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God CREATES the World

Genesis 1:1-2:3

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What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 1:1-2:3

First there was nothing—just an empty, formless nothing. But then God decided to create the world. God made light first and then separated the water to make the sky. Then God gathered the water together to make the land and the sea. He also made plants and trees for food. Next God created lights: the sun, moon, and stars. Then God made water creatures and birds of every kind. Last came the land animals and the man and woman. When God saw everything he had made, he said it was all good. Finally, he rested.

Key Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Bible Point: God made the world.



- ⊙ How can your family celebrate God's creation?
- ⊙ What's your favorite part of God's creation?



kangaroo

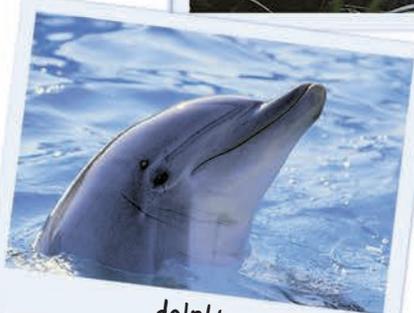


polar bear

giant panda



gorilla

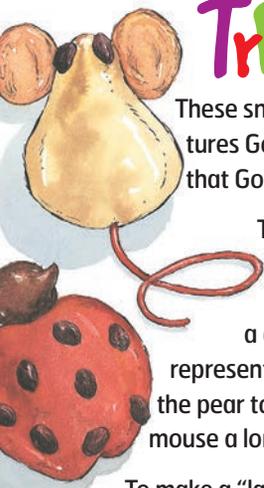


dolphin

Animal Answers

1. Which animal can smell scents up to 20 miles away?
2. Which animal can spend nearly 15 hours every day sleeping?
3. Which animal spends 16 hours every day eating?
4. Which animal makes noises called "clicks" at the rate of 300 sounds per second?
5. Which animal digs wells as deep as three or four feet in order to drink water?

Answers: 1. polar bear 2. gorilla 3. giant panda 4. dolphin 5. kangaroo



Treats to Eat

These snacks will remind you of the creatures God made as well as the fruit trees that God gave us for food (Genesis 1:29).

To make a "mouse," place a canned pear-half on a plate. At the narrow end of the pear, place a dried apricot on either side to represent ears. Then place two raisins on the pear to represent eyes, and give your mouse a long "tail" of red licorice.

To make a "ladybug," place on a plate half a red apple with the skin side up. Use peanut butter to stick raisins to the apple to represent the ladybug's spots. Use either a prune or a chocolate drop as the head.

Or just pull out ingredients from your cupboards and see what critters you can make.



Family Creation Appreciation

Take a walk with your family to look at God's creation. You can even take a camera

along to photograph your favorite trees, flowers, birds, bugs, and animals. Be sure to thank God for making such a wonderful world.



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- God created every single person! Pray and thank God for each one of your family members.
- Show a friend or neighbor the motions we invented as you explain how God made the world.
- Create something—maybe an art or craft project—or help a parent make a special meal. Think about what you had to do to create the item, and then thank God for creating the world.

Create-a-creature



God CREATES Adam

and Eve Genesis 2:4-22

I'm Special!

"I praise you
because I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made"
(Psalm 139:14).

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

My Fingerprint:

Draw a picture of yourself.

What I Like:

Compare fingerprints to see how each member of your family is specially, wonderfully made. Use an ink pad or pencil scribbles to take every family member's fingerprints. Then compare the fingerprints. You'll notice that all the fingerprints are different. That's because God specially made each of you!

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What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 2:4-22

God made the first man from the dust of the ground. God put the man, Adam, in a beautiful garden that had trees and fruit and a river running through it. This is where the man worked. But the man was alone, and God knew this wasn't good. So first God brought all the animals to Adam and asked Adam to name them. Still, Adam hadn't found a special partner, so God made a woman, Eve.

Key Verse: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Bible Point: God made us.



