



Bible BASICS Discovering my Bible

LESSON OVERVIEW

Date: _____

I. Opening Activities

- A. Welcome Children
- B. Remind of classroom rules and hand out clothes pegs for coming
Listen - Love - Learn - Have FUN!
- C. First Time Visitors (Give a "Mystery Person" Paper,)
- D. Mystery Person – Read one mystery person profile and see if the children can guess which one of their friends the paper is describing this week.
- E. Attendance
- F. Announcements –
 1. Birthdays _____
 2. Upcoming church events _____
 3. Sunday school events / contests _____
 4. Receive Offering next week: _____
 5. Ushers/Greeters next week: _____
 6. Other _____
- G. Receive Offering (child chosen to do so the previous week)
- H. Review Last week's lesson–
 1. Bible story Review Questions
 2. Memory Verse
 3. Books of the Bible
- I. Songs: pertaining to today's lesson _____

II. New Bible Story

This week's story title: Abraham, A Man of Faith

III. Bible Story Review Game

Game: _____

IV. New Memory Verse (Game)

Hebrews 11:6

Game: _____

V. Books of the Bible Memory

Game: _____

Books to learn this week: Genesis through 2 Kings

VI. Activity

This week's Activity

VII. Supplementary Lesson

This week's Supplementary Lesson One: Object Lesson: "You Can't Keep a Faith Man Down"

Lesson 2: Character Visit: Abraham Visits

VIII. Closing

IX. Take Home Paper



LESSON PLAN

I. Opening Activities (Use planning space in Lesson Overview Page 1)

II. Bible Story

Title: Abraham, A Man of Faith

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6, 17:1-8, 18:1-15, 21:1-7, Romans 4:16-22

Central Truth: Abraham believed God even when circumstances looked impossible

Visual Aids: Picture of Abraham leaving home

Abraham, A Man of Faith

(Abraham was first called Abram until later changed to Abraham)

God told Abram to leave his country, his father's household and his people. God told him to go to a land that He would show him. Abram trusted God and did what God told him to do. Can you imagine going to a place you don't even know? What if you were lying in your bed tonight and God said, "Pack your things and walk out your door tomorrow. I'll show you which way to go."

God promised to make Abram into a great nation, to bless him, and to make his name great. Even today we speak of the wealth of Abram. The Bible says Abraham was *very* rich.

Abram went to the land of Canaan. God promised to give this land to his descendents. Abram had only one heir at this time; a faithful servant in his house, but not his own son.

God promised to make his descendents as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand of the sea. Abraham didn't know how this would happen since he didn't have a son, but this is why Abraham's faith is described as GREAT... He believed God even when he couldn't figure it out himself. Abram believed God's Word and it was counted to him as righteousness. Faith pleases God (Hebrews 11:6).

Sarai, tried to hurry things up by giving her maidservant, Hagar, to Abraham to have a child for her. This son's name was Ishmael. Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born.

God wants the best for us, not second best. Be patient and God will give you exactly what He promised. For example, God has promised to provide all of our needs. If you need a new school uniform, God will make sure you get one. It would be wrong and NOT God's best for you to steal a uniform from someone else. That would cause problems, like Sarai had! Did God say Abraham would have an heir by another woman? No, Abraham and Sarah would have a child together.

God changed their names to Abraham when he was 99 years old, and Sarai's name to Sarah. Abraham means Father of many Nations – Can you imagine having to introduce yourself as the "Father of Many Nations" and people asking you, "Oh, where are your children?" God said He *had* made Abraham the father of many nations, even though Abraham, at the age of 99 still had no children with Sarah.

Faith is never in the future. We can trust the Word of God just as if it has already happened.

Abraham laughed when God told him his new name! He was 99 years old and Sarah 89 years old.

God told Abraham that by that same time next year, a son would be born. The son was to be called Isaac. Isaac means 'he laughs', because Abraham laughed at the promise of God.



Three visitors came to Abraham: God and 2 angels. Abraham had food prepared for them. And they ate together. The angels asked about his wife Sarah and told him that she would have a son by this time next year.

