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Series: God Keeps His Promises
Fall Year 2, Lesson 19

The Call of Abram

Take Home Point:

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES** *I will follow God.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Genesis 12: 1-9

We will help children know:

- The Bible event of God calling Abram to leave his land.
- God brings us into his family through Jesus.
- We, like Abram, believe God and follow him.




We will help the children feel:

- Trust in God's promises.
- Connected to God's family through Jesus.
- Desire to follow God's ways through their actions.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Follow God's Path.
- Snack: Walking Path.
- Game: Follow the Actions.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES... *I will follow God.*
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 5	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet holding a lunch sack Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> Imagination Box containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible costumes for two boys and one girl microphone (if needed)
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft-Follow God's Path Activity 2: Snack-Walking Path Activity 3: Game-Follow the Actions Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A copied on cardstock, 1 per child crayons or markers sand or cornmeal glue or glue sticks tray or cookie sheet <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice your choice of raisins or chocolate chips or cereal in shape of an "O" <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none needed
Large Group Wrap-up 	12 12	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding a sack lunch; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: **Boys and girls, let's call Judy.** *(Children call "Judy".)*

Judy: Hi everyone. I am soooo excited!

Presenter: **Why are you excited?**

Judy: Because mom and dad promised me and Bubba we would go someplace fun right after church. That's why I brought my lunch.

Presenter: **I see. Where are you going?**

Judy: I don't know. That is part of the surprise!

Presenter: **Oh. Where would you like to go?**

Judy: The zoo would be fun. Or maybe that new bouncing place.

Presenter: **Maybe you are going on a picnic or to the lake.**

Judy: Maybe it's the video arcade or the amusement park with the big roller coaster!

Presenter: **What if you are not going anywhere fun at all? Maybe your mom and dad are just taking you to a parking lot or to a clothing store for grown-ups.**

Judy: Oh, no. They would never lie to us! They promised we would go somewhere fun and we believe them.

Presenter: **I'm sure your parents will keep their promise. This reminds me of our Bible event today.**

Judy: Someone went on a trip?

Presenter: Yes. God told Abram to follow him to a new land. God promised he would give Abram land, make him a great nation and bless him.

Judy: Where was the new land?

Presenter: God did not tell Abram where the new land would be. He didn't tell Abram what the land would be like.

Judy: Did Abram go?

Presenter: Yes. God said, "Follow me." Abram trusted God and believed God's promises.

Judy: That's just like I'm trusting my mom and dad to keep their promise.

Presenter: Yes it is. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: *GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...now you say, "I will follow God. "

Judy: I will follow God.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...

Judy: (and everyone): I will follow God.

Presenter: One more time. *GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...

Judy: (and everyone): I will follow God.

Presenter: Wonderful. Have fun on your trip. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Imagination Theater

Supplies: Imagination Box containing: Bible, Biblical costumes for two boys' and one girl, microphone (if needed)

Take the Bible out of the Imagination Box. Show it to the children.

Today's Bible event comes from a book in the Bible called Genesis. It is about a man named Abram and a trip that he took. For our Bible event, I am going to have all of you children help me act it out. You will all have different parts.

Call forward two boys and a girl and dress them as Abram, his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot. They are at the beginning of a train of people and animals that will be journeying to the Promised Land.

Next, call forward several children to be the servants in Abram's household. Have them practice saying, "Are we there yet?" The next group of children will be the sheep. Have them practice saying "baa, baa".

Next, call forward some children to be the goats. Have them practice saying "maa, maa". Have the remainder of the children be camels. Have them practice stomping on the ground and saying "clomp, clomp."

For this drama you will be leading all the children around the room as you speak into the microphone. If your space is limited, this can also be done with the children standing in one spot. Each time you say, "sheep," the sheep should "baaaa." Every time you say, "goats," the goats should "maaa." Every time you say, "camel," the camels should stomp and say, "clomp, clomp." And every time you say, "servants," Sarai, Lot, and the servants should ask, "Are we there yet?"