Animal Pairs Put several handfuls of animal crackers in a brown paper bag. Read Genesis 2:19-20, and then play this version of Go Fish. Sit in a circle, and have each person draw five animal crackers. Each person will need to hide the crackers behind books or another barrier so others can't see them. Each family member will try to make pairs of animal crackers by asking others if they have the same animal. If someone does, he or she must give up the cracker. If someone doesn't, he or she will say, "Your partner isn't here." Then the person who asked must draw another cracker from the bag. The winner is the one who pairs up all of his or her crackers first. When you're done, enjoy your snack!



Daily Challenge™

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- Find someone who seems down or lonely this week, and tell that person he or she is wonderfully made by God.
- God made us to have friends and people to help us. Make a card to thank someone like that who God has put in your life.
- Think of something that's important to you—it could be a pet, a toy, or something else—and thank God that you're important to him.



Wonderfully Made Treats

Get your family together to make some snacks that will remind you that God wonderfully made all of us. Buy a roll of sugar-cookie dough, or make the dough from scratch. Then use cookie cutters in the shape of gingerbread people, and add raisins, chocolate drops, red hot candies, and frosting to wonderfully make your own creations.



- @ How do we know we're important to God?
- @ How are you special to God?

Adam and Eve

SIN

Genesis 3



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 3

Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden. One day, the serpent sidled up to Eve and told her a lie about the one tree in the entire garden that God had told Adam and Eve not to eat from. Eve was convinced that the tree would make her like God, so she ate its fruit, and Adam did, too. When Adam and Eve realized the mistake they'd made, it was too late. The serpent, Eve, and Adam had to deal with the consequences of their sin, and Adam and Eve were banished forever from the Garden of Eden.

Key Verse: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Bible Point: God doesn't want us to sin.





Making Choices

With your parents, look at some of your favorite stories and books. Look for people doing wrong things, and see what happens to them because of their choices.

House Rules With the whole family, review your house rules. To these rules add the consequences of breaking them.



- Ⓢ Why do we sin?
- Ⓢ How can we do what God wants us to do?



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- Think of a way you hurt someone's feelings last week, and ask God to forgive you. Then ask that person if he or she will forgive you.
- Pray and thank God for his Son, Jesus, who died for our sins.
- As you eat a piece of fruit this week, tell the person you're with about what happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.



Crafty creature conned couple.

Eve **EXITED** Eden.



