



Family Worship Guide- 2017

(Week 3: January 16)

Memorize: 1st- 5th graders can work on memorizing this verse for this week!

Genesis 17:1-2 “When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty,^[a] walk before me, and be blameless,² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

Read: As our church reads through The Scarlet Thread of the Bible this year, each week we will include a family worship guide for you to use with your children and to do as a family. As a family choose whether you read the full version of The Scarlet Thread or if you choose the condensed version. The Family Worship Guide will look ahead to the readings for the week ahead.

Readings: Genesis 15-37

Questions:

- What was God’s Covenant with Abram? (Genesis 15)
- How difficult is it to wait on the Lord and His perfect timing? (Genesis 15-16)
- How did the people know that there had been a covenant made between Abram and God? What change did God make to Abram? (Genesis 17) What was the meaning of his new name?
- What was Sarah’s response when the Lord said that she shall bore a child at old age? (Genesis 17)
- Why did Sodom and Gomorrah deserve the consequence and judgement of Sin? What was going on in their city? (Genesis 19)
- Who did God rescue out of Sodom and Gomorrah? Was that Grace shown on his behalf? (Genesis 19)
- What was God’s purpose in blessing Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22? How did God provide for Abraham? How did God provide a sacrifice for us?
- Look at God’s covenant promises to Isaac in Genesis 26:23-25 and to Jacob in Genesis 28:10-17. How do you see God continuing to fulfill the covenant promise that He first made with Abraham?
- How might Joseph’s unjust treatment have seemed horrible and unfair to him even though his life was spared? (Genesis 37: 12-36)

Bottom Line: God uses obedient and faithful followers to draw others to himself! Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph were all men who had imperfect lives that the Lord used to bring Glory to Himself!

Suggestions: These are suggestions for you to use to help better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These questions are intended to help parents facilitate a God-Centered discussion with their children.

Preschool: We recommend those with preschoolers in their home to use the Jesus Storybook Bible that weaves the story of Jesus through every story told in the Bible. This gives preschoolers a great picture of who God is and what Jesus did for each of us!

Children: 1st - 5th grade

- What did God ask Abram to do to make him stand apart from others? (Genesis 15)
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- How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born? (Genesis 21)
- What was the test that God gave Abraham in Genesis chapter 22?
- Why did Jacob (AKA Israel) love Joseph more than his other sons? (Genesis 37:3)
- What was Joseph trying to tell his brothers in Genesis 37 as they were tending sheep in the field?
- Why did Joseph's brothers dislike him so much? (Genesis 37:12-36)
- How might God want to use you and your family?

Students: 6th -12th grade

- What did the Lord say He would do for and through Abram? (Genesis 12:1-3)
- What was troubling Abram regarding the fulfillment of God's promises? (Genesis 15:1-3)
- What reassurance and promise did God give Abram regarding his offspring? (Genesis 15:4-6)
- What popular Bible story does Abram's dream prophecy about? (Genesis 15:12-16)
- What purpose for humanity does God restore through Abram (now Abraham)?
- Where else have we seen this promise renewed in the Genesis so far? (Genesis 17:1-8)
- Read Genesis 21:1-7. Did God keep his promise to Abraham? Can we trust God to keep His promises?
- Why should we rejoice in God's covenant with Abraham and God's fulfillment of that promise?

Pray together as a family that the Lord will continue to open your heart to His Word and The Scarlet Thread that is weaved through all the details!