



God Makes a Covenant With Abram

Genesis 15:1-18

God created us, and he has good plans for us! This is a concept your little ones will begin to grasp as you work with them. Talk to babies and toddlers about the little things in their world, like how God gave them fingers and toes. And show them pieces of the big, colorful world God created. By talking with them about the good things God has done, you'll lay the foundation for a later understanding of God's good plans.




► **Bible Point**
God has good plans for us.

Key Verse
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will begin to understand that God has good plans for them.

INFANT


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Star Babies Compare children to the stars.	scissors, sheet of black construction paper Teacher Pack: Abram figure from "Baby Isaac" teaching picture, holographic star stickers 	Cut out the Abram figure. Set the remaining figures aside for use in future lessons. To create "star paper," attach the holographic star stickers to a sheet of black construction paper.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Way Up High Sing a song.		
	Starlight Play using light.	flashlight	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.





TODDLER


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	God Makes a Covenant With Abram Hear about God's promise to Abram.	Bible, 1 gift bow per child, sheet of black construction paper, scissors Teacher Pack: Abram figure from "Baby Isaac" teaching picture, holographic star stickers 	Cut out the Abram figure. Set the remaining figures aside for use in future lessons. To create "star paper," attach the holographic star stickers to a sheet of black construction paper.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Abram's Stars Color a "nighttime sky."	crayons or washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "God Has Plans" page (at the end of this lesson)	Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Abram's Shooting Stars Hear about God's promise to Abram while viewing a "shooting star" sky.	foil, scissors, tape, table, blanket, flashlight	Cut out aluminum foil stars, and tape them to the underside of a table. Partially cover the table with a large blanket.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p>1</p> <p>Getting Started</p>	<p>Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.</p>	<p>CD player Teacher Pack: CD</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>Bible Exploration</p>	<p>God's Covenant With Abram Receive bows that show they are special.</p>	<p>Bible, 1 gift bow per child, sheet of black construction paper, scissors Teacher Pack: Abram figure from "Baby Isaac" teaching picture, holographic star stickers</p> 	<p>Cut out the Abram figure. Set the remaining figures aside for use in future lessons.</p> <p>To create "star paper," attach the holographic star stickers to a sheet of black construction paper.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Starry Sky Make star paintings.</p>	<p>1 clothespin and sponge for every 3 children, a few index cards, scissors, tape, a few sheets of black construction paper, paint smocks, yellow tempera paint, plastic tablecloth (optional)</p>	<p>Make sponge paintbrushes by clipping spring-type clothespins to pieces of sponge.</p> <p>Cut star shapes from index cards, and use looped tape to stick the index card stencils on black construction paper.</p>
	<p>One, Two, Three! Perform a jumping cheer, and then color a picture.</p>	<p>crayons or washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "God Has Plans" page (at the end of this lesson)</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.</p>
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)</p>	

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INFANT

1


**GETTING
STARTED**



Sing and Celebrate


What You'll Do

Sing “Count the Stars” (track 14 on the CD) to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” to the babies anytime during the lesson. As you sing, make “twinkle stars” by opening and closing your fingers in front of babies’ faces.

 **Look up high and count the stars,
Shining brightly from afar.
All these stars can show God’s love,
Reaching down from heaven above.
Look up high, and count the stars,
Think of God wherever you are.
(Repeat.)**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

Sing “I Can Trust God” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me” to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants.

 **I can trust God, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Trust my God who is so strong,
Trust in God my whole life long.
I trust God.
I trust God.
I trust God,
Because God loves me so.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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- CD player
 - Teacher Pack**
 - CD: “Count the Stars”
(track 14)





Star Babies Supplies

scissors
sheet of black
construction paper

Teacher Pack

Abram figure from
“Baby Isaac” teaching
picture
holographic star
stickers

Star Babies Easy Prep

Cut out the Abram
figure. Set the
remaining figures
aside for use in future
lessons.

To create “star paper,”
attach the holographic
star stickers to a sheet
of black construction
paper.

Starlight Supplies

flashlight

2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Star Babies

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, hold the Abram figure in front of the star paper.