Cain kills Abel

Genesis 4:1-16



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 4:1-16

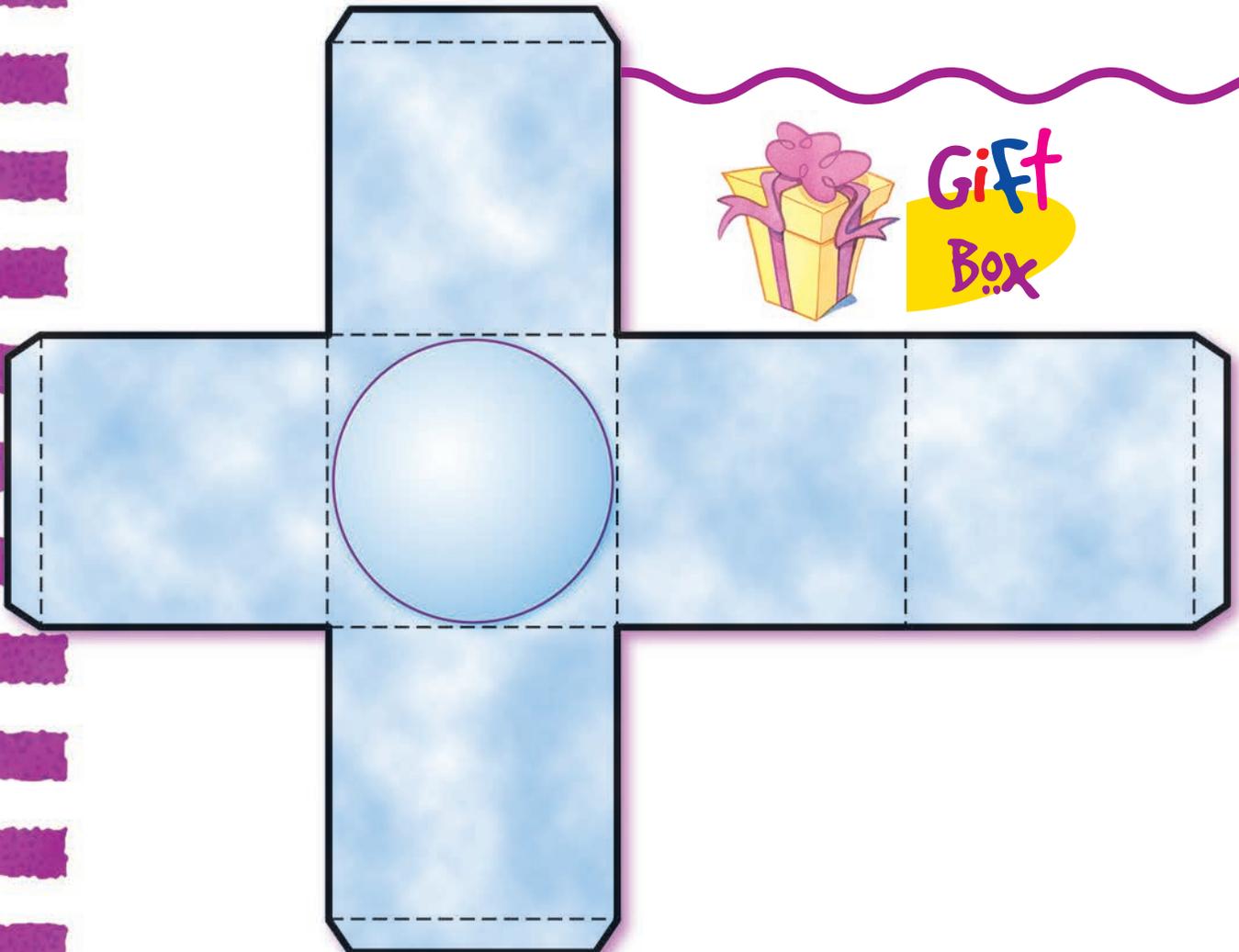
When Cain and Abel brought their gifts to God, God was pleased with Abel's and displeased with Cain's. Abel had given God his very best, but Cain had not. Instead of learning from Abel, Cain became angry. Instead of being happy for Abel's success, Cain became jealous. Instead of loving his brother, Cain let his jealousy take over.

Key Verse: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love" (Romans 12:10).

Bible Point: God wants us to love our families.



Gift
Box





- @ How does God want us to treat our families?
- @ How can we be devoted to one another instead of jealous of one another?



We're Special Talk with your family members about each person's special qualities. Then read Romans 12:10 together, and encourage each person to commit to doing something special for everyone else in the family.

Togetherness Plan time for fun as a family. Play a game, read a book, or make a craft together. Better yet, let each person in the family choose something for the family to do together.



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- Take your family tree home, and each time you see it, hug one of your family members.
- Pray for each of your family members this week.
- Volunteer to do your siblings' chores this week.



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 6:5-22

The Lord was not pleased. The world had become a hopelessly evil place. In fact, only one man in all the world was good, and that man was Noah.

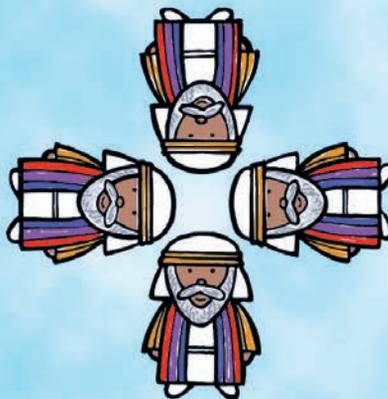
God told Noah that he planned to destroy everything in the world, but he would save Noah and his family. Noah listened as God told him about the massive boat he needed to build. Noah listened as God told him the exact size and features of the boat. Noah listened as God commanded him to bring every kind of animal to live on the ark. Noah listened—and obeyed.

Key Verse: "We must obey God rather than men!" (Acts 5:29).

Bible Point: God wants us to obey.



Noah's Ark



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow

through on his or her challenge!

- When your mom or dad tells you to do something this week, do it the first time they ask.
- Pray and ask God to show you when you're not obeying.
- Tell the Key Verse to a friend, and explain what it means to you.



