

# Teacher's Supplement - God's Promise To Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

## PROCEDURE

### Lesson Development (5-10 minutes)

#### 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 was God's friend. He loved God very much. Abraham did everything that God told him to do.*

*Abraham and his wife had no children. He hoped that he would have a son. Abraham prayed that God would give him a son.*

*One day, God talked to Abraham and made a promise. God told Abraham, "If you will keep My commandments, I will bless you with a son and I will bless you with a very big family, more than you can count, more than the sand on the beach, more than the stars in the sky."*

**Q.** Who knows how much sand is on the beach? Can we count all of particles of sand? Who knows the number of stars in the sky? Can we count all the stars?

2. Pour a tablespoon of sand on a piece of wax paper and tell students to count the particles of sand.

Explain: It is impossible to count the sand on a beach. God describe to Abraham how big his family would become one day by comparing it to sand and stars.

*Abraham believed God and he waited and waited for his wife to have a baby. While he waited, he loved and obeyed God. One day, when Abraham was very old, his wife had a baby boy. They named him Isaac. Abraham and his wife were very happy to be the parents of their new baby boy, Isaac.*

*As baby Isaac grew, his parents taught him to love God and keep His commandments. Because Isaac loved and obeyed God, just as his father and mother, God made a promise to Isaac. He promised that he would have a large family. God gave Isaac the same promise as his father Abraham.*

3. Display illustration of Isaac.

*When Isaac was grown and married, he asked God to bless his wife with a child and Isaac became the father of twin boys. They named one son Esau and the other Jacob. Isaac and his wife taught their sons to love and obey God.*

4. Display illustration of Jacob.

*When Jacob was a grown man, he sought a blessing from God. God promised Jacob that he would have a big family. God promised Jacob the same promise that he gave his father Isaac, and his grandfather Abraham.*

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

*Jacob became the father of twelve sons. God promised Jacob's twelve sons that they would have big families!*

**Q:** Who can count to 12? (Count together)