

# GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH ABRAM

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 15-17



## The STORY

Read "A New Land" (end page only) and "The Promise" from The Beginners Bible (pages 47-53).

**Please note:** *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

NOTE: Please remember to use the name "Abram" instead of Abraham for this lesson, and change the use of the name in the Beginner's Bible story.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Why was Abram sad? (He did not have any children.)
- Why was not having children so sad for Abram? (He would have no one to pass on his inheritance and no one to inherit the promise of God.)
- What did God promise to Abram? (God promised that he and Sarah would have a son and many descendants.)
- What did God tell Abram to count? (The stars.)
- Why did God tell Abram to count the stars? (He told him to count the stars because there are too many to count and He wanted to show Abram just how big His promise was!)

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### CRAFT QUESTIONS

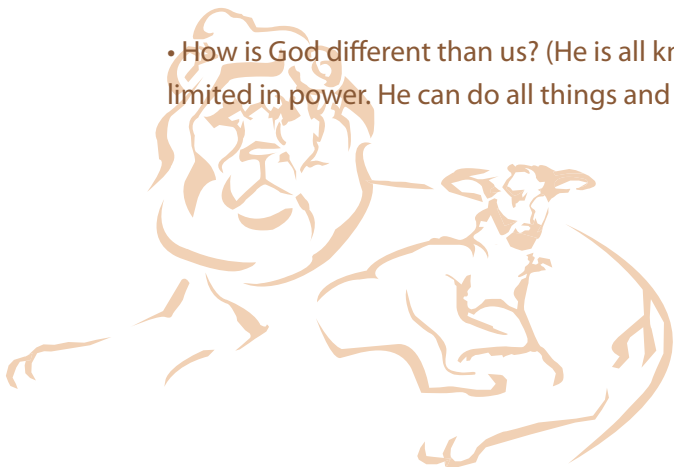
**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Abram looking up at a sky full of stars. Engage the children by asking:**

- Why is Abram looking up at the stars? (God told Abram that the stars represent all those who would come after him, his children, grandchildren and all their children after them.)
- What else did God place in the sky as a promise? (His rainbow to promise He would never again destroy the world by a flood.)
- Did God keep His promise to Abram? (Yes! Jesus was one of Abram's great, great, great...grandchildren. Through Jesus, the whole world was blessed and people from every nation can become part of God's family.)

### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- Has anyone ever gone out in complete darkness and looked up at the sky to see all the stars? Like when you go camping up in the mountains.
- How many stars are there? (There are way too many to count.)
- Does God know how many stars there are? (Yes, God knows. In Psalm 147:4-5 it says, "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is the Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.")
- How is God different than us? (He is all knowing and all powerful. We are limited in what we know and limited in power. He can do all things and knows all things.)



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### Where Is Jesus?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

God made a promise to Abram that through him all nations would be blessed. Abram himself would not be the one to bless all peoples; the one who would one day fulfill that promise is Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us in Galatians 3:26 – 4:7:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Once we were slaves to sin, but through faith in Jesus Christ, God adopts us and makes us sons! So, we become one of those stars that Abram saw when he looked up to the sky!

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

