

LESSON 19

God's Promises to Abram

Day 1

Check in with Uncle Peter, Jon and Carol
Did Mrs. Davis want money for her keyboard?
Who deserves God's kindness?
In Genesis 15:6 who believed in God?
What does **righteous** mean?



Day 2

Read together Genesis 15:6
Spend some time today memorizing this week's verse.
This one may seem like a tongue twister, and even confusing with all those personal pronouns. Let's break it down.
And he (lower case he means Abram) believed in the LORD (that's God) and He (capital He means God, or the LORD) accounted to him (that's Abram again) as righteousness.
This verse tells us that what God is looking for from Abram is trust and obedience. Abram gave his future to God when he went away from everything he knew and just followed God. When Abram gave up what he wanted for what God wanted, God declared Abram **RIGHTEOUS**. Righteous means living correctly before God, with a proper attitude toward God and trust and faith in God. Abram was not perfect, he was a man born outside of the garden and therefore born in sin, but Abram trusted God. We can learn to trust God like Abram.

And he believed in
the LORD, and He
accounted it to him
for righteousness.
Genesis 15:6

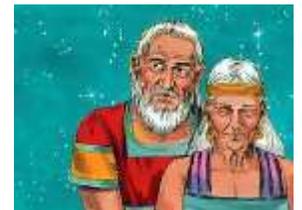
Day 3

Read together Genesis 13:14-17
Think about how many grains of dust would be in a handful. Do you think you could count them with a microscope? How long would it take to count all of the dust that covers the entire earth. That is how many descendants God promised to give to Abram. Now find Genesis 15:5-6. How many stars are there in the sky? I will give you a hint, there are more stars in the sky that we know of than you can count if you spend your entire life just counting. Abram must have been amazed at what God was promising, remember, at this moment Abram did not have any children yet but he still believed God's promise. Faith that strong takes patience too! When you pray today ask God to grow your faith like Abram's.