Say: **Look at all the stars! God promised Abram he would have more children than the stars. You are like a shining star! You're a blessing to your mommy and your daddy and to me! ► GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US, little [baby's name].**

3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Way Up High

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby firmly around the tummy, and raise him or her high above your head. Make eye contact with the baby as you sing “Baby, Way Up High” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.” After you sing, bring the baby in close for a big hug.

**Baby, baby, way up high,
God has plans for you to try.
God made you in a special way—
You're growing bigger every day!
Baby, baby, way up high,
God has plans for you to try.**

Say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

Starlight

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Turn on a small flashlight, and move it from side to side in front of the baby. Watch the baby track the light with his or her eyes as you say the rhyme:

**Starlight, star bright,
Could Abram count the stars that night?**



Too many stars in Abram’s sight,
Though he tried to count with all his might.

Say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Count the Stars” (track 14 on the CD) to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing, encourage them to reach up as though they’re pulling stars out of the sky.

🎵 **Look up high and count the stars,
Shining brightly from afar.
All these stars can show God’s love,
Reaching down from heaven above.
Look up high, and count the stars,
Think of God wherever you are.**
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

Sing “I Can Trust God” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me” anytime during the lesson. When you sing, kneel behind a toddler and hold his or her hands. Shift the toddler’s weight from leg to leg in rhythm to the music.

🎵 **I can trust God, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Trust my God who is so strong,
Trust in God my whole life long.**



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Count the Stars” (track 14)





God Makes a Covenant With Abram Supplies

Bible
1 gift bow for each child
sheet of black
construction paper
scissors
Teacher Pack
Abram figure from
“Baby Isaac” teaching
picture
holographic star stickers

God Makes a Covenant With Abram Easy Prep

Cut out the Abram figure. Set the remaining figures aside for use in future lessons.

To create “star paper,” attach the holographic star stickers to a sheet of black construction paper.

Abram's Stars Supplies

crayons or washable markers
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “God Has Plans” page (at the end of this lesson)

Abram's Stars Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

**I trust God.
I trust God.
I trust God,
Because God loves me so.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

God Makes a Covenant With Abram

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of toddlers together. Set the gift bows nearby. Open your Bible to Genesis 15:1-18, and tell children this is God’s special book. Hold up the Abram figure from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture.

Say: **God promised Abram a very special gift. God promised Abram a baby boy! God also promised Abram more grandchildren than he could even count—more than the stars!**

Hold up the star paper you prepared. Say: **Look at all these stars! Can you make twinkle stars with your hands? Twinkle, twinkle stars! You are a star to everyone who loves you! You're a gift!**

Say: [Name of child] **is a gift!** Stick a gift bow on each child’s back. **What great gifts you are!** ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Abram's Stars

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out large crayons or washable markers and copies of the “God Has Plans” page. Let children color the pages.

Say: **Look at all the stars on your papers! Would you like to put some more stars in your sky?** Help children draw stars anywhere on the paper. Encourage talking toddlers to say, “One, two, three, God has plans for me!” Say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**



Abram's Shooting Stars

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather around the table you prepared before class. Have toddlers crawl into the "nighttime sky" under the table and lie down. As toddlers lie under the table, shine a flashlight on the foil stars. Turn the light on and off several times to create "shooting stars." Remind toddlers that God promised Abram more grandchildren than the stars.

Say: **God had good plans for Abram, and ► GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US, too.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Count the Stars" (track 14 on the CD) to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" anytime during the lesson. Encourage 2-year-olds to reach up high and even stand on their tiptoes as they sing.

 **Look up high and count the stars,
Shining brightly from afar.
All these stars can show God's love,
Reaching down from heaven above.
Look up high, and count the stars,
Think of God wherever you are.**
(Repeat.)

Lead children in counting as high as they can count. Then have them shout: **► GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**



Abram's Shooting Stars Supplies

- foil
- scissors
- tape
- table
- blanket
- flashlight

Abram's Shooting Stars Easy Prep

Cut out aluminum foil stars, and tape them to the underside of a table. Partially cover the table with a large blanket.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "Count the Stars" (track 14)



God's Covenant With Abram Supplies

Bible
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2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

God's Covenant With Abram

What You'll Do

Gather children together. Set the gift bows nearby. Open your Bible to Genesis 15:1-18. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hold up the Abram figure from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture.

