



Trust requires relationship. It's no different with God. As we walk through the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, we see how important it is to trust God and stick closely to him no matter what's going on around us. Trusting God takes on different forms in our lives—at school, at home, and everywhere else we go—but it is rooted in relationship with him.

Week 4: Promise

Big Idea: We can trust God to keep his promises.

Supplies: Bibles

HANGOUT

1. DISCUSS:
 - a. Has anyone ever broken a significant promise that they made to you? If so, what was it? How did it affect your relationship?
 - b. Have you ever gone to great lengths to keep a promise? If so, share your story.
 - c. What kinds of promises might you make as teenagers that are different than when you were younger?

HEAR

2. DISCUSS: Was there anything from the God Story teaching that stood out to you? What about the Life Story?
3. SAY: When Abraham was 100 years old, he finally had a son [Genesis 21]. For years, God promised that Abraham would become a great nation. God had promised him a son the year before.
4. DISCUSS:
 - a. Do you think Abraham ever doubted God while he waited for that promise to come true? Is doubt okay?
5. Look up and read 2 Corinthians 1:19-20 together.

Leader Tip: Paul wrote this letter to the church of Corinth. When it says Silas, Timothy, and I, the "I" is Paul.
6. DISCUSS:
 - a. How are God's promises in the Bible fulfilled or accomplished by Jesus?
 - b. Who is Jesus to you? Have you promised to follow him for the rest of your life?
 - c. What does a promise to God look like to you? Do you ever try to make "deals" with him? [e.g., "If you help me to...I promise to..."] Have you ever kept a promise that you made to God?
 - d. What does a promise from God look like to you?

Leader Tip: Throughout the Bible, God collectively promises all of us things, most importantly Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Do you feel as if God has ever promised you something personally?

HUDDLE

7. Consider doing a small group challenge in the upcoming week. For example, you could promise to spend a certain amount of time talking to God each day or promise God that you'll read a book of the Bible this week or that you'll try to be more conscious of him throughout your day. Discuss the challenge you create and then commit to it. Remember to follow up with your small group about it throughout the week.
8. Pray as a small group about the things you discussed during your time together and about the things that are going on in one another's lives. Encourage students to pray for other students. The only way for them to learn is to start doing it!