- © What does it mean to obey God?
- © How do you listen to God?
- © What things can you do that will help you obey God?



Family Followers Play Follow the Leader with family members, and talk about how important it is to obey.

Pita Bread Ark Make these yummy snacks together.

1. Cut a piece of pita bread in half.
2. Fill the pita bread "ark" with a spread such as peanut butter, apple butter, Nutella, jelly, or cream cheese.
3. Place animal crackers inside the ark.





God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16

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What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16

When Noah was 600 years old, God asked him to gather together pairs of animals and enter the ark with the animals and his family. Noah obeyed, and the world flooded. Everything outside the ark died. But inside the ark, Noah and his family, along with the animals, waited. And waited. And waited. For more than a year, they stayed on the ark. Then, when the rains stopped and the ark settled for the first time, Noah sent out birds. Finally, a bird didn't return, and Noah knew there was dry ground.

After Noah and his family came off the ark, they thanked God for keeping his promise to keep them safe. Then God made another promise. He promised never to flood the earth again. As a sign of his promise, he set a rainbow in the sky and said that it would remind him of his promise to the world.

Key Verse: "The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made" (Psalm 145:13).

Bible Point: We can count on God's promises.



Diy-Land
Dove





Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- Hang your rainbow bird above your bed so you can wake up every morning and thank God for always keeping his promises!
- When you see a friend or family member having a hard time, teach that person the Key Verse, and tell him or her that God promises to love us all!
- Think of a promise you broke to someone, and tell that person you're sorry. Ask God to help you keep all your promises, just as he does!



- @ Why can you trust God's promises?
- @ Tell about a time God promised you something.

Family Promise Contract

Have each member of your family sign this contract, promising to do something nice for each other this week.

I promise to show kindness to _____ this week.

I promise to _____

Signed: _____

I promise to show kindness to _____ this week.

