wallace

Mary Wahl

Maureen Peltier

Rebecca Mitten

WALSINGHAM

Pastor Alex

Shelby Bode

Mattie Effertz

Jeremiah Anderson

Renee Lindquist

BARDMOOR

Pastor Alex

Shelby Bode

Barb Hart

Anne Blum

Renee Lindquist

CHECK-IN & SNACK

2:50pm – 3:12pm

1. Car riding students arrive / Have each check in for attendance
2. Students' energy levels are all different. Allow the ones that need to move around and get the "wiggles" out. Others be there for conversation and encouragement. Either way get to know the students more!
3. Leave to go get RClub/YMCA students. Make sure you bring the attendance sheet and only bring students preregistered back. Discuss with staff if you have questions.
4. Give everyone a snack and have them take a seat.
5. Go over Club rules and introduce leaders

ReCREATION

3:12pm – 3:27pm

BAG O' COMMANDS (PLAYBOOK PAGE 16)

Provide: Strips of paper, pen, paper bag

To Do: Write several easy tasks (for example, do 5 jumping jacks, curl up in a ball on the floor, crawl like a bear around the room) on separate strips of paper. Place the strips inside a paper bag.

You may choose to replace strips each time or ensure you have at least one strip per kid.

- Explain that you have different commands in your bag. Invite one TeamKID to guess what his task will be, then allow him to pull it out of the bag. When he reads the slip of paper, all kids must follow the command. Give each child an opportunity to predict a task and then draw a slip of paper from the bag.
- Debrief: Remark on what a great job the kids did following all the commands, even when they were not able to guess what would be on their slips of paper. Explain that no one knows exactly what the future will bring. Only God knows the future. He told Abraham what would happen to his descendants. Who is in control of everything? **God is in control of everything. Nothing is outside of God's control.**

WORSHIP

3:27pm – 3:42pm

Have the students stand up and play the video that leads the worship and motions to go with it. If this time is not effective with students then do not force it. If they do not respect or understand the purpose of the worship time explain it, but if it continues then skip the worship time and get start into the lesson.

A FUTURE BLESSING

GOD'S COVENANT PROMISE WITH ABRAHAM BASED ON GENESIS 12; 15; 17

When Abram was 99 years old, God talked to him again. “You will be the father of many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They will become many nations, and some of them will be kings. I will give them the land where you are living, and I will be their God. My promises will last forever.” God was so serious about His promise that He changed Abram’s name to Abraham, which means “Father of Many.” He changed Sarai’s name to Sarah. God said, “I will bless Sarah. She will have a son, and you will name him Isaac.” God promised to keep His covenant through Isaac and his future family.

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CONNECT

- **Say:** Even though it seemed impossible, God promised Abraham that He would give him a family larger than he could imagine. Though Abraham could not understand how everything would happen, Abraham obeyed God and believed Him. **God is in control of everything. Nothing is outside of God's control.** God had a plan, and He sent Jesus from His home in heaven to be born into Abraham's family. Through Jesus, all the nations of the earth are blessed because Jesus saves people from their sins.

DISCUSS

Read and discuss the questions below. Encourage TeamKIDs to use their Bibles to support their answers.

Younger Kids

- What two things did God promise to give Abraham? (God promised to give Abraham land and a family, Genesis 15:5-7.)
- What does the name Abraham mean and why is that important? (The name Abraham means "Father of Many." Abraham's new name was a constant reminder of God's promise, Genesis 17:5.)
- How does it make you feel to know that God can do what seems impossible? (Answers will vary.)

PRAY

Lead TeamKIDs in prayer. Thank God that He is in control of all things. Ask God to help us remain patient when we don't see how He is working in a situation. Thank God for His good plan for our lives.

BIBLE ACTIVITY

3:42pm – 3:57pm

BLINDFOLD WALKING OBSTACLE COURSE

Provide: Chairs, painter's tape, bandanna

To Do: Create an obstacle course using chairs and painter's tape. Chairs can be used as objects to move around, while painter's tape can represent a walking path.

Safety Tip:
Station leaders throughout the course to be sure every kid stays safe while blindfolded.

- Select two volunteers. Explain that one friend will be blindfolded while the other friend leads her through the obstacle course. Demonstrate how to successfully move through the obstacle course while no one is blindfolded. Encourage kids as they move through the obstacle course. Choose more volunteers once the first pair has completed the course.
- Remind TeamKIDs that in today's Bible story, God asked Abraham to leave behind a familiar place and go to a new place. Abraham obeyed God and believed God's promises. Our obstacle course was like God calling Abraham to a new place. We had to trust our friend to guide us just like Abraham had to trust God to guide him.

Start by giving everyone a snack. Students are to divide by grade with a leader. 5th graders have the opportunity to do a leadership class to serve.

Kindergarten

1. Welcome

- a. **Have you ever had to wait for something you were really excited about?** Give examples: your birthday, Christmas, a trip, dessert, seeing a friend.

2. Look: Count the Stars

- a. Show them a picture of a night sky filled with stars.
 - i. What do you see? Do you think you could count all those stars? What if there were even MORE stars? God told Abraham his family would become as many as the stars. Do you think Abraham could see how that would happen yet?

3. Touch: Make Stars

- a. Use the playdoh from the sensory box to make stars.

4. Main Point

- a. I CAN TRUST GOD!

5. Pray

1st – 4th Grade

- 1. **Have you ever had to wait a long time for something you really wanted? What was it like to wait?**
Abraham had to wait a long time for God's promise.
- 2. **Sometimes we don't know what is going to happen next. What are some things kids your age might worry about?** Examples: school, friends, family, trying something new, moving, etc.
- 3. **Abraham trusted God even when he didn't understand how everything would work out. When is it hard for you to trust God?**
- 4. **God always keeps His promises. Why is it important to know that God does what He says He will do?**
- 5. **What is one situation in your life right now where you can choose to trust God?** For younger kids, give choices: "Maybe something at school? With a friend? At home? Something you're afraid of?"

Pray

5th Grade Leadership

Leadership Principle: Leaders Are Patient

- **Bible Connection:** God promised Abraham that he would have a son and a large family, but Abraham had to wait many years for that promise to happen. Abraham learned that he could trust God even while he waited.
- **Big idea:** Leaders are patient with people and situations, even when things don't happen as quickly as they want.
- **Questions**
 - Why do you think it was hard for Abraham to wait for God's promise?
 - What does it look like to "wait well" instead of becoming frustrated or complaining?
 - When might you need to be patient with a younger student at Bible Club?
 - If someone is taking longer than you to understand something or finish something, what would a patient leader do?

Pray

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONS

4:20pm – 4:24pm

Provide: "World Map" (item GH.8), "All People's Puzzle" (item 1.8), 4 ziplock bags, "For All People" missions video (optional)

To Do: Print 4 copies of "All People's Puzzle." Cut apart the puzzles and put each one in a ziplock bag.

Show the "World Map," pointing out the general area of Minnesota.

• **Say:** Last week we learned about Sam and Joanna Choi, missionaries in Minnesota. The area where the Chois work is often referred to as the Twin Cities because the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul border each other and are the largest cities in Minnesota. Many different people from many different parts of the world live in this area. The Chois started a gospel-centered church for all people living in the Twin Cities. In fact, they even named the church All People's Church.

Form four groups, and give each group a puzzle. Instruct kids to work together on the "All People's Puzzle" to find out what this church is all about. Call on a volunteer to read the church's vision statement written on the puzzle. Discuss ways your church sends people out to share the gospel in your community and beyond.

Consider reviewing the "For All People" missions video from Session 3.

CLEAN - UP / CHECK OUT

4:24pm – 4:30pm

As you get ready to leave please make sure that the room is as you found it. We want to continue to have a great relationship with the school and that is dependent on keeping spaces clean and organized as we found it.

PICK-UP

4:30pm

- **RClub/YMCA** students will need to be walked back to their location.
- **Car riders** are walked to the front of the school to be picked up by an approved driver.