

Family Worship Guide

Week 8

Read

- **Genesis 11:27:12:20**

- **Questions**

1. What we just read is one of the most important events in the Bible. God chose this man, Abram, who we know as Abraham, to believe in Him and follow Him. What was the first thing God asked Abram to do? *He asked him to leave his father's household and go to a new land - a land that God would show him.*

2. God also made a promise to Abram, what was it? Look at Genesis 12:2-3.

God promised Abram that 1) He would make him into a great nation, 2) He would bless him, 3) Abram's name would be great, and 4) all the people of earth would be blessed through him. God called Abram to a global mission.

3. God promised Abram that his descendents would bless the earth. What was hard to believe about that promise? *Abram had no children and his wife Sarai was barren. Read Genesis 15:1-6 to find out whether or not Abram choose to believe God. This is an example of how God called Abram to a faith mission.*

4. What did Abram do with his family? Did God call him to go to the new land on his own? *Abram took his family with him. He left with his wife, his nephew Lot, along with Lot's family, as well as his household servants. God called Abram to a family mission.*

5. We also read about this terrible situation when Abram and Sarai went to Egypt. Was it wrong for Abram to go to Egypt in the first place? *Yes. God told him to go to a land He would show him. But there was a famine, Abram was scared, and he did not trust God to provide for him.*

6. Abram did not trust God when he went to Egypt. He also did not trust that God would protect them in Egypt. What did he do? *He lied, and made his wife lie, about who she was.*

7. Having faith in God means telling the truth at all costs. Truthfulness is one of the best tests of how much a person trusts God. Are there times you are tempted to lie? How can we help each other as a family be more truthful?

Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself
Grace and Mercy
Salvation
Our family
Our church family?
What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “God is worthy of our worship because he is Holy.”
- CONFESSION – “Confess our wrongs”
- THANKSGIVING – How has God blessed you?
- SUPPLICATION – “The God of the Universe invites us to share our needs and requests with Him. Like a loving Father, He loves to bless us. Let’s ask God for the things we need.”
- Pray that we will live obediently to God’s Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for our EFM mission field in Bhutan. Pray for the new believers and churches that God is planting there! Pray for the leadership! For strength and passion for the Gospel!

Memorize

Genesis 18:19–“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right.”

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

Option 1

Supplies needed:

None needed - but pictures or sports cards of famous athletes may help.

I want to ask you all a question. Who is the best professional athlete you can think of? You may choose to stick with one sport. **OK, let’s stick with that sport. Can someone name another famous player?** Come up with a list of names. Give everyone a chance. Parents can help the little ones. **We have a list of great players here...but which one is the best of the best? Who would you choose?** Let each person “nominate” the player they think is the very best. Feel

free to have the same brief conversation about other sports. For added fun, try and find pictures, sports cards, magazines, or newspaper articles that talk about these athletes.

You may encourage smaller children to draw a picture of one of the athletes playing the sport.

Does anyone know where the best players from each sport “go” when they retire? The answer is that they go to a place called “The Hall of Fame.”

These are huge museums where they have posters, statues, videos, and memorabilia that celebrate the players greatest achievements. Sports can be really fun. Unfortunately, we live in a culture where people become heros because they can put a ball through a metal hoop, or throw a football into the endzone. Do you think God is impressed by people who can jump high or run fast? What things does God care about? There is a chapter in the Bible, Hebrews 11, that some people call “The Hall of Faith.” It tells the stories of

some of the most faithful people in the Scriptures. Let’s go to Hebrews 11 and find as many names as we can.

During the next few weeks of family worship we are going to learn about one of these people from “The Hall of Faith.” His name is Abraham.

For Teens

Consider having some of the following conversations with your teenager this week.

1. Have you ever made a promise and kept it? Have you ever made a promise, but failed to keep it? How should it affect our daily lives that God always keeps His promises?

2. In what ways do you see people around you lie to get what they want, or to get out of trouble? Do you think people generally see lying as a serious thing or something that is no big deal?

3. In your opinion, what is the number one reason why a teenager might tell a lie?

4. God called Abram when he was very old. Many times in the Bible God calls people when they are very young. Have you begun to sense God calling you into a specific mission for Him and for His Kingdom?

5. God called Abraham to focus on his children - who were not even born yet. God will likely bless you with children someday, and you are not too young to be thinking about them and what it will take to raise them to know and love God. What character trait do you believe that you most need to work on in order to be a godly father or mother someday?