Begin:

One day a man named Abram heard the voice of God speak to him. This is what God said: Speak in low voice with mouth close to microphone **"Abram. Leave your country, your people, and your father's house and go to the land I will show you. I give you three promises:**

- 1. I will make you a great nation.**
- 2. I will give you land.**
- 3. I will bless you, and all people on earth will be blessed through you."**

So Abram packed up his pots and his pans, his tents and his clothes, his animals and his servants. He headed down the road not knowing where God was leading him.

Begin walking around the room. **Was it a short trip? No! Abram, along with his sheep** (sheep should "baaa"), **goats** (goats should say "maaa"), **his camels** (camels should stomp and say "clomp, clomp"), and **his servants** (servants, Sarai, and Lot ask "Are we there yet?") **walked for days and days and days.**

They walked up steep hills (walk on tiptoes) **and down into valleys** (walk crouching low). **They walked along riverbeds** (make wave motion with hand) **and in the hot, hot desert** (swipe forehead with back of hand). **They walked until the sheep** ("baaa") **and the goats** ("maaa") **and the camels** ("clomp, clomp") **were all tired and the servants asked, "Are we there yet?" And Abram looked at God and asked,** (have child playing Abram ask question into microphone say, "Are we there yet?")

"No!" God answered. "Keep walking."

So they walked and walked and walked. They walked a week. A week is seven days. Let's count to seven. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. They walked a month. They walked ten months. Let's count to ten. Count to ten.

When the sheep ("baaa") **and the goats** ("maaa") **and the camels** ("clomp, clomp") **were almost too tired to walk, the servants again asked, "Are we there yet?"**

God answered, "Yes. Abram, this is the land I will give you and your children and your children's children." And then God told Abram to pitch his tents in the hills near Bethel. Even though Abram did not yet get his land, he believed God's promises and he continued to follow God.

When God called Abram to follow him, God was making Abram a part of God's family. We, too, are a part of God's family. We are a part of God's family because Jesus died on the cross to bring us into God's family. Because we are a part of God's family, we, too, can follow God. We follow God when we believe in Jesus, follow God's rules, and point others to Jesus.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...I will follow God.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You keep your promises.
Help me follow you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft “Follow God's Path”

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A on cardstock, one per child; glue or glue sticks; sand or cornmeal; tray or cookie sheet; markers or crayons

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a path in our picture very special. This will remind us to follow God.

First, do not color the path. Color the rest of the picture.

Now put glue on the path.

(Put picture in tray.)

Now sprinkle the sand on the path. I will help you carefully lift it up and shake off the excess so it stays in the tray.

Review the Bible Event.

What did God tell Abram to do? (*Pack up all his stuff and follow God to a new land.*)

Let's practice the take home point. ***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.../ will follow God.**

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Activity 2: Snack “Walking Path”

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; raisins or chocolate chips or cereal in an “O” shape

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let’s fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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We love you.
You keep your promises.
Help me follow you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a path in our snack to remind us to follow where God leads us.

Sprinkle snack of choice in the middle of child's napkin.

Use your finger to trace a path through your snack. Make your fingers “walk” down your path before you eat it.

Review the Bible event.

Did Abram obey God? Why? *(Yes. Because he believed God would keep his promise.)*

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Activity 3: Game “Follow the Actions”

Supplies: none

Boys and girls, today we are going to play Follow the Actions. This will remind us how Abram followed God. As I call out the following actions, you will follow me and do them too.

Ideas for actions:

1. Jump up and down
2. Hop on one leg
3. Twirl in a circle
4. Do jumping jacks
5. Run in place
6. Pat your head and rub your stomach
7. Do sit ups
8. Clap your hands in different locations (i.e. in front of the chest, to the side, above the head, etc.)
9. March in place
10. Sway like a tree
11. Twist your hips
12. Reach up to the sky and then bend down and touch your toes

Review the Bible event.

How did God make us a part of his family and ask us to follow him? (*By Jesus' death on the cross.*)

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Prayer Time:

How can we follow God? (*Answers will vary but may include believing in Jesus, obeying God's rules, sharing Jesus with others.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is called, Follow God's Path. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

...I will follow God.

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

I hope I don't fall on my knee and get a boo-boo.



Presenter:

Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like a path. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

...I will follow God.

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

I will keep those yummy snacks in my tummy!

Presenter:

Albie, today we played a game called Follow the Actions. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

...I will follow God.

