

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 15:6

And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

IN THE BEGINNING 5-1**"GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM"**
Genesis 15:1 – 18:33

1. Share a thought you remember from last week's lesson.

DAY 1 – READ Genesis 15:1-21

2. When the Lord appeared to reassure Abram, what was Abram's concern?
3. What promise did God give to Abram?
4. Write verse 6.
5. a. What future events did God reveal to Abram in verses 13-16?

b. Return to the land would come after a period of suffering and after the sin of the Amorites had reached "full measure" (Deuteronomy 20:16-18). Read Psalm 37 and write one or two verses that would encourage you in a time of suffering. Please share.
6. God's promises to Abram were specific (vs. 18-21). What is one specific promise to you under the New Covenant? Give Scripture reference.

DAY 2 – READ Genesis 16:1-16

7. a. What was Sarai's suggestion to Abram?

b. To "wait on the Lord" can be very difficult. Please share a time in your life when this was true for you.
8. What were the consequences of their actions for . . .
 - a. Abram?
 - b. Sarai?
 - c. Hagar?
9. a. What did the angel of the Lord instruct Hagar to do and what was his promise to her?

b. What did he tell her concerning the child?
10. How old was Abram when he became a father?

DAY 3 – READ Genesis 17:1-14

11. a. When the Lord appeared to Abram, what did He call Himself?
b. What does that mean to you? Complete this statement as it applies to you:
"Because my Father is Almighty, He is able to _____

12. Why was Abram's name changed?
13. In verses 7-8, what are two parts of the covenant?

14. a. What was to be the sign of the everlasting covenant?
b. Why do you think a covenant sign is helpful?
c. What helps **you** remember you belong to God?
d. How do others know you belong to God? Please share.

DAY 4 – READ Genesis 17:15-27

15. What did God tell Abraham concerning Sarai regarding . . .
a. . . . her name?
b. . . . her future?

16. a. Although Abraham laughed, what do we learn about his faith in God's promise from Romans 4:18-21?
b. What special promise is found in Isaiah 26:3 for those who trust God?
c. God has the power – that should give us peace. Write a sentence of praise to Him.

17. a. What was Abraham's prayer for Ishmael in verse 18?
b. In what ways did God plan to honor the request in verse 20?
c. In what way did He refuse it in verse 21?

18. How was Abraham obedient to God?

DAY 5 – READ Genesis 18:1-33

19. a. Describe Abraham's hospitality to the three men.
 - b. What does Hebrews 13:2 tell us about hospitality?
20. a. What did Sarah overhear the Lord say?
 - b. How did she react?
21. Fill in: "Is _____ Lord?"
22. Sarah was afraid and tried to deny her reaction. Why is denial useless according to these Scriptures:
 - a. 1 Chronicles 28:9
 - b. Hebrews 4:13
23. For what reason did the Lord not hide His plans from Abraham in verse 19?
24. a. Concerned for Lot's fate, Abraham began intercession on behalf of the righteous in Sodom. As the number was lowered, what was the Lord's response each time?
 - b. What truth do you learn about God from Abraham's intercessory conversation with the Lord?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: