

Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
 - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
 - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
 - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
 - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - Interpretation: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
 - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: *Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson.* Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
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Lesson 11 ~ Genesis 11:26-12:9

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page & Activity Page (1 copy per student)
- Object Lesson: Helium-filled balloon
- Game: plastic cups

ICEBREAKER (5 min): Introductions

Have the children answer the following icebreaker question:

What's one thing that recently made you laugh?

BIBLE DISCUSSION (10-15 min): **Genesis 11:26-12:9**

- **Introduction:**
 - Today, children will learn when God called Abram, and how we can be people who say "Yes" to God when He calls us to do something.
- ***Read Genesis 11:26-32***
 - Who was Abram's wife? (Sarai)
 - Sarai was "barren." What did that mean? (she couldn't have children)
 - God had a special plan and purpose for Abram and Sarai. He would use this situation in their lives to build their faith.
- ***Read Genesis 12:1-3***
 - What was God asking Abram to do? (To leave his home and family and go to the land that God would show him.)
 - The Lord is calling Abram to a new land. What is the Lord promising to do for Abram? (make him a great nation, make him famous and a blessing to others, AND bless all the families on earth through Abram)
- ***Read Genesis 12:4-9***
 - What did Abram do? Did he listen to the Lord and move as he had instructed? (Yes)
 - Notice that Abram is 75 years old and doesn't have any children. And yet the Lord has promised Abram that he will make him a great nation and that all the families on earth will be blessed through him. As a 75 year old man with no children, Abram probably did not understand how God was going to fulfill this promise. But Abram had FAITH that the Lord would keep His promises. God is always faithful to keep His promises and, like Abram, we can trust that too.
 - How do you think Abram knew that he could trust God to lead him to the right land and fulfill his promises? (Through FAITH.)

Object Lesson:

- See this balloon. (*Hold the string so the balloon is floating high*)
- Does anyone know what makes this balloon float? (helium)

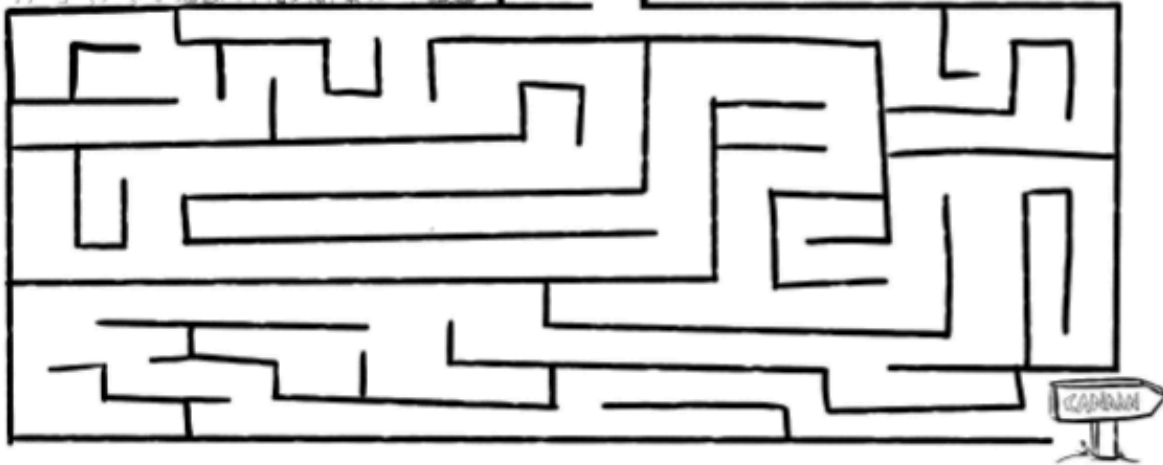
- How do you know the helium is there? Can you see it?
- Even though we cannot see the helium, we know the balloon has helium in it. That's what makes the balloon float in the air.
- And Faith in God is a little bit like the helium in the balloon. Even though we cannot see God with our own two eyes, we have faith that He is there. Abram trusted that God would lead him and had faith that God would do what He said he would do.
 - **Read Hebrews 11:1: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**
 - When we have a strong faith like Abram's, it helps us to say "Yes" to God when He calls us to do something. When our faith is strong, we know that our God will ALWAYS do what He says He will do and that we can trust Him to lead and guide us.
 - Can you think of some ways that someone might grow their faith in God? (Praying, reading the Bible, recognizing that everything good in your life comes from God...)
 - How can we show others our faith in Jesus? (Allow God to lead our lives, share about Jesus with others, be a good example, etc.)

PRAYER (5 min): Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME (5-10 min): Cups Up, Cups Down

Place 10 or so cups (depending on the number of students in your group) in the middle of the room. Put half of them upside down and the other half the right way up. Divide the group into 2 teams and give each team a name (ex: ups or downs). The 'up' team needs to turn as many cups up the right way as possible, and the 'down' team needs to flip them upside down. When the time limit is over (30-60 seconds) count all the cups and whichever team has the most turned up their way wins. Play multiple times if interested.

HELP FIND THE WAY TO CANAAN!



MATCH ABRAM'S ALTER STONES



FIND THE WORDS!



ABRAM	GOD	SARAI
CATTLE	LOT	SHEEP
DESERT	OAK	