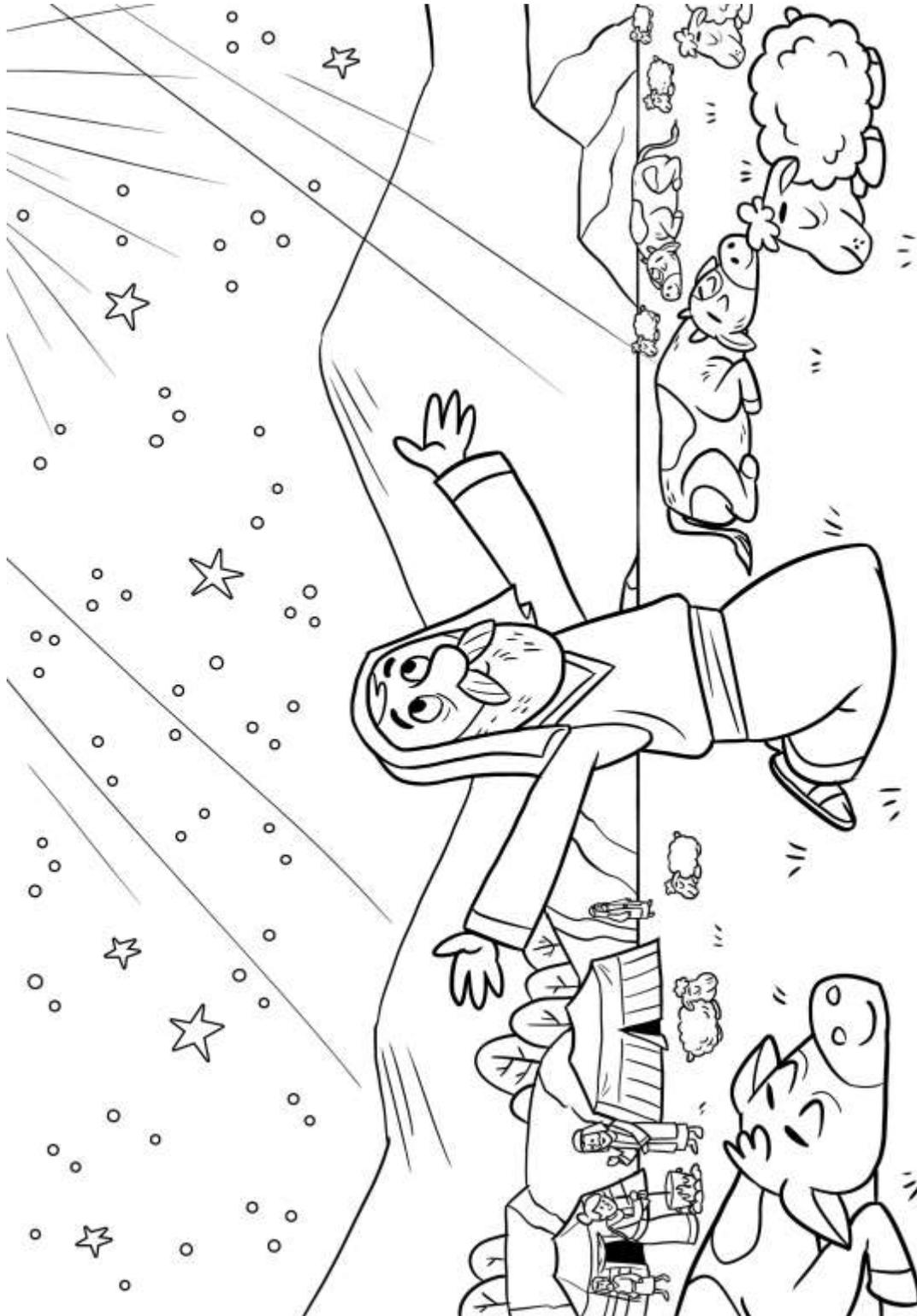
Day 4

Read together Genesis 17:1-8 and 15-16
Finally! Details! God is going to make a covenant with Abram. That is like a very serious promise between the two of them, but God's promise will last long into the future, past the death of Abram and Sarai. God is so serious about this promise that He even changes their names. Abram (which means exalted father and protector) and Sarai (my princess) will now be known as Abraham (father of multitudes) and Sarah (princess, or female ruler of all). Their new names show they have been given a promotion. They will be very important to God's chosen people. God also promises a natural son for them, a very special gift.



Jeopardy Questions

1. **What did God tell Abram after Lot left him?** (a. He would give him all the land of Canaan. B. He promised that Abram's descendants would number more than the stars. C. He said that Abram's descendants would go to live in another country and that they would be treated badly for four hundred years, but after that time God would bring them back to the land of Canaan which God had promised to Abram.)
2. **What new names did God give to Abram and Sarai?** (Abraham and Sarah.)
3. **Why couldn't Abraham and Sarah have children unless God performed a miracle?** (Sarah was not able to have children, and they were past the age of having children)
4. **Who created the first man and woman and gives life to every baby?** (God)
5. **Who knows the future of every person?** (God)



Carol: Uncle Peter, you will never believe what happened!

Uncle Peter: I cannot wait to hear.

Jon: I cannot believe it either! You have to come over and see what Mrs. Davis gave us.

Uncle Peter: That sweet lady at the end of the street? What did she give you?

Carol: Oh you just will not believe it. Our friend told us that she had a piano keyboard to give away. Most of our friends said they would rather have an iPod or something and they didn't want a keyboard.

John: You have always wanted to learn to play piano, Carol, we just never could afford to get one.

Carol: That's right! So we went over to ask her about the keyboard and it is perfect!

Uncle Peter: Why did she decide to give it away?

Jon: She had bought it for her grandchildren to play but they did not care about it or want to practice with it so she decided to give it away.

Carol: That is not all! She is even going to teach us how to play it for free!

Uncle Peter: You kids are right. That is really nice surprise.

Jon: Uncle Peter, I wonder if we should have accepted such an expensive gift. We haven't done anything to accept it. We are not even part of her family.

Uncle Peter: Yes Jon, but it seems like she really wants to bless you kids with the keyboard and lessons so that what she bought will be enjoyed. I am sure that it made her very sad when her own grandchildren rejected her gift. You kids accepting her gift has probably made her very happy.

Carol: I have never had anything this nice.

Jon: Neither have I, and it was a free gift!

Uncle Peter: That reminds me, we do not deserve the kindness God gives us. Most people do not care about God, but He is very happy when someone believes His promises and accepts His gifts. Remember Abram? Let's look some more about how God showed him kindness, he wanted to give Abram something that no man will ever deserve, righteousness. Even though Abram was a sinner, God accepted him as though he was perfectly right. Let's take another look...

