



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 4

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 15)

Scripture: Genesis 15

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Pot of boiling water, oven mits, stuffed animals, flashlight, toilet paper rolls, cardstock paper circles cut to the size of a toilet paper roll, pin, tape.

Ask:

- Who remembers what our story was about last week? (Noah)
- Who can tell me why God sent a flood? (The world had become wicked and he was grieved he made mankind)
- What was God's sign that he wouldn't destroy the earth with water again? (rainbow)

Today, we're going to skip ahead a bit in Genesis and talk about a very important person in the Bible. We're going to talk about Abraham. Does anyone know anything about Abraham? (Allow for answers)

Summarize:

God called Abram out of the land of Ur. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot. They traveled a very long way because God promised Abram that he would make him into a great nation. Eventually, Abram and Lot separate from each other, and Abram is met by God in a vision. Let's read about it now.

Read: Genesis 15

Explain:

Abram (whose name God changed to Abraham) wanted to know how he could ever have a great number of descendants when he didn't even have one child.

So God made a promise to Abraham called a Covenant (this is way stronger than a pinky promise). Usually, in this time, if someone broke a covenant, they would die.

Have you ever waited for God to answer a prayer of yours? How did it feel? Did you know that Abraham waited about 25 years? That's a long time!

From Abraham, we can learn to trust that God keeps his promises, even if they feel like they're taking a long time.

Act it Out:

Reenact the story of the Covenant. Have a pot of water boiling.

Select a volunteer or two (have the teacher carry the pot if you don't think the kids can carry it)

One volunteer will hold the flashlight, one the pot.

Have the kids make a walkway lined with stuffed animals (goats, rams, and pigeons if you can help it)

Have the volunteers walk through the stuffed animals with the pot and light

Explain:

God promised Abraham children as numerous as the stars in the sky. And guess what? Jesus came from the line of Abraham.

We are the ones who broke covenant with God by sinning, but he died in our place. Now, all who call on Jesus are adopted into his family, meaning that Abraham has SO many descendants! In faithfulness he waited, and now, as believers in Jesus, we're among those stars!

Do a Craft:

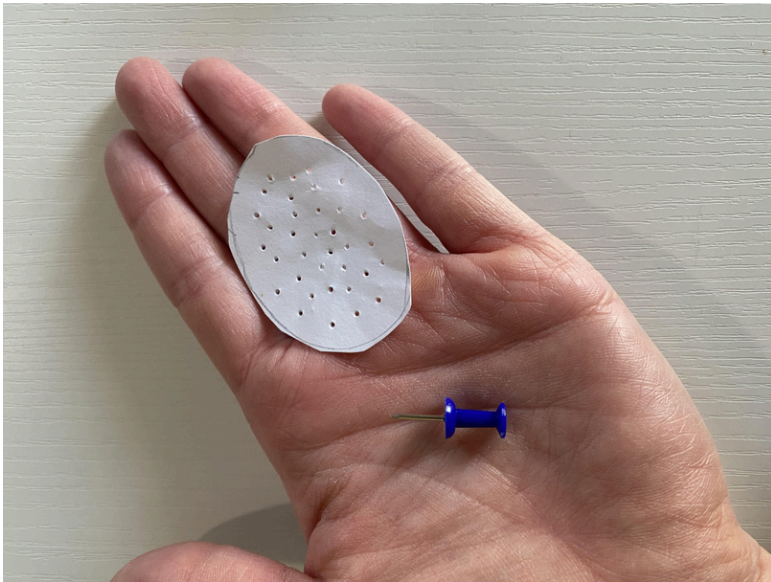
- Using a pin, poke tiny holes in the circle of cardstock paper
- The kids can decorate their toilet paper roll if they want
- Tape the paper over one side of the toilet paper roll
- In a dark room, have them look through the toilet paper roll and shine a flashlight. These are like the stars Abraham saw.
- Bonus points if your kids know any constellations that they want to poke into their paper

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids recreate the story of the God's Covenant with Abraham. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: Genesis 15:6

Close in Prayer



Trace out a circle to match the toilet paper roll. A little bigger will allow for less gaps. Poke holes throughout the paper.



Color the paper black with a marker. Tape the paper to the toilet paper roll with the black facing in.



Closing one eye, look up into the light and see your stars appear. This is extra fun if the room is dark and a flashlight is shone near the roll.