Little Hands, Big Hearts Devotionals for the Family



This week we continue a multi-week study about Abraham and Sarah.

Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. Simple songs like "Jesus Loves Me", "Jesus Loves the Little Children" or perhaps the books of the New Testament or Old Testament. Make sure to include a prayer as you prepare to study about Abraham and Sarah.

Review

Last week we learned some important things about Abram and Sarai. What land did they leave? Where were they going? Where did they go when there was a famine? Who did they lie to? What lie did they tell? Why did they tell that lie?

Devotional Thought

At the beginning of Genesis 13, we find Abram, Sarai and Lot leaving Egypt and heading back to Bethel. READ Genesis 13:6-9. The wealth of Abram and Lot led to tensions among their herdsmen. Because of their vast wealth, it could be assumed that each man might have hundreds of servants, herdsmen, warriors and other workers with them.

We sometimes think that money, a great house, the perfect job or the perfect family will fix our problems. As Abram and Lot prove, sometimes with more possessions come more problems. How do you typically handle problems with family members? What is the best way to approach problems and tensions with the people we love the most? How can we make family members feel more appreciated everyday?

As Genesis 13 continues we find that Lot picks the well-watered plains of Jordan to dwell in. Verses 12-13 tell us that Lot pitched his tent near Sodom, which was filled with people who were "exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord." Why was it a bad idea for Lotaa to dwell near people who were so wicked? In our own lives, what relationship should we have with those who are doing sinful things?

In verses 14-18, God makes a promise to Abram. God directly speaks to Abram and tells him that the land of Canaan will be his inheritance for his many descendants. This promise is fulfilled later in Genesis. What promises does God make to us today? Does he speak directly to us anymore?

Conclusion

Ask for a volunteer to summarize the study that the family has just enjoyed. Close with a prayer and thank God for the promises He has given to us.