

ABRAM'S COVENANT WITH GOD

GENESIS 15:1-21

God Story.

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Big Idea.

We can trust God even when things seem impossible.

Key Verse.

"I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." Genesis 12:2-3

Leader tip.

Pray for your kids before they arrive.

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Ask kids about their week and review last week's topic of trust.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**
Talk about the things that seem impossible to do.

Gs God Story

Ls Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
This video includes the God Story and Life Story as well as host segments and Key Verse game.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **15 minutes***
Take time to help kids digest the teaching from today's God Story and Life Story with this activity.
- 5. Prayer Activity** **5 minutes**
Get all tangled up with this prayer activity.

Os Our Story

- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents. Don't forget to give take home cards!

Ms My Story

1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tips:

- Use the Conversation Starter to set the tone for your group's time together.
- Be prepared to provide reminders about last week's lesson on trust if needed.

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, gather them together into a group.
- DISCUSS:** Last week, we talked about what it means to put our trust in someone or in God. We also talked about being trustworthy people. What can you remember about the topic of trust?
- SAY:** Today, we're going to talk about how **we can trust God even when things seem impossible.**

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Rubik's Cube

Leader Tip:

- There are no wrong answers in this activity. The goal is to open the kids' minds to today's Big Idea: **We can trust God even when things seem impossible.**

Instructions:

- Gather everyone to sit in a large circle on the floor.
- Instruct the kids to take turns finishing this sentence: "It is impossible to..."
- As they share, affirm or elaborate on their suggestions.
- Hold up the Rubik's Cube for everyone to see and then pass it around the circle.
- Ask if anyone knows how to solve the 3-D puzzle or if it seems impossible to do.
- Explain that something that seems possible to 1 person may seem impossible to others—but nothing is impossible to God!



3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Abram's covenant in Genesis 15:1-21)
 - Life Story (Lize van der Bijl on trusting God after being diagnosed with fibromyalgia)



4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- White paper
- Scissors
- Pens
- Instruction pages
- Bibles

Instructions:

- a. Divide kids into their small groups.
- b. ASK:
 - What was today's God Story about?
 - What was the Life Story about?
 - Can anyone remember the key verse? [Genesis 12:2-3]
- c. Explain that sometimes things seem impossible for us, but when we trust in God, the impossible becomes possible. For example, enemies become friends or kids make huge impacts the world.
- d. Ask everyone to think of something they consider impossible in their own lives (e.g., getting along with their brother or sister; listening to and obeying their parents; getting an "A" in a subject they have a hard time in).
- e. SAY: **We can trust God even when things seem impossible.** With God's help, the impossible becomes possible.
- f. Give each person 2 pieces of paper, a pair of scissors, and a pen.
- g. Explain that you're going to do a trick together that will help remind everyone that we can trust God even when things seem impossible.
- h. Follow the 1st set of instructions together and then follow the 2nd set of instructions.
- i. On 1 of their papers, have kids write: **"We can trust God even when things seem impossible."**
- j. Hand out Bibles to each person.
- k. Ask them to look up and read Matthew 19:26.
- l. SAY: Jesus said these words to his disciples, describing who can be saved from sin. The impossible became possible because of Jesus!

5. PRAYER ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Yarn

Instructions:

- a. Stand in a circle with your small group.
- b. Hold the loose end of the yarn in 1 hand.
- c. Pass the yarn around the circle.
- d. Have every person hold onto the yarn with 1 hand, leaving plenty of loose yarn between each of them.
- e. When everyone is holding onto it, have the kids trade places in the circle so that the yarn knots into a big mess.
- f. Sit down again to wrap up.
- g. SAY: Sometimes there are situations in our lives that can feel impossible—like unknotting this yarn! Maybe you've had a situation in your family or at school that feels impossible. Remember, **we can trust God even when things seem impossible.**
- h. Pray with your small group. Pray that they would know and be reminded that they can trust God even when things feel impossible.

Os Our Story

6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Take home cards
- Crafts

Before Dismissal:

- Place crafts and take home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- b. Give take home cards to parents.
- c. Remind kids to take home their crafts.
- d. Make sure the kids' security numbers match parents' numbers before they leave.