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

I will promise not to tie your shoes together!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

Kids response:

...I will follow God.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES...*I will follow God.

Presenter says to Albie:

Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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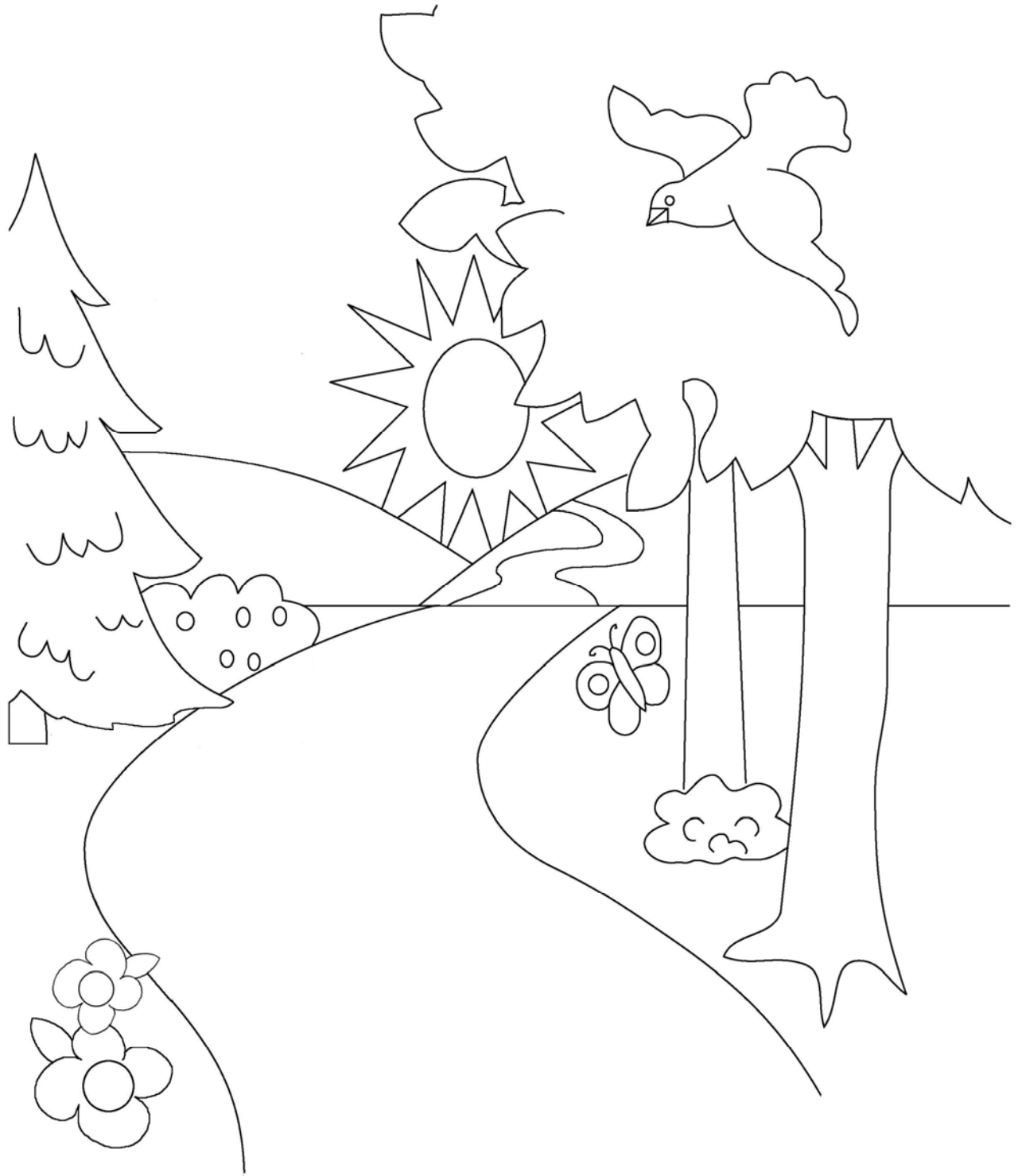
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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he always keeps his promises.



**God keeps His promises -
I will follow God.**