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I am Meant to Know God **Kindergarten - 5th grade**

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God Called Abram- Genesis 12; 15

Bottom Line: I can trust in God.

Leader Context: This month we are teaching kids that they are meant to know God.

Through Bible stories from the life of Abram, who is later called Abraham, kids will learn that God is knowable and involved in their lives. Today, we will teach kids that they can trust God, like Abram did in Genesis 12 and 15. (Read Genesis 12:1-4.) Abram trusted God and followed where He led, and our kids can trust in God too.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Theme Verse Printable (1 per child- cut out for Kinder- 2nd grade), Pencil (1 per child), Child-safe scissors (1 per child), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), Theme Verse Poster (1 per group- on cardstock) Boxes (4 per group), Construction paper (4 colors per group- 2 of each color), Tape (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

We usually like to have a good plan and know what will happen next. Abram did not have all the details when God called him to leave his home. He didn't have a timeline or a big plan as he gathered up his family to head off to a new place. In fact, the only thing Abram had was a promise from God—and that was all Abram needed.

Abram knew he could trust in God. Say, "I can trust in God!" (*I can trust in God!*) When God makes a covenant, or a promise, we can trust that He will keep it. Abram knew that no matter what came along in his journey, he could trust in God, and so can we. God is a promise keeper!

Videos

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

God always keeps His promises. He even promised that one day Jesus would come back and make all things new again. That is a pretty big promise, but why would God make that promise? Everyone ask, "Why?" (*Why?*)

(*Circle one*) When God created the world, He created it according to His perfect design. God's plan was for people to know Him and have a close relationship with Him. Because God made everything, we can trust in Him.

(*Circle two*) But we can struggle to trust in God because of sin. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. We go against God's plan and design for our lives and choose to do our own thing. Why? Because we believe the lie that we can't trust God, that we need to do this on our own. When we trust ourselves instead of trusting God, we sin, and that sin breaks our relationship with God. No matter how hard we try, we can't fix that broken relationship ourselves. We need someone to repair our brokenness.

(*Circle three*) The only person who can rescue and repair what is broken is Jesus, God's Son. Jesus took the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross and coming back to life three days later. Jesus showed that He is more powerful than sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, confess our sin, and ask for God's forgiveness, we can know that God forgives us and gives us a relationship with God forever.

(*Circle four*) God promises that everyone who trusts Jesus will get to have a relationship with Him. The same way Abram trusted God, we can trust God. God is worthy of our trust. Say, **"I can trust in God!" (I can trust in God!)**

God promised that Abram's family would be as big and full as the number of stars in the sky, and that the entire world would be blessed through him. Hundreds of years later, God kept that promise by sending Jesus, who is from the family line of Abram, who is later called Abraham. If you have questions or want to know more about following and trusting Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

We will all experience moments when we do not have all the answers. We may not always know the game plan, but we are made to know the One who makes the plan. We were created to know God and have a relationship with Him. We can know God by reading the Bible, talking to Him through prayer, and learning from other people who know Him. As we know God, we learn that we can trust in Him. Say, **"I can trust in God!" (I can trust in God!)** Say, "I am meant to know God!" (*I am meant to know God!*)

Abram trusted in God and followed God's plan. In the unknown moments, God directed Abram each step of the way. And the more Abram trusted and followed God, the more he knew God was someone to be trusted. We are meant to know God, and no matter what, we can trust in Him. Repeat after me: **"I can trust in God!" (I can trust in God!)** "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!) We can trust in God and that means we can trust He hears us when we pray. Let's pray and talk to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You that You always keep Your promises. You made us to know You and to trust in You. Help us follow You every day, even when we don't know what's ahead. Help us trust You with the details of our lives. Amen.

God's Treasure —

Big Goal: Know that we can trust God even when things are difficult.

Leader Prep:

1. Brainstorm challenges and opportunities kids may face. List them on the poster.
2. On a large piece of butcher paper, draw a red X, and write ***I can trust in God*** underneath.
3. You will fill in the rest of the map with your group.

Supplies: Butcher paper (1 per group), Markers (several), Poster and marker (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to make a map that reminds us of how we can trust God, just like Abram. First, let's talk about different challenges and opportunities that kids your age may face in the next couple of years. *(Allow kids to brainstorm as you write their suggestions on the dry erase board. Consider opportunities such as doing well in school, joining a team, and making new friends. Consider challenges such as getting in trouble, fighting with a sibling, and having to move.)*

Life is filled with all kinds of challenges and opportunities. But no matter what is happening, we can trust in God. Let's start our maps by putting a red X in the middle and writing ***I can trust in God*** underneath. Now, I need some help drawing six items around your map that may be found on a treasure map (palm trees, sand dunes, shipwrecks, and so forth). Which one of the challenges we talked about could be represented by the items on our map? Choose one of our brainstormed ideas to write beside each item. Include a combination of both challenges and opportunities. *(Allow kids to complete this step.)*

Draw a dotted line that connects all the items but ends at the X. This is a good reminder that we can trust in God and follow Him no matter what is happening in our lives. *(Allow kids to complete this step.)*

Loud And Clear: This map can help us remember that when God called Abram, Abram trusted Him. Abram followed God, even though he didn't know everything that would happen. You and I can trust God like Abram. Say, **"I can trust in God!" (*I can trust in God!*)**

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- What happens when someone makes a promise and breaks it? What about when someone makes a promise and keeps it? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are meant to know and trust in God. Let's open our Bibles to **Genesis 12:1-2** and read about one of God's amazing promises together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* How do you think Abram might have felt when God told Abram to leave his home? *(He might have been nervous and excited to see what God had for him.)* No matter how he felt, Abram still trusted and obeyed God. What can we learn from Abram's example? *(Abram didn't have all the answers, but he trusted that God keeps His promises.)*
- When it gets hard to trust God, how can this story help encourage us? *(We can remember God's promises and know that He is trustworthy. God kept every promise He made to Abram, and we can trust that He will keep the promises He makes to us.)*
- If a friend asked, "How do you know you can trust God?" how could you answer? *(We can trust God because He keeps His promises. He showed us His love by promising to send Jesus. God is all-powerful and doesn't break His promises. He is trustworthy and always follows through.)*
- The Bible tells us we are meant to know God. That means God wants us to know Him, not just know about Him, but have a real connection and relationship with Him. We can trust in Him because He keeps His promises. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*

Everything we talked about today encourages us to trust God in every part of every day. While we may not have all the information, we can be sure that God does. He will always prepare a path for us. God guides our steps. We can trust God with what we know and what we don't know when it comes to our present and our future.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.