

Unit 2 at a Glance

God's Family

Unit Overview

In this unit, the lessons will move from the beginnings of Genesis on to Abraham's journey. From God's call to leave home and family, Abraham travels to the promised land and to greater faith. Lessons include the journey to Canaan, the birth of Isaac and Abraham's stirring obedience. The family grows as Isaac marries Rebekah to begin a family of their own. God teaches many life-changing lessons to this family and to our families today.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn about God's call and promise for Abraham.
- The children will understand God always keeps his promises.
- The children will believe they can love and serve God as they love and serve their families.

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Lesson 1 The Call and the Promise

Scripture Memory Verse **Romans 4:18**

Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations.

The children will journey with Abraham as he follows God's call to the promised land. They will consider how the "father of faith" kept his faith for many years as he waited to receive God's promise. The children will describe how God shows his faithfulness in their lives today.

Lesson 2 Faith and Obedience

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 22:12**

Now I know that you respect God. I see that you have not kept your son, your only son, from me. (ICV)

Few events in Bible history stir our hearts like Abraham's offering of Isaac. The children will examine the ways that Abraham showed his love and obedience to God. They will see how God provided a way out for Abraham and will think of ways that God faithfully provides for them each day.

Lesson 3 Devotion to God

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 24:51**

Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed.

God's plan and purpose for a godly family is the central theme of this week's lesson about Isaac and Rebekah. The children will participate in the events surrounding Abraham's faithful plan to get a godly wife for Isaac. The children will think of ways that these Bible families served God as they describe ways that they can serve God in their families too.

Lesson 4 Family Feud

Scripture Memory Verse **Philippians 2:3**

When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. (ICV)

Selfishness and deceit are the painful realities that will tear this family apart. The children will see how each family member plays a part in the unhappy events that lead to Esau's loss and Jacob's departure. The children will consider carefully the consequences of this family's behavior and think of ways that they will honor their families today.

Lesson 5 Family Reunion

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 33:4**

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

After years of separation and God's faithful guidance, the two brothers reunite with new and humbled hearts. Their reconciliation after twenty years is both powerful and stirring. The children will describe the ways in which Jacob and Esau changed for the better as they think of ways to solve their own family problems in ways that please God.





Dear Parent,

In this unit, your child will move from the beginnings of Genesis on to Abraham's journey. From God's call to leave home and family, Abraham will take your child to the promised land and to greater faith. Your child will hear the story of the adventure-filled journey to Canaan, the wonder-filled birth of Isaac and Abraham's stirring obedience to offer Isaac to God. Abraham's family grows as Isaac marries Rebekah to begin a family of their own. Your child will see that even the first family of faith can have problems, but God is still faithful to problem-filled families! Although Jacob and Esau start their young manhood at odds with each other, God teaches them both life-changing lessons that bring them together more humble than ever before. Your child will be moved by the tearful reunion of Jacob with Esau and their families.

Abraham and his family have left us a legacy of patient faithfulness and uncompromising obedience—values we cannot afford to pass up today. Let your child bring the lessons of these Bible families into the heart of your family, and pray that God will bless you with a deeper faith.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Find a reference Bible or history of the patriarchs to retrace Abraham's journey. Find out what the modern day names are of the countries through which he traveled. Help your child to deepen his appreciation for the practical ways in which Abraham showed his faith in God.
- Have a family devotional on God's plan for marriage. Bring out your wedding album and talk about the joy of your wedding day. Explain that God designed marriage to be great and to give us life-long friends who will help us get to heaven. Close with a prayer for your child to love God above all, and to one day marry a disciple who does too.
- Make a family scrapbook of faith. Collect pictures and items that remind you of ways that you have grown in your faith. Include pictures of friends that have come to church or studied the Bible with you; pictures or notes from discipling partners and other close spiritual friends; programs from a retreat or seminar; pictures from baptisms, etc.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

