

ABRAHAM FOLLOWS GOD

Timeless Truth: What sin changes, faith overcomes.

Bible Basis: Genesis 12:1–9, 17; 21:1–7

Key Verse: Abram believed the Lord. The Lord accepted Abram because he believed. So his faith made him right with the Lord. —Genesis 15:6, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 2: "Abraham Follows God"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 2 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience what it means to follow and obey God. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Abraham trusted and obeyed God. I can trust and obey him, too.

TABLE TALK

- What does it mean to follow?
- What does it mean to obey?
- Who did Abraham follow? (Abraham followed God by trusting and obeying him.)
- Who do you follow? Who do you obey?

LIVING FAITH

Abraham trusted and obeyed God by moving to a new land. Moving can be a fun thought for a child, especially if you have never moved. Discuss that moving means packing up everything you own, leaving where you live, and going to a new place to live. Pretend to move with your preschooler. Use a backpack or a small suitcase and, with your child, pack some of her favorite belongings. Take what you have packed and play Follow-the-Leader as you travel around your house. Take turns being the leader. End back in your child's room at the new land and unpack the suitcase. As you travel, talk about how Abraham obeyed God. Talk about ways that your child can obey God. Then play other obedience games like Mother, May I? and Simon Says.

EXTRA MILE

Read books about obedience. Talk about how the characters obeyed or did not obey. Remind your child that Abraham obeyed God and you can obey God, too.

As you travel to different places this week, talk about the rules that you have to follow and obey to be safe. Discuss other things that we have to follow and obey.

Sing the song "Father Abraham." It will help your child remember God's promise to Abraham while using her whole body to do it.

Use these motions to help your child remember the key verse.

Abram believed (*Touch your right pointer finger to temple. Then bring your hand down and clasp it together with your left hand.*)

The Lord. (*Make an L with your right hