

Old Testament Times

Abraham and the King

Genesis 20:1-18

Younger Memory Verse

No one can snatch you out of God's Hand. John 10:28 paraphrased

Older Memory Verse

I (God) give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.
John 10:28

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever told a little lie because you were scared? Let's see what Abraham does when he gets scared.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers:
Remember
to tell the
kids that
this is NOT
Abraham
Lincoln.

We have learned many things about Abraham in the Bible. Most of all, we have seen how he loved God and obeyed Him. Abraham was called God's friend and God promised to always take care of him.

There was one time, though, when Abraham decided to do things his way instead of God's way.

As Abraham was traveling in his tents in the desert, he came to a place where there was a king. He was afraid of what the king might do to him and his family because Sarah was very, very beautiful.

Abraham had an idea. He told Sarah to pretend that she was his sister instead of his wife. He tried to tell Sarah that it was OK because they were related.

Sure enough, the king thought Sarah was beautiful and asked her to come live in the palace.

Suddenly, everyone started getting sick. No one understood what was happening. Then one night, the king had a dream. God told him that he would die because Sarah was married to Abraham.

The king pleaded with God to spare his life. He told God that he had not hurt Sarah and did not know that she was married to Abraham.

Lesson Goals: Learn that it is better to tell the truth than lie
Know that God will help you in scary times

Early the next morning, the king asked his officials to come into his room. He told them about the dream. When they heard, they were very afraid.

They asked Abraham to come to the palace. The king asked him why he had lied. Abraham told the king that he was afraid that he would not believe in God and that he would kill him and take Sarah to his palace.

Then the king brought sheep and cattle and gave it to Abraham. He also returned Sarah and gave Abraham 1,000 coins of silver. He told Abraham that all this would cover the wrong thing that he had done.

Abraham prayed to God and God healed the king and his family.

Do you think that Abraham and Sarah learned a lesson from this experience? They learned that God can help them in any scary situation. They also learned that it is better to tell the truth than lie.

God wants us to tell the truth too. Sometimes it is easy to lie so that we won't get in trouble or get blamed for something we did wrong. But, God wants us to do right and tell the truth even if it hurts a little.

God always keeps His promises. He promised to help Abraham and He kept His promise. God also gave us a promise. He told us that He would make a way for us to go to Heaven, if we believe. Sure enough, God kept His promise. He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for us to go to Heaven if we believe in Him. If you want to know more about how to believe in Jesus, talk to us about it.

Learning Activities

Try activities that will help the kids see how they should be truthful and trust God.

Memory Verse Activities

Even though Sarah was in the palace with the king, God knew where she was and protected her. God promises that nothing can take us away from Him if we believe in Him. Draw a heart on the palm of your hand with a washable marker to remember that nothing can take us out of God's hand.

Prayer Time

Pray and ask God to help us be truthful this week and trust in Him.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Snack on "kingly" snacks and get to know the kids.

Planning for Lesson 11
Isaac is born
Genesis 21:1-7

Preschool Lesson
For
Abraham and the King

The kids can have a musical part in the story. Every time you say the word “king” let the kids put their hands in a circle on their heads and say “da, dada, da.”

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Hands-On Activities
For
Abraham and the King

Act out the story. Put baby powder on the king's family as the sickness. Use blankets or sheets as the king's royal cape.

Make "royal" crowns or necklaces out of buttons, glitter or other sparkle beads.

Draw a picture of how you think Sarah looked. Remember that she was very, very beautiful. Use yarn for her hair.

Talk about being honest and truthful. Share experiences from your life and how you told the truth in a hard situation or how you did not tell the truth and the consequences that happened. Kids will like to hear how you dealt with things and learned a lesson from them.

Use macaroni to spell out the phrase "Tell the Truth." Let the kids take it home and put it on their mirror to remind them to tell the truth.

Play the game "To Tell the Truth." Have three people pretend to be Abraham. Tell one that he will be the "real" Abraham and tell the other two that they will try to trick the people who question them. See if the kids can figure out who is the real Abraham.