Sarah was listening and laughed to herself. She thought it was impossible to have a child at their age. The Lord knew that Sarah had laughed and asked why. Sarah answered that she had not laughed. God said yes, you did and asked her if anything was too hard for God.

One year later, Isaac was born.

Abraham believed God's promise was true even though all the signs around him said it was impossible. If we will do the same, God will honour His Word and we will be blessed! We have a responsibility to believe God and God's responsibility is to answer our prayer.

III. Bible Story Review Questions and Game

Game: _____

Review Questions:

1. Where did God tell Abraham to go? (he didn't; to a land that "I will show you")
2. What land did God give to Abraham? (Canaan)
3. Was Abraham rich or poor? (rich)
4. How do we know this? (He had many servants and much land)
5. Name two promises God gave to Abraham. (descendents as many as the stars, a son, bless him, make him into a great nation)
6. Did the promises of God come to pass in Abraham's life quickly? (No)
7. Now old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born? (100 and Sarah was 90)
8. What was the name of the servant who gave birth to Abraham's son, Ishmael? (Hagar)
9. What is our responsibility when we pray? What is God's? (to believe God's promises / to do the impossible things)
10. What are three steps to believing God for a need to be met? (find scripture, pray, thank God)

IV. New Memory Verse

New Scripture Memory Passage

Hebrews 11:6 "For without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and the He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Game: _____

V. Books of the Bible Memory

Genesis through 2 Chronicles

Game: _____

VI. Activity

Name of activity: Bible Name Tag

Supplies needed: none

Instructions: Choose several Bible names and "change" the children's names to those Bible names. Suggestions: Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Ishmael, (Let the children suggest more) Write the names down.

Divide the children so that they are standing on either side of the room or playing area. One child is chosen to be "it" and stands in the middle. The teacher calls out a Bible Name and the children with that name try to run to the opposite side (exchanging sides) without being tagged by the child in the middle. If one is caught, he is out and the child who is "it" can



choose another person to be 'it.' The child in the middle takes name of the child who is out and goes to the opposite. Game is over when only the 'it' person and one other remains.

VII. Supplementary Lesson

Supplementary Lesson 1

Abraham tells his story

A teacher or "visitor" can dress up as Abraham (you can have a "Sarah," too, but she doesn't speak). Abraham can wear a natural colored piece of cloth wrapped around his body and a "turban" on his head and staff in his hand. A white beard can be made by gluing cotton wool onto a piece of paper shaped like a long beard, and attached with elastic around the head.) Abraham can read through this sample narrative, then speak from his own memory and using his own words. He should exaggerate an accent and his old age. The funnier, the more memorable it will be for the children to have "met" Abraham!

Hello, boys and girls. My name is Abraham and I have a story to tell you today! You see, my name wasn't always Abraham; which means Father of many Nations. My name used to be just Abram. God changed it because He had a plan for my life, just like he has for yours.

I lived in a beautiful land with my wife and family. We had so much land and many servants to care for it all. One day, God told me to leave my country and to go to a land that He *would* show me. He didn't even tell me *where* He wanted me to go, just to pack up and take my belongings and my family. He told me, "I *will* show you where to go." My mind thought this was crazy, but I had been talking with God and I trusted Him, so I obeyed.

God promised me that He would make me into a great nation, which means that my descendents would be many and would one day form a nation. He also said that He would bless me for obeying Him. And that he has surely done!

So, as we traveled, God led us to the land of Canaan. He promised me that this would be the land He would give to my descendents. This was a funny promise to me, because I didn't have any children of my own. I only had a trusted servant who would inherit all that I had. **But**, God promised me that my family would be as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the shore.

Have you ever tried to count the stars in the sky?

Have you ever tried to count the grains of sand on the sea shore?

I didn't know how God was going to do it, but I trusted Him. You know, Faith pleases God!

Now, I have a darling little wife named Sarai. She tried to hurry up the plan of God and a son named Ishmael was born. This was not God's plan, because Ishmael was not Sarai's son, but her servant Hagar's and mine.

We need to always be patient to wait for God's BEST in our lives. I was 86 years old when Ishmael was born to me. I loved Ishmael, but I knew that God had a different plan for us and that we needed to wait for Him.

