

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Worship for the Family

Week 9: The Faith of Abraham - Pt 6



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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 [here](#) to download the songbook.

Review

Last week we learned that Sarai took matters into her own hands in fulfilling the promise that God had given to Abram. What did Sarai do so Abram could have an heir? Which law of the land was this following? What was the name of Sarai's maidservant? What was the name of the child? How did Sarai treat the maidservant after the child was born? What did God tell the maidservant?

Devotional Thought

!!WARNING!! - Today's reading has a section that families with young children will need to skip. Genesis 17:9-14 deal with the covenant of circumcision. Even families with teens will need to think about how they want to handle this topic with their children. You've been warned :)

READ Genesis 17:1-8 - In chapter 17 God makes a great promise to Abram. It is interesting to note that God identifies Himself to Abram - "I am God Almighty." I would imagine Abram had no doubt of who he was dealing with. Abram was told that his name would be changed to Abraham as a symbol of this new covenant. Abraham was told that his descendants would become great nations and that kings would come from his lineage. The land of Canaan was also promised to Abraham's offspring.

DISCUSS - What is the significance of God changing Abram's name to Abraham? Can you think of other times that God changed the names of His people?

READ Genesis 17:15-21 - God then changes Sarai's name to Sarah and tells Abraham that his wife (who is well beyond the age of having children) will have a son by "this time next year." Even though Abraham found the thought laughable, God made it clear that Isaac would be born and be a part of the covenant.

Conclusion

What a great passage to study with your family. A continued study of the Bible makes it clear that God kept His promise to Abraham. What promises has God made to us today as His children?