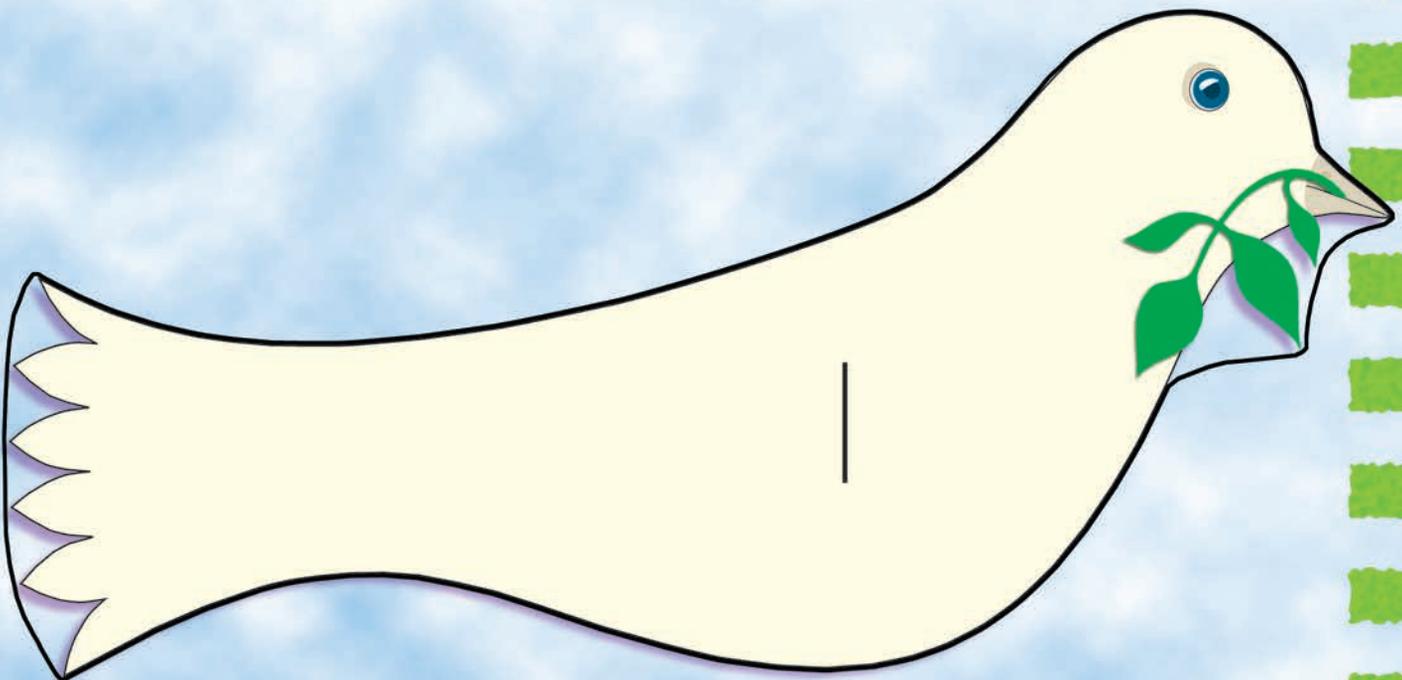
I promise to _____

Signed: _____

I promise to show kindness to _____ this week.

I promise to _____

Signed: _____



People Build a TOWER at Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

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6 Lesson
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LOVE GOD WITH YOUR
WHOLE HEART

(ADAPTED FROM
DEUTERONOMY
6:5).

Draw and color pictures on the bricks of things that you need from God, such as a heart to represent love, a cross to represent Jesus, a shield or helmet to represent protection, or a Bible to represent knowledge.

What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 11:1-9

A long time ago, everyone spoke the same language. God wanted the people to scatter out over the land, but they wanted to stay together in a big city. They built a huge tower to make themselves famous. God came down and gave them different languages, and the people scattered over the land.

Key Verse: Love God with your whole heart (adapted from Deuteronomy 6:5).

Bible Point: We put God first.



@ Why was the tower of Babel a bad thing?

@ As a family, how can you put God first?



Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- Put God first this week by reading a Bible verse first thing when you wake up.
- When you have to make a choice between right or wrong this week, choose to obey God by doing the right thing. If someone asks you why, say "I want to put God first."
- On a free day, before making plans, pray and ask God if there's anything he wants you to do.

A VERSE to Remember

Teach your family these motions to Deuteronomy 6:5:

"Love the Lord your God
(point upward)

with all your heart
(point to your heart)

and with all your soul
(fold arms over chest)

and with all your strength."
(flex both arms to show biceps muscles)



A Tower to the Sky Have your family look around your house to find building materials such as books, blocks, plastic containers, and cardboard paper-towel tubes. Encourage each member of your family to

contribute to building a tower as you tell what happened when the people started to build the tower of Babel. As you take down your tower, discuss ways your family can work together to put God first.



Abram Follows GOD'S Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

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What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 12:1-8

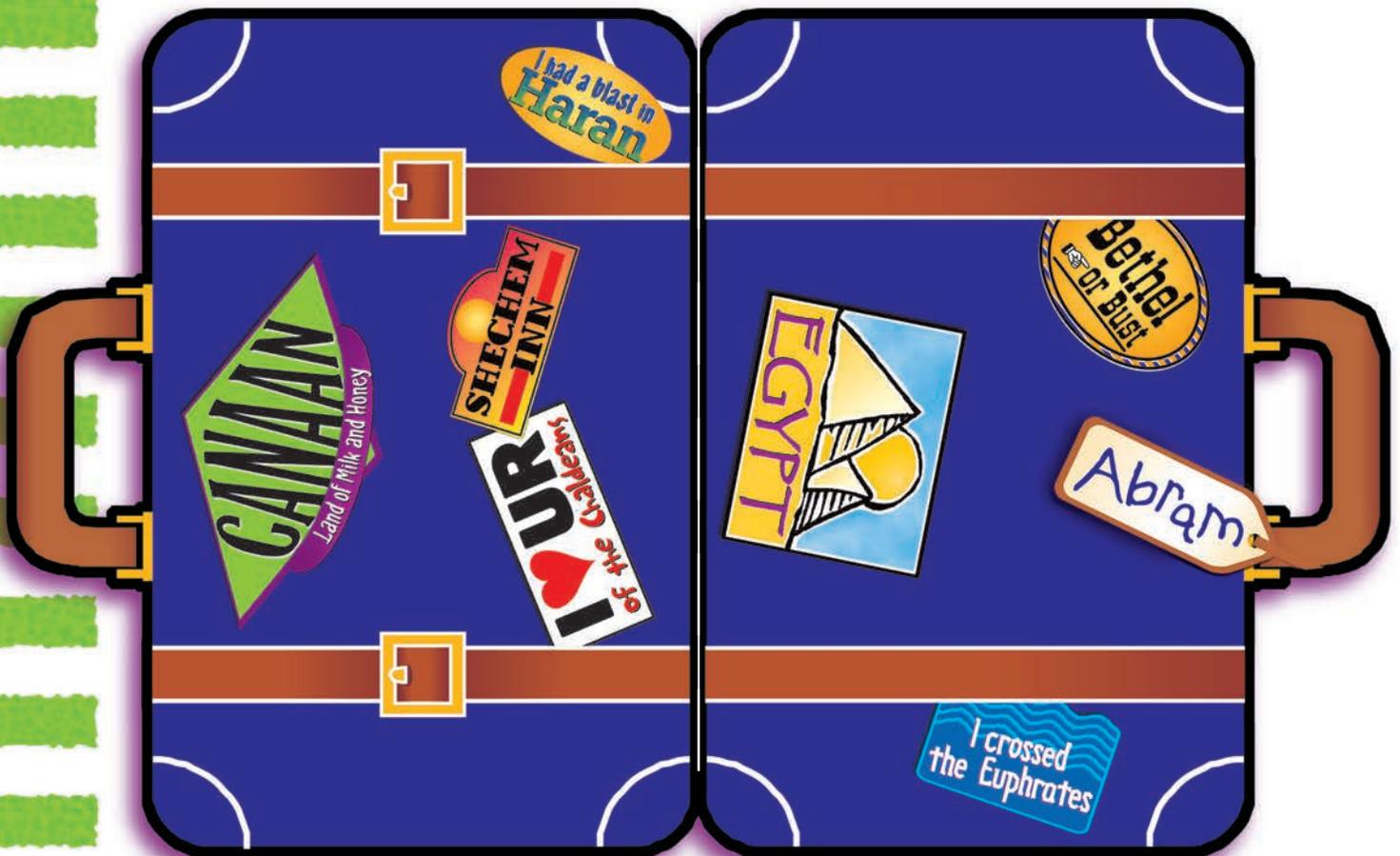
God told Abram to leave his home and relatives and to trust God to show him where to go. God promised Abram three things: Abram would become a great nation, his name would be great, and he would be a blessing to all the earth. Abram took his wife, his animals, and his riches and traveled to Canaan. God appeared to him there, and Abram built an altar to God.

Key Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

Bible Point: We can always trust God.



Time to Pack



Packing Up

Draw a circle around the things you might take if you were going with Abram on his journey. Then talk to your family about why you might take each item.



Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- @ Why can we trust God?
- @ What can you do to show God you trust him?

- Invite a friend over to your house. Give him or her a tour of your house, and then talk about the journey God asked Abram to take to a new home and how Abram trusted God.
- Each night before you go to bed, thank God for a way he took care of you that day. Pray that you'll be able to trust him to keep taking care of you.
- Think of a struggle your family is having, and then tell your parents why you trust God to take care of your family.



Key Verse Trail

Talk about why we can trust God while you trace over the words of the Key Verse.

Lot and Abram the Land

DIVIDE

Genesis 13

How can You Be Generous?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Silly Snicker

Q: Why was Abram so smart?

A: Because he knew a Lot!



Sheep
Mask

What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 13

God told Abram to travel to a new land. Abram took his family (including his nephew Lot) his servants, and his animals. They camped on some land. Soon they saw that the land was too small to feed Abram's animals as well as Lot's animals. People started to argue about who should have the land. Abram told Lot to choose the land he wanted. Lot chose the beautiful land by the Jordan River. Abram took the land that was not as beautiful. Abram was generous. God told Abram that he would have a lot of children and grandchildren and all the land he ever needed.

Key Verse: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).

Bible Point: God wants us to put others first.

Daily Challenge®

Today kids committed to completing a Daily Challenge. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (See your child's choice on the reverse of this page under the "How Can You Be Generous?" section.)