When I was 99 years old God changed my name to Abraham and my wife Sarai's name to Sarah. We still did not have a son of our own. Imagine, I was 99 years old and Sarah was 89 years old. God's Word is so true, even today, that we can say something is done even when we don't see it yet. Do you know what that is called? That is faith.

At first I laughed when God told me we would have a son, but He told me that by the same time next year, Sarah and I would have a son. Sarah laughed, too! God told us that nothing



was too hard for Him and we trusted Him. Guess what...one year later we were holding our little baby. God told us his name was to be Isaac. The name Isaac means 'he laughs', because we had laughed. What a blessing to see the promise of God in our hands!

(Abraham exits and another teacher closes the bible story with the following)

Abraham believed God's promise was true even though all the signs around him said it was impossible. If we will do the same, God will honour His Word and we will be blessed! Our part is to believe God and God's part is to answer our prayer.

3 Steps to Answered Prayer

1. **Find scriptures** for what you are praying for. Be sure what you are praying for is in line with the Word of God. You can't pray and ask God to make someone fail their exams because they were meant to you! We know that God always wants the BEST and what is good.
2. **Pray** and ask God for what you want. We only need to pray one time. (1 John 5:15, "God bears us when we pray")
3. **Thank God** every time you think about what you are asking for. The answer is on the way! Even if it takes time like Abraham, God's promises will always come to pass!

(Repeat the three steps and have the children remember them – FIND SCRIPTURES, PRAY, THANK)

Supplementary Lesson 2

Title: You Can't Keep a Faith Man Down

Supplies Needed: 1 large glass jar or jug (approx. 4 liters), 1 balloon, a rock, a jug of water

Instructions: Set all supplies on a table in front of the class. Share the Scripture Reference: Romans 8:37 "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that love us."

Lesson:

In our lives we will face difficulties. Just because you are a Christian doesn't mean you will not have any problems. There are wars, murders, diseases, robberies, and all kinds of evil here on earth because Satan is the god of this world. Anything that steals, kills, or destroys is from Satan (John 10:10). Has the devil tried to do anything like that to you? We have a choice whether we will be run over by Satan's plans or ride on top of them by the power of the Word of God.

(Blow up the balloon until it is as big as a large orange and tie it.) God gave us His Word to use against the devil. It is sharper than any sword and will cut Satan's plans for our lives into pieces. *(Put the balloon into the jar.)* Just as my breath went into the balloon and made it big, so the Word of God goes into you to make you strong to rise above the evil plans of the devil.

(Pour water over the balloon.) What happens to the balloon? Does it sink or swim? It rides on top of the water. That is what God's Word will do for Christians who **USE** it! We get the Word of God into us by reading the Bible, by going to church, by singing songs about the Word of God and thinking about them. *(Pour more water into the jar.)* No matter how hard the devil tries to keep us down, we will always rise to the top, above the problem.

Now we will see what happens to a Christian who does not believe or act on God's Word, when attacked by Satan. *(Remove the balloon and drop the rock into the water.)* we must believe God's Word, speak God's Word, and act on God's Word, or we will sink!

VIII. Closing

Encourage children to use their faith in some area of their life. Give them an opportunity to pray and believe God for something they need or want. Help them to find a scripture for what they