Say: **The Bible tells us that God promised Abram a very special gift. God promised Abram a baby boy! Babies are always a special gift to their families, but Abram was especially excited because he had wanted a baby for a long time. God also promised Abram more grandchildren than he could even count—more than the stars! Hold up the star paper you prepared, and let children touch the stars. Can you make twinkle stars with your hands? Twinkle, twinkle stars! Let's try to count all our stars.**

Touch each child's twinkling fingers, one hand at a time, as you lead 2-year-olds in counting together.

Say: **We have many stars, but God promised Abram even more grandchildren. What a great gift God gave to Abram!**

What do you like best about getting a gift? I like finding the bows! Stick a gift bow on each child's back. As you place a bow on a child's back, tell something you think is wonderful about that child. That's only one reason you're a special gift, [child's name]. There are more ways than I can count!

Say: **You are all special gifts, and ► GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.**



3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Starry Sky

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a few children at a time around the black construction paper “sky” you prepared. Put paint smocks or large adult T-shirts on the children. Set out yellow tempera paint and the sponge paintbrushes. Show children how to dip their paintbrushes into the paint and then paint the stars with a quick stamping motion. As each child finishes his or her painting, remove the cards from the paper to reveal the stencil design underneath. Then reposition the stencils so other children can do the activity.

Say: ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US. Some of them will be surprises, just like our project was!**

One, Two, Three!

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Before children work on their “God Has Plans” pages, lead them in motions to go with this cheer:

Say: **One, two, three! God has plans for me!**

Have children bend their knees and squat down. As you say “one,” they should be in a fully crouched position. As you say “two,” have children begin to stand up. On “three,” have them jump as high as they can—way up to the stars. As you say, “God has plans for me!” have children clap their hands. Repeat the activity several times until children can say it with you.

Gather children together. Set out large crayons or washable markers and copies of the “God Has Plans” page. Help children color the biggest stars on the page. As children color their pictures, remind them that ► **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR US.** Encourage them to repeat the cheer, “One, two, three! God has plans for me!”



Starry Sky Supplies

- 1 clothespin and sponge for every 3 children
- a few index cards
- scissors
- tape
- a few sheets of black construction paper
- paint smocks
- yellow tempera paint
- plastic tablecloth (optional)

Starry Sky Easy Prep

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One, Two, Three! Supplies

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One, Two, Three! Easy Prep

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Growing With Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that God has good plans for us (from Genesis 15:1-18). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Way Up High

Hold your baby firmly around the tummy, and raise him or her high above your head. Make eye contact with your baby as you sing “Baby, Way Up High” to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.” After you sing, bring your baby in close for a big hug.

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God made you in a
special way—
You’re growing bigger
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to try.**

TODDLER

Abram’s Shooting Stars

Cut out aluminum foil stars, and tape them to the underside of a table. Partially cover the table with a large blanket.

Have your toddler crawl into the “nighttime sky” under the table and lie down. As your child lies under the table, shine a flashlight on the stars you’ve prepared. Turn the light on and off several times to create “shooting stars.” Remind your toddler that God promised Abram more grandchildren than the stars.

Say: God had good plans for Abram, and God has good plans for you, too.

2-YEAR-OLD

One, Two, Three!

Draw several stars of varying sizes on a piece of paper.

Lead your child in motions to go with this cheer:

Say: One, two, three! God has plans for me!

As you say “one,” have your child bend his or her knees and squat down. As you say “two,” have your child begin to stand up. On “three,” have your child jump high—way up to the stars! As you say, “God has plans for me!” have your child clap. Repeat the activity several times until your child can say it with you.

Set out large crayons or washable markers and the picture of stars. Help your child color the biggest stars on the paper. As your child colors the picture, remind him or her that God has good plans for everyone.



Time for a Plan

Believe it or not, your child will rapidly grow into a preschooler, then an older child, and before you know it, a preteen. Throughout their young lives, children will ponder more and more why they are here and what their purpose in life may be. Tumultuous times at any age will be much easier to weather if your child has an underlying sense that God has a good plan for him or her. Start building that sense right now, early on, by telling your young child that God does indeed have a plan and it is good.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Decorate your child’s highchair or booster seat with star stickers or gift bows. Then serve cinnamon applesauce to “the apple of your eye.”
- Make happy-face pancakes. Tell your child that he or she makes you smile every day.



God Has Plans



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