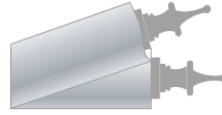




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

God's Promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

UNIT 6 - Evidence of Authority and Establishing the Church

GRADES 1-3

THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV)

Jeremiah 16:16, Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

2 Nephi 30:3, And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed.

OBJECTIVES

The student will be able to:

- Identify why Abraham became God's friend, Genesis 26:5, James 2:23
- Recite God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Genesis 22:17-18. 26: 1-5. 28:3-4, 13-15.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Abraham became God's friend by listening to Him. How can we become God's friend?
- God made the same promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What was the promise?
- How long does God keep His promises?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon

Task 1: A few packages of colored sand and star glitter. Several small containers to hold sand and glitter. Sheets of construction paper, 1 per child. Bottles of glue. Several paper plates. Wide-flat paint brushes. Large sheets of paper to cover the work surface.

Task 2: 8x11 sheets of drawing paper, 1 per student, option – butcher paper for body trace. Pencils and markers/crayons

Song: [I Am A Promise](#), Gaithers

Illustrations: [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob](#), 1 copy of each

TEACHER NOTES

1 – 45 minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **OBJECTIVES**.

Q = Teacher asks questions

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church.

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3-5 minutes)

1. Lead students in a discussion focused on family relationships, e.g. the names of their grandparents, the names of their parents, the names of their siblings.
2. Display illustrations of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and explain their relationships:
 - **Abraham** – Father of Isaac.
 - **Isaac** – Son of Abraham. Father of Jacob
 - **Jacob** – Son of Isaac. Abraham's grandson
5. Task 2: Students think of a promise that God made to them (God's love for them...). Students draw a picture of themselves and write down a promise that God has made to them, with teacher's guidance.
 - a. Option for full body trace.
 - b. Option to add to the Miracle Quilt.
6. Song: Teach "I Am a Promise", video link page 1.

Key words: evidence, authority, establish, church, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, promise

Goals: Identify why Abraham became God's friend. Recite the promise God made to Abraham and his family.

Lesson Development (30-35 minutes)

1. Engage students in a discussion on the meaning of promise.

Q: Who can tell us what a promise is? Can you give an example of what it means to keep a promise?

Explain: When God makes a promise, He always does what He says He will do. God always keeps a promise.

2. Introduce the promise God made to Abraham and his family in story form. (See Story Map in Teacher's Supplement. Use illustrations, link page 1.)
3. Review Essential Questions.
4. Task: Students create a picture to remind them of God's promise to Abraham .
 - A. Give each child a large sheet of paper to protect the work surface and to collect glitter, a sheet of construction paper, and a paintbrush.
 - B. Pour some glue onto several paper plates. Students can share plates of glue.
 - C. Tell students to brush a thin layer of glue onto the paper. They can cover it with glue thoroughly or paint patterns/designs.
 - D. Divide sand and star glitter into small separate containers.
 - E. Tell students to sprinkle some stars and sand onto their paper, covering all the glue.
 - F. Set the papers aside to dry.
 - G. When completely dry students may take their pictures home.

Teacher's Supplement

Lesson Development

Story Map: God's Promises to Abraham and his Family

1. Display illustration of Abraham.

Abraham was a man who lived a very long time ago. Abraham knew God. Abraham loved God. Abraham listened to God. Abraham became God's friend.

Abraham and his wife, Sariah, had no children. They hoped for a son. Abraham prayed to God to give them a son. One day, God made a promise to Abraham, "If you keep My commandments, I will bless you with a son and I will bless you with a large family, more than you can count, more than the sand on the beach, more than the stars in the sky."

Object Lesson: Q. Who can count the sand on the beach? (It is impossible to count the sand on a beach.)
Pour a tablespoon of sand on a piece of wax paper and tell students to try to count the particles of sand.

God described how big Abraham's family would grow by comparing it to sand and stars. Abraham believed God and he waited and waited for his wife to have a baby.

One day, when Abraham was one hundred years old, his wife, Sariah, gave birth to a baby boy. They named him Isaac. Abraham and his wife were very happy to be parents. God's promise to Abraham was beginning to come true – God gave them a son.

As Isaac grew, his parents taught him to love God and keep His commandments. Because Isaac listened to God, as his father and mother had taught, God made a promise to Isaac. God gave Isaac the same promise as his father Abraham – that he would have a very large family.

2. Display illustration of Isaac.

Q: Can you remember the promise that God made to Abraham? That is God's promise to Isaac too.

When Isaac was grown and married, he asked God to bless his wife, Rebekah, with a child. It was twenty years before Isaac and Rebekah became parents of twin boys, named Esau and Jacob. Isaac and his wife taught their sons to love and obey God.

3. Display illustration of Jacob.

When Jacob was a grown man, he asked God for a blessing. God promised Jacob the same as his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham – that he would have a very big family.

Q: Who remembers what God promised Abraham about sand and stars?

Jacob became the father of twelve sons, and Jacob's twelve sons became fathers of many nations! Their families became so large they could not be counted. God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob came true!