Sheep Talk

1. Share with your family the three ways your group decided they could get along with others by being generous. Talk about ways your family could do the same throughout the week.
2. Ask your parents to tell you about a time God gave your family something it really needed.
3. Each evening this week, encourage your family to talk about something that happened during the day that made it hard to get along with someone else. Talk about how being generous could have eased the problem.



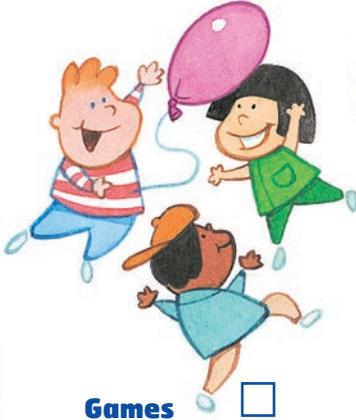
- @ How can the members of your family show love to one another this week?

God Makes a COVENANT With Abram

Genesis 15:1-18

Let's MaKE Plans

It's party time! Check the box by each picture when you are finished planning that part of the party.



Medal



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 15:1-18

Abram was sad. He didn't think he would ever have the son God had promised him. God saw that Abram was sad. He told Abram to believe that God's special plans would come to pass. God showed Abram the stars and told him that the number of stars Abram could see was the number of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren he would have. God made a special promise to Abram that all the plans he had for him would happen someday.

Key Verse: " 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Bible Point: God has good plans for us.



Count the Stars Sometime during the week, go outside at night with your family and look at the stars. Try to count all the stars you see. Talk about how Abram may have felt when God told him about all his plans for him. Talk about the plans God has for your family.



- Ⓢ How did Abram know what God's plans for him were?
- Ⓢ How does God give you hope and a future?

Daily Challenge®

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily

Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- Tell a friend who seems to be sad that God has good plans for him or her.
- Take a walk with a family member, and thank God for his plans.
- When you make plans, stop and pray that God will help you make plans that match up with his.

God has plans for me!

Abraham Has Three Visitors

Genesis 18:1-19:29

An Amazing Thing That God Is Doing in My Life

"For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

Don't forget to share
with Mom or Dad.

What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 18:1-15

God sent three visitors to call on Sarah and Abraham. When Abraham saw them, he treated them with great hospitality. He asked Sarah to bake bread from the finest flour; prepared a choice, fattened calf; and offered them curds and milk. Their message was the very special promise from God of a newborn son for Sarah and Abraham. Sarah couldn't believe she would have a baby at her age! The idea made her laugh!

Key Verse: "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

Bible Point: God does amazing things.



- @ Why do amazing things happen?
- @ Talk about when someone in your family was born. How was that birth amazing?



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge!

- Tell a friend about an amazing thing God's done in your own life.
- Watch the sunrise or sunset, and thank God for the miracles he gives us every day.
- Have someone read Luke 24 with you. Praise God for the gift of Jesus.



Miracle Miles In the car this week, you can play Miracle Miles instead of an alphabet game. Starting with A, look around for something beginning with A that reminds you of an amazing thing God did. For example, you might see an animal and say, "God's animals are amazing." Then, for the letter B, you might see a hot-air balloon and say, "Traveling safely is one amazing thing God does." Play until you've gone through the whole alphabet. (You're allowed to skip some of the hard letters!)



Famwiches Make and serve "famwiches" for your family. Have two family members each hold a graham cracker or vanilla wafer. Spread frosting on top of each cracker. Have one family member holding a cracker say, "For nothing..." Have the other family member holding a cracker say, "...is impossible." Then have the family members both say "with God" as they "smush" the crackers together to make a sandwich. Make one for each family member, and as you snack, take turns sharing with your family something amazing that God is doing for you.

Isaac Is BoAn

Genesis 21:1-6

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What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 21:1-6

Sarah and Abraham really wanted a child. After they had waited and prayed for many years, God fulfilled his promise to them and finally gave them a son. Sarah was 90 years old, and Abraham was 100 years old when their son was born. His name was Isaac, and Sarah was filled with laughter!

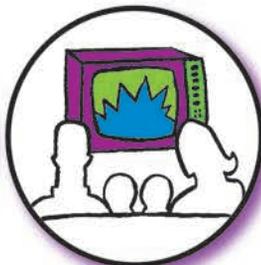
Key Verse: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

Bible Point: Thank God for his gifts.

Making a Mobile

"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).



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- Pray and thank God for each of your friends.
- Make up motions to a praise song, and praise God for his gifts by singing the song.
- Hang your mobile above your bed, and each morning when you wake up thank God for one thing you'll be doing that day.



Just Because Have a “Just Because” ice-cream party. Make sundaes, and then gather around the table with the whole family. Take turns talking about the things that make you joyful.



- @ How do you respond to God's gifts?
- @ How does God bring you joy?

“Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4).

“Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4).

Ask your parents to describe the day you were born or adopted.

Look at your baby book or early photos of yourself.

Ask your parents about their favorite memory of you as a baby or younger child.

Describe a special gift that your parents received when you were born or adopted.

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God CaReS for Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 21:8-21



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Genesis 21:8-21

Sarah told Abraham to get rid of Hagar and her son, Ishmael. God had told Abraham that Hagar and Ishmael would be okay. So Abraham sent them away. Hagar and Ishmael were left to wander in the desert. They were wandering in the desert of Beersheba, and when they ran out of water, Hagar was afraid her son would die. But an angel told her not to be afraid, and then God provided Hagar and Ishmael with a well of water.

Key Verse: Ask and God will hear you (adapted from Luke 11:9).

Bible Point: God always hears us when we pray.

Postcard



To: God

Ask and God will hear you (adapted from Luke 11:9).



Daily Challenge

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- End each prayer by thanking God for listening to you.
- Tell a friend or parent a time when you knew God was listening to you.
- Practice listening to others this week, and then pray for what they talked about. If God is always listening, we want to listen, too, and help people bring their needs to God in prayer!



Sacred Prayer Have you ever been afraid like Hagar? Talk about the things that scare you. What do you pray when you're afraid?

Family-Time Rhymes Teach your family these rhymes. See if you can come up with motions to go with each line.

In the desert dry
Hagar, Hagar, don't
you cry,
In the desert dry.
God is with you; it's
okay
In the desert dry.

Ask, seek, knock
Ask, seek, knock
All around the block,
Here or there,
Or anywhere!
Ask, seek, knock.

Ask, seek, knock
When you walk or
talk.
In a shop,
Or with your Pop!
Ask, seek, knock.

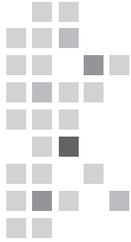
Ask, seek, knock
Jesus is the rock.
With all you do,
He's there for you!
Ask, seek, knock.

Ishmael, Ishmael,
don't you cry,
In the desert dry.
Water! Water! God is
here
In the desert dry.



- @ How do you know God hears us?
- @ How has God helped you in answer to a prayer?





Dear Parents,

Your family is important to our church, and we want to support your role as spiritual leader to your child.

In our effort to provide the highest quality Christian education, we are using **FaithWeaver NOW**® Sunday school. FaithWeaver NOW makes Bible learning fun by using a variety of active experiences to help students learn in the ways they learn best.

FaithWeaver NOW also helps people of all ages “weave faith into life” by applying the Bible to their lives throughout every week. With FaithWeaver NOW, students walk through the Bible over the course of three years.

Research shows that the most powerful influence on children’s faith development is the conversation about faith that takes place in the home. We want to partner with you in your child’s Christian education.

With the resources that are part of FaithWeaver NOW, you can make a huge contribution to your child’s Christian growth by leading activities and discussions that help make connections and apply what’s learned at church to daily life. That’s why every week your child will receive a take-home page that includes ideas for family discussions and activities that will help cement what your child learns at church.

All FaithWeaver NOW resources—for infants through adults—explore the same Bible passage each week, making it easier for you to help your family grow in faith together.

This quarter, we hope you’ll find encouragement in your role as a parent and a spiritual leader to your child. May these tools serve to remind you how important you are in your child’s life—and how blessed you are to be entrusted with this awesome responsibility!

God bless you,

Your **FaithWeaver NOW** Church

