

## Parents Connect

**Bible Story:** God Made a Promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8,15-19)

**Bible Phrase:** Abraham believed God (Genesis 15:6).

**Bible Truth:** I can believe God will do what He promises.



## God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything.



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



## Unfolding God's Story For Parents

We have been building up to this point all month. This week we will focus on what God promised Abraham.

Ask, "How many people are in our family?"

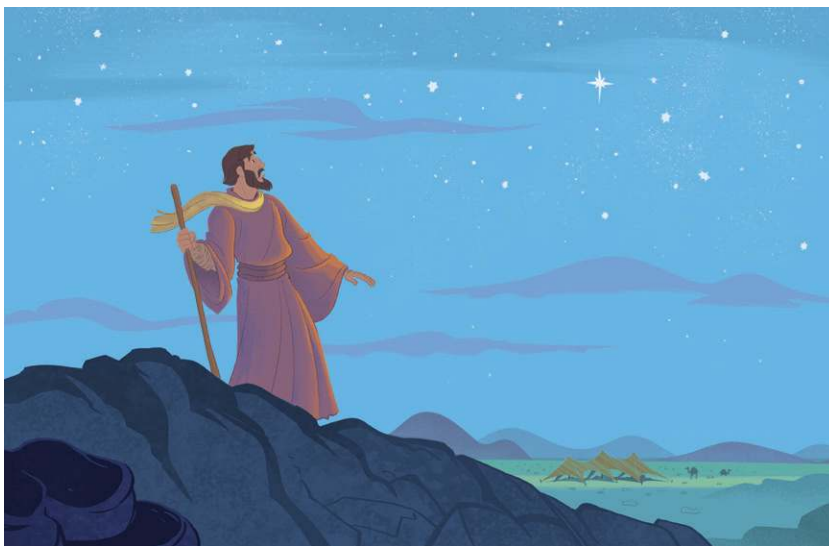
How many people in our bigger family of grandparents and cousins?"

Explain, "God had a special promise for Abraham. Listen to the story to find out what the promise was." Tell the story.

Ask, "Do you think it was hard for Abraham to believe God's promise?"

Say, "Sometimes it is hard for us to believe God will do so much for us."

Explain that God has made many promises to us in His Word. Take some time this week as a family to find and talk about some of God's promises. Pray, thanking God for His promises.



Abraham did not know how all this would happen since he and Sarah were old and did not have any children. But Abraham believed God because God had made a promise.

When Abraham was 99 years old, God spoke to him again. God reminded Abraham of His promise. He told Abraham he would make him the father of many people. God told

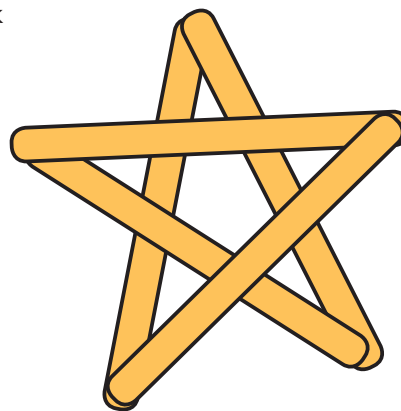
Abraham how this would happen. God said, "I will bless your wife Sarah and she will have a baby." God told them to name the baby Isaac.

God would keep his promise to Abraham. God wanted Abraham to trust Him and obey His words. God had important work for Abraham. Abraham and Sarah waited for God to give them their son, Isaac.

## Bible Story God Made a Promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8,15-19)

Abraham and his family were living in the land of Canaan. Abraham had been blessed with many sheep, goats, donkeys, and camels. Abraham was doing well living in the new land.

One night God spoke to Abraham and said, "Abraham, come outside and look up into the sky. Do you think you can count all the stars?" Abraham probably thought to himself, "God, there are too many stars to count." God told Abraham that one day his family would be like the number of stars because there would be too many people to count!



## Activity Suggestion Make a Star

The very thing that God asked Abraham to do, we can still do on a clear night. Go outside and look up at the night sky. Say, "Let's start counting the stars just like God asked Abraham to do." It does not take long to see

that there are just too many to count. God's promise to Abraham was that his children, and his children's children, and so on, would be as numerous as the stars. Make stars by gluing five craft sticks together as seen in the picture. Color with markers.