



Photo: Saddleback Kids

God's Promise - Plan

Genesis 15

Lesson 3

Read Genesis 15

Read Genesis 15 in a Children's Bible. *The Gospel Story Bible* by Marty Machowski or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones are both good. Or, click on the link below to watch the recap of Genesis 15 from Saddleback Kids:

Abram to Abraham

Talk about Genesis 15.¹

1. Have you ever made a promise? Did you keep your promise?
2. God always keeps his promises even if those promises are hard to believe. Do you remember what promise God made to Noah?
3. Why was Abram sad?
4. What did God promise to Abram?

¹ Questions adapted from *Gospel Story For Kids* by Marty Machowski.

Did you know...

“The Whirlpool Galaxy is called a grand-design galaxy, and it is made up of hundreds of billions of stars, maybe as many as 500 billion! It’s an incredibly beautiful spot in the universe, and it’s also a very special one. That’s because the Whirlpool Galaxy is a place where stars are born - a sort of baby hospital for stars. You see, in the beginning, God created the first stars in an instant when He said, “Let there be light!” Since then stars have formed when giant clouds of space dust and gases pull tighter and tighter and tighter together until...a star is born. As each star is born, God names it and carefully places it right where He wants it to be in His universe (Psalm 147:4). Wow!”

“Scientists say a star is born every 0.0002 seconds. Some of those stars are smaller, but some are as big as the Sun or even bigger.”

Taken from:

Indescribable: 100 Devotions about God and Science

by Louie Giglio

5. Why did God tell Abram to count the stars? Do you think you can count all the stars?
6. Does God know how many stars there are? Read Psalm 147:4-5 to find the answer. What does this tell you about God?
7. True or False. To show how important this promise was, God made a covenant with Abram, just as he had earlier made a covenant with Noah. In those days, the tradition for making a covenant was to sacrifice animals and have both people in the covenant walk between the separated halves of the animals (see Jeremiah 34:18). In effect, the parties in the covenant were promising to keep the terms of the covenant or suffer the same fate as the animals. In God’s covenant with Abram, God alone went between the animal parts. This showed that God was taking all the responsibility of fulfilling the promise of the covenant. God’s promise to Abram was based on grace alone.
8. Abram’s (or Abraham’s) descendants were so numerous he couldn’t count them. And through one of Abram’s great, great, great...grandchildren the whole world was blessed and people from every nation became part of God’s family. How did God keep this promise?
9. Do you know what we call someone who keeps promises?

Prayer: Father God, thank you for your promise to Abram to bless every people and nation through Abram’s descendants. Thank you that our covenant with Jesus is the fulfillment of Your promise to Abram. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Memory Verse: “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

Activity: ✓✓ crayons, colored pencils, and paper

Draw a picture of yourself in the middle of the paper. Draw a star over your head. The star represents one of the stars God told Abraham about when he said his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Each person that places their trust in Jesus and believes in him becomes a child of Abraham—one of the stars God spoke to him about.