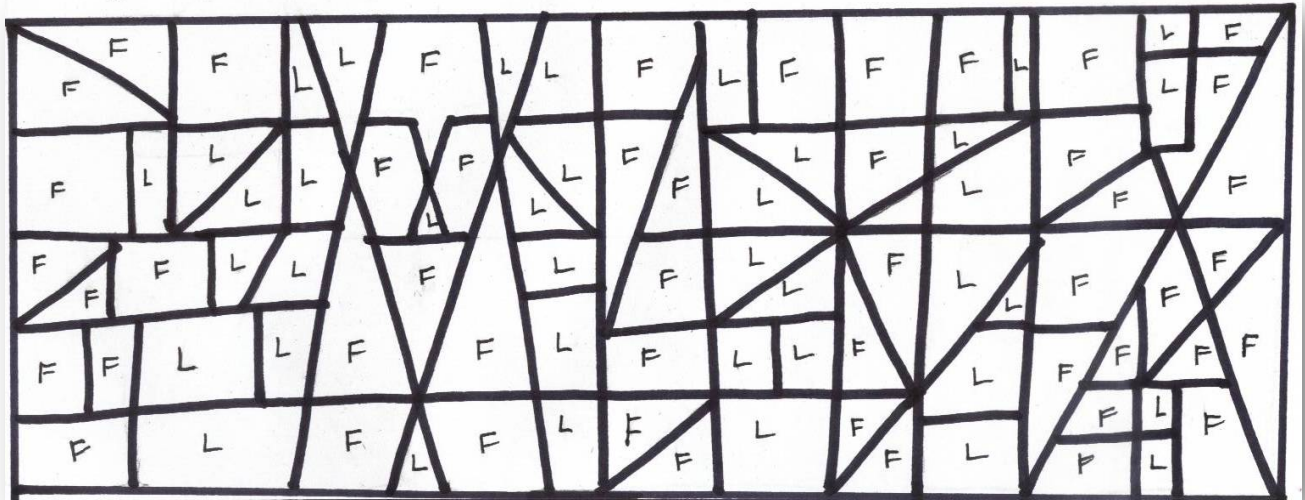
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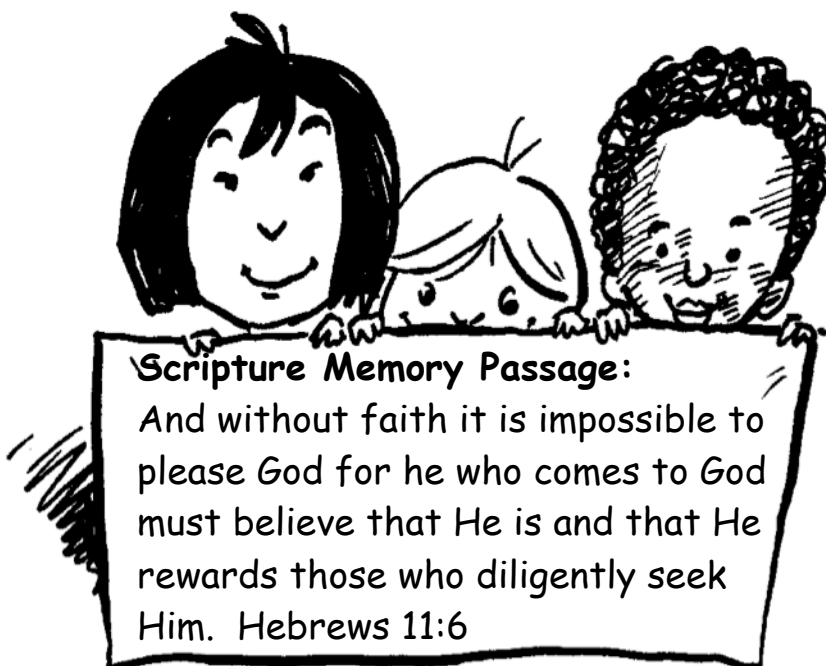
are believing God for. (Healing scriptures, scriptures that say God wants us to prosper, and scriptures about salvation for our families would be good to have ready before class.)

Hey Kids!

We learned a GREAT lesson today... We can overcome ANY situation in our lives if we remember to have faith in God like Abraham did. Do you remember the 3 steps to answered prayer? 1. FIND SCRIPTURES 2. PRAY and 3. THANK GOD. We can thank Him even before we see the answer because He is SOOOOO FAITHFUL! If your dad said he'd buy you a bike at month end... Would you wait until you had the bike to say thank-you? No! You'd thank him right then, and probably give him a great big hug, too! God never changes and He is even more reliable than our own parents. So thank Him! That's real FAITH!




See if you can figure out what pleases God... Color "F" with your FAVOURITE color and colour "L" with your LEAST favourite colour



FUNNY !
HA! HA!! HA!!!

Here's some medicine that is easy to swallow! Read Proverbs 19:22



What runs around a yard without moving?

...A wall!

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