

WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023



# CH<sup>o</sup>SEN

**PREPARE** 



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

## TALK TOGETHER

**TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY. SHARE AN INTERESTING STORY OR MEMORY.**

Did you know anyone who believes in Jesus is part of God's chosen family?

Many years ago in the Old Testament, God made a special promise to one of his followers named Abram. He told Abram his family would be so big they would be like the number of stars sprinkled in the sky and the amount of sand that sits on the ocean shores!

But Abram and his wife Sarai didn't have any children. For God's promise to come true, Abram needed to have a child. **Let's read Genesis chapter 17, verses 4-8 to learn more.**



### TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



### MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



### THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



### COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



***'BEHOLD, MY COVENANT IS WITH YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE THE FATHER OF A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS. NO LONGER SHALL YOUR NAME BE CALLED ABRAM, BUT YOUR NAME SHALL BE ABRAHAM, FOR I HAVE MADE YOU THE FATHER OF A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS. I WILL MAKE YOU EXCEEDINGLY FRUITFUL, AND I WILL MAKE YOU INTO NATIONS, AND KINGS SHALL COME FROM YOU. AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS FOR AN EVERLASTING COVENANT, TO BE GOD TO YOU AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU. AND I WILL GIVE TO YOU AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU THE LAND OF YOUR SOJOURNINGS, ALL THE LAND OF CANAAN, FOR AN EVERLASTING POSSESSION, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.'***

## GENESIS 17:4-8

Did you hear what God told Abram? He said Abram would be the father of many nations! God would also provide him with a large amount of land where his family could live. With God's promise, Abram and Sarai received new names: Abraham and Sarah.

At the time, Abraham was old; he didn't have a home, and he and Sarah didn't have a child. But God chose him to start a family that would become a great nation called Israel. When God says something will happen, it always does. When Abraham was 100 years old, Sarah gave birth to a son, Isaac.

Several years later, God made another promise to Abraham. **Let's read it in Genesis 22:17-18.**

Abraham believed in God's promise that one day everyone would be blessed through someone from his family.

This descendent of Abraham would be the King worthy of all our praise; the Messiah promised from ancient times, the perfect sacrifice to save us from our sins, **the chosen Savior — Jesus Christ.**

***'I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU, AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOUR OFFSPRING AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN AND AS THE SAND THAT IS ON THE SEASHORE. AND YOUR OFFSPRING SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES, AND IN YOUR OFFSPRING SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED, BECAUSE YOU HAVE OBEYED MY VOICE.'***

## GENESIS 22:17-18

## GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING  
GOD CREATED  
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,  
AND SIN PASSED TO  
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN  
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF  
US ARE SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED  
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL  
COME AGAIN.

### FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: GENESIS

This week's story comes from the book of Genesis. Genesis is the first of five books in the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch.

We can't be completely sure who wrote this book, but many believe it was Moses.

This book contains many well-known Bible stories, such as the creation of the world, Noah and the flood, and the story of Abraham.

### HOW CAN I KNOW I'M PART OF GOD'S CHOSEN FAMILY?

We become part of God's chosen family when we trust in Jesus as our Savior! (**John 14:1-3**) Like this week's memory verse says, all who are in Christ are Abraham's offspring. All Christians are part of the chosen family of God.

### OT-NT CONNECTION

This week's memory verse is from the New Testament book of Galatians, but it references Abraham from the Old Testament! **Read Galatians 3:25-29.**

- What promise is verse 29 talking about?
- Have you decided to be part of God's chosen family?

### JOURNAL

Ask an adult to help you look up a family genealogy of a historical figure. Sometimes we think of genealogies as a long, boring list of names, but you can find cool facts in genealogies!

They show us how people are connected. Write down in your journal what you learned about the historical person's family and what you learned about Jesus' family from our passage in Genesis.

### WHY DID GOD GIVE ABRAM AND SARAI NEW NAMES?

Even though Isaac wasn't born yet, God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many." Sarai's name became Sarah, which means princess. God always does what He says! Abraham became the father of the Israelite nation, and their long-off descendant was Jesus, our King!

### READ



Do you want to learn more about the family of Jesus? The New Testament shows us how His family goes all the way back to the Old Testament! Read Matthew 1:1-17 to learn more.

- Can you find the main character from today's lesson (Abraham) in Jesus' family history?

## ♥ MEMORIZE

**AND IF YOU ARE  
CHRIST'S, THEN  
YOU ARE  
ABRAHAM'S  
OFFSPRING,  
HEIRS  
ACCORDING TO  
PROMISE.**

**GALATIANS 3:29**

**Q: WHAT DID GOD  
PROMISE ABRAHAM?**

**A: A CHOSEN FAMILY.**

## FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Galatians. Help your child find the book of Galatians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

## SHARE

Tell your child something about your extended family. If you don't know or have extended family, tell them about a special member of the family of God who has impacted your life.

## WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

## PRAY

**DEAR LORD, THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CHOSEN FAMILY.  
THANK YOU THAT ANYONE  
WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS AS  
THEIR SAVIOR CAN BE PART  
OF YOUR FAMILY. WE LOVE  
YOU. AMEN.**

## BAKE

Bake a family recipe. Help your child find a family recipe they can help you make. Share information with them about the cultural history of the dish or memories of someone making it.

## DISCOVER

Discover something an older relative enjoyed doing. Help your child learn about one of their older relatives and something this older relative enjoyed. It could be a sport, cooking, music, art, etc. If possible, try it out! If possible, share with your children photos of this relative.

## CREATE

Make a family tree! Help your child learn more about their extended family by making a family tree together!

Suggested materials include:

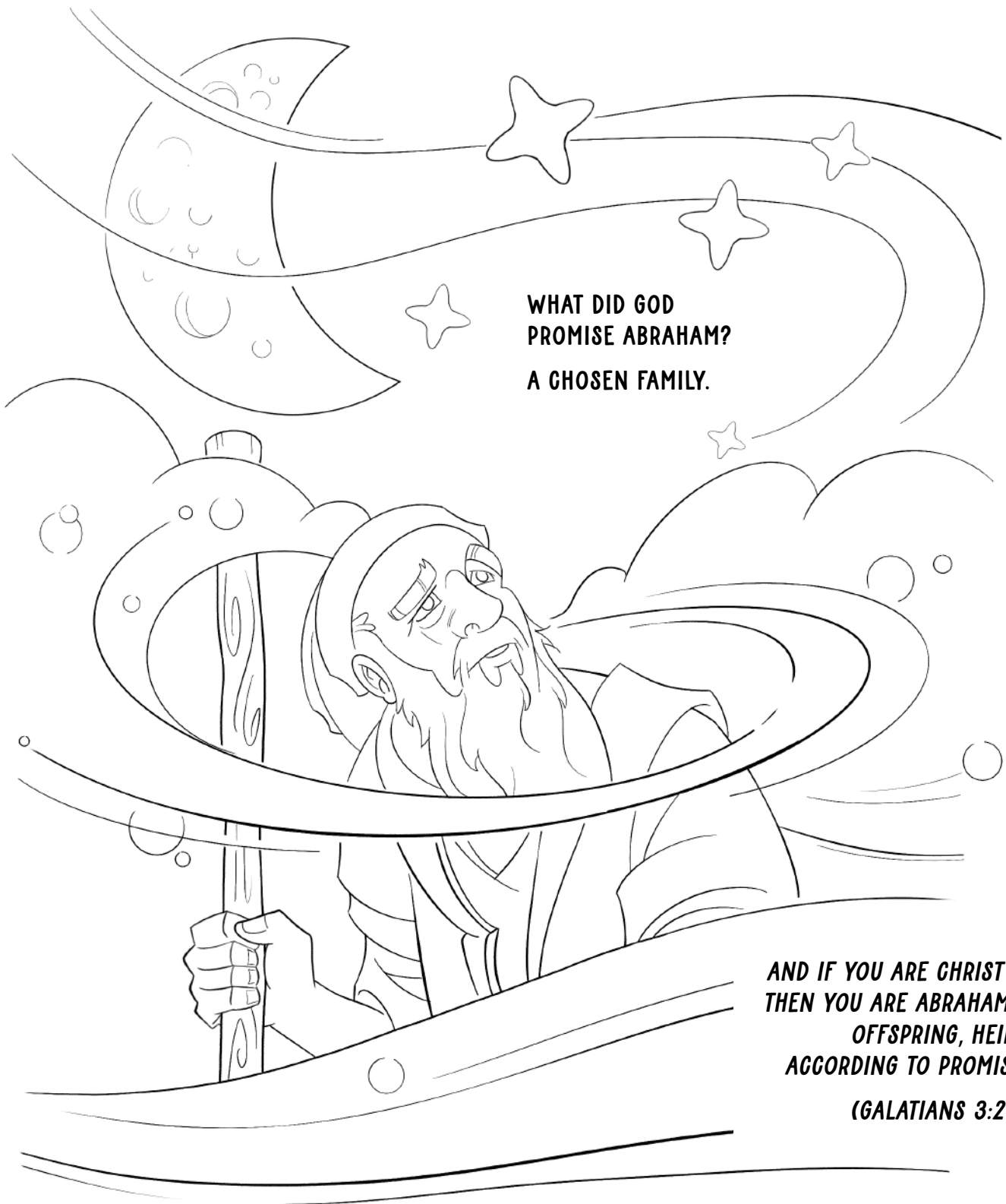
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- A black marker
- Photos
- Crayons
- Glue

## SING



Listen to this playlist to praise God for our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN  
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**WHAT DID GOD  
PROMISE ABRAHAM?  
A CHOSEN FAMILY.**

**AND IF YOU ARE CHRIST'S,  
THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S  
OFFSPRING, HEIRS  
ACCORDING TO PROMISE.**

**(GALATIANS 3:29)**

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