



4. Bible Study

God's Promise to Abraham: Genesis 15:1-21; 21:1-7

Set Up: If possible, take the boys outside to look at the stars. Ask them to imagine how many stars might be out there. If it is not possible to go outside and look at the stars, let the boys explore a pile of sand. Let them look at it under a magnifying glass, run it through their fingers, and try to count the grains.

Say: One night, God promised that He would give Abraham a son. Abraham was very old. He was older than most of your grandparents. Abraham did not think he could have any children. But God asked Abraham to look at the stars in the sky. How many stars or grains of sand did you count tonight? (*Allow responses.*) Could you count every star or every grain of sand on the seashore? (*Allow responses.*) No, we couldn't count all of them. God said He would give Abraham more descendants than all the stars he could see and more than all the grains of sand by the ocean. That's a big promise to someone without children and too old to have any. But nothing is impossible for God, is it? Even though it seemed impossible, Abraham believed God. He knew that God always keeps His promises. It was many years before God's promise came true. Abraham and Sarah were much older, but God can do what He says He will. Abraham and Sarah did have a son, just as God promised. They called their son Isaac.

Review: Ask: "Who can count the stars or the sand of the sea?" (*Only God knows the number.*) "What did God promise to Abraham?" (*A son.*) "How do we know God will keep His promises to us?" (*Because He never lies. He does what He says He will do.*) Can you tell about a promise someone kept to you, even if it took a long time?

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