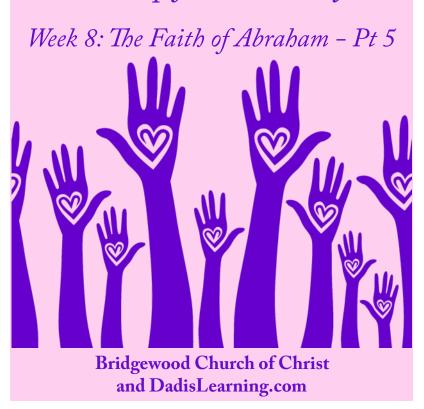
Little Hands, Big Hearts *Worship for the Family*



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. I have uploaded a teen songbook that we use at camp. Perhaps you will spot some songs that are familiar and you can sing together as a family. Click <u>here</u> to download the songbook.

Review

Last week, we learned that God made Abram some BIG promises. What were they? In what way did God communicate with Abram? Does God still communicate to people in that way today? Did Abram make any excuses? If he did, what were they?

Devotional Thought

!!WARNING!! - Today's reading and study contains sexual content. If you have little kids you will want to look this text and lesson over carefully to decide what is the best plan for your time of family worship.

READ Genesis 16:1-3. Sarai decides to take matters into her own hands and provide an heir for Abram in the only way she can conceive. Under Babylonian law, a maidservant could conceive an heir if the wife was unable to do so. Sarai gives her maidservant Hagar to Abram.

DISCUSS - An intriguing portion of scripture is, "And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai." Discuss the importance of this statement. Why is it important to consider who we listen to?

READ Genesis 16:4-6. What was the end result of Sarai's actions?

READ Genesis 16:7-16. It is interesting that the Lord doesn't not give Hagar a vision of peace and happiness for her future. Nowhere in the Bible does God promise us smooth sailing and pleasant days. We see that Hagar returns to Abram and Sarai and gives birth to a son who is named Ishmael. Do we allow ourselves to see God at work in tough situations? How can we prepare ourselves for tough times in life?

Conclusion

If you're still reading along and studying, you're doing great! It is my hope that you are growing together as a family and growing closer to God. Close your study with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.