



# Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

## Monthly Theme: Wild West Faith

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### LESSON - GOD'S PROMISES ARE BIGGER THAN THE STARS!

Saddle up, Victory Kids! Today, we're going to continue our story about faith in the life of Abraham.

Last time, we learned about a man named Abraham. God told Abraham to leave his home and follow Him, and Abraham obeyed! He packed up everything and went where God said to go, even though he didn't know exactly where he was going.

But now Abraham was really sad because he wanted a son. He and his wife, Sarah, didn't have any children. And they were getting very old. *(Ask children, pause for responses)*

How old do you think Abraham was?

Abraham was around 75yrs old! Sarah was 65 yrs old! They were way too old to have a baby! Abraham was probably wondering, “God, what about your promise?” God had promised Abraham that he would have a son.

God reminded Abraham of his promise in a very special way. One night, God told Abraham to step outside. “Look up at the sky,” God said. “Can you count all the stars?” There were way too many stars to count! Then God said, “That's how big your family will be!” Wow! Abraham didn't even have one child yet, but God promised him a big, big family. Abraham couldn't see it yet, but he trusted God's promise.

**DO IT:** Let's pretend we're Abraham looking at the stars! *(have everyone look up and point)*

**SAY IT:** “God's promises are BIG!”! Now it's your turn to repeat after me. God's promises *(pause for kids)* are big *(pause for kids)*

Abraham didn't have a baby yet, but he still believed God. He said in his heart, “Okay, God I trust You!” That's what faith looks like. Sometimes, we have to wait too. Maybe you're waiting for something special, or for something hard, to get better. But even when we don't see the answer right away, we can still say, “God, I believe You!” God's promises are always true. They might take time, but they always come.

**SAY IT:** GOD's promises are bigger than the stars!

**DO IT:** Let's hold our arms up and stretch them wide to show GOD's promises are this BIG!

**PRAYER:** Dear GOD, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help me to trust You, even when I have to wait. I know You are good and Your Word is true! In Jesus' name, Amen.

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

**Question 1:** Did Abraham listen to God? (Yes)

**Question 2:** Did Abraham have a baby right away? (No)

**Question 3:** Can we trust God's promises too? (Yes)

**Question 4:** Are God's promises small? (No! They are BIG)

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

**Question 1:** What did God tell Abraham to do when he was worried? **Look up at the stars**

**Question 2:** Why did Abraham think it was too hard for him and Sarah to have a baby? **Because he and Sarah were very old.**

**Question 3:** Did Abraham still trust God? **Yes! He believed God's promise.**

**Question 4:** What did God say Abraham's family would be like? **As many as the stars in the sky.**



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### ACTIVITY 1: STAR SEARCH

**Items Needed:** Stars hidden around the room, buckets

**Connection:** Abraham had to look up to see the stars. When we look to God, we remember His promises!

**Step 1:** Kids search for stars hidden around the room.

**Step 2:** Place collected stars into buckets.

### ACTIVITY 2: JUMP FOR JOY

**Items Needed:** Jump rope and timer

**Connection:** Abraham and Sarah laughed with joy, so can we!

**Step 1:** Student will take turns jumping rope for 30 seconds

**Step 2:** The Student with the most jumps wins.

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

### CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

#### ABRAHAM & THE STARS CRAFT

**Items Needed:** Abraham & the Stars Craft Kit

**Connection:** Abraham trusted God's promise even when it seemed impossible, and God showed him the stars to remind him that His promise was big and true!

**Step 1:** Pass out one craft kit to each child (be sure they have all the foam pieces, stickers, and background).

**Step 2:** Help them peel and stick the foam stars onto the night sky background as shown in the instructions.

**Step 3:** Attach Abraham and verse stickers to complete the scene.

**Step 4:** Let kids write their name on the back and display or take the craft home to remember that God keeps His promises!

#### COLORING SHEET: GOD'S PROMISE COLORING SHEET

**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet and crayons.

**Connection:** God kept His promise to Abraham and He keeps His promises with us.

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

## God's Promise - Abraham Counting the Stars

