

KIDS Home Lessons

LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME TOGETHER!

June 6 | God's Covenant with Abraham | Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-9

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The Gospel Project Curriculum intentionally shares the whole story of Bible with kids on their developmental level over a 3 year cycle. Your child will be introduced to ***gospel centrality*** as their lessons connect all the pieces from individual stories in the Bible to show the ***one big story of God's plan to redeem people through Jesus***. Our heart beat is to share the gospel of Jesus over and over again in order to anchor God's one big story into the hearts of kids.
- Gospel-centered parenting helps your child see that Jesus Christ is perfecter and the transformer of you and your child. Our aim is not to modify our children's behavior by teaching the Bible as a collection of moral stories and rules about how to behave. Rather when our children see that every story in the Bible points back to Jesus, they understand Jesus is God's plan from the beginning to rescue people from sin and death! The gospel changes everything, including us.
- A **catechism** is simply a method of learning the truths about God and his gospel by asking questions which prompt answers. We encourage you and your children to memorize the catechisms shared along with the accompanying **Scripture** to build a storehouse of knowledge that the Holy Spirit can use to transform us to look more like Jesus.
- **Repeat, repeat, repeat:** Throughout the lesson, repeat the **Big Picture Question** and the **Christ Connection** to remind the kids of what they've learned and why it's important. Make it fun to make it stick.
- **Make it stick:** We do activities and games, ask questions and review to help the Bible story stick. This helps kids know how to apply what they are learning. The goal of this time is to give them a chance to practice what they learned and give them an opportunity to share.

BEFORE I TEACH

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Read the Bible Story to prepare yourself. After you read, **ask yourself:**

- What am I excited to teach from this passage?
- What did I learn about God (or myself) that was hard to hear?
- Did God reveal anything new to me in the passage?

Read the Christ Connection and **Big Picture Question**. After you read, **ask yourself:** *Why does this matter for the kids?* Jot down your answer in a journal, and pray the Holy Spirit would give you insight to know what truths about God your child needs to hear today.

MEMORIZE

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- **Catechism**
- YOU ASK: Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?
- THEY ANSWER: No. They sinned against God.
- Scripture Verse
 - **Ecclesiastes 7:29**

STORY & WORSHIP

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- **Bible Story** | Help kids see that the Bible is true and it's full of stories that help us know God and trust Jesus.
 - Watch the video lesson provided on the flashdrive!
 - Review the Big Picture Question and the Christ Connection after the story.
 - **Big Picture Question:** Why did God choose Abraham? God chose Abraham to be part of His covenant plan to send Jesus to earth to bring us salvation.
 - **Christ Connection:** God chose Abraham to be the father of the nation in which Jesus would be born. In this way, Abraham would bless all nations, as God had promised. God also saw Abraham's faith in God's promises and counted it as righteousness. It is our faith in Jesus' perfect righteousness that brings salvation to God's people.
 - **Say** • How do we respond to this good news we just heard? **We worship God!**
 - Use the videos on the flashdrive to sing, dance and worship God together.
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TALK ABOUT THE STORY

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- **ASK**
 - What did Abram not have that made him sad? (a child, Genesis 15:2-3)
 - God said Abram's family would be more numerous than what? (stars in the sky, Genesis 15:5)
 - What did God tell Abram would happen to his family?(They would be slaves for 400 years, Genesis 15:13)
 - What did God promise Abram as part of the covenant?(a large family that would form nations and kings, land; Genesis 17:3-9)
 - Who came from Abraham's family to save us from sin? (Jesus)

MAKE IT STICK

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- Choose two volunteers. One will be the “shield.”The other will be the “promised one.”
 - Instruct the remaining kids to line up several feet away from the promised one.
 - Give three paper wads to the first child in line.
 - Instruct the promised one to turn his back to the line. The first kid in line must underhand toss each paper wad and hit the promised one.
 - The shield can use his hands or any part of his body to protect the promised one from the paper wads.
 - If a paper wad gets by the shield and hits the promised one, the one who threw the paper wad gets to become the promised one and choose someone to be his shield.
 - Continue playing as time allows.
- **Say** • God promised to be Abraham’s shield and give him a great reward. That reward was a special covenant completed in Jesus. What did God choose Abraham for? God chose Abraham to be part of His covenant plan of redemption through Jesus.
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LET'S PRAY

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- Encourage your kids that **Jesus hears them** any time they are talking to him! This is a great way to grow closer to your children and to hear their heart. Ask Jesus to help you believe and do what you've learned together.
- **Praying Together:**
 - Start a family journal where you can remember together what you are learning, what you and your children are praying for and praising God for
 - Ask your children for one thing they want to thank or praise God for and one way they want God's help so you can pray about that together.
 - Preschoolers can learn how to pray by repeating small phrases after you as you pray aloud.
 - Visit our Family Resources page for more ideas!

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me



BONUS!

Ask kids if they know what the word "gospel" means. Clarify that the word gospel means "good news." It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

- **God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16–17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.
- **We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)
- **God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8–9.
- **Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.
- **We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9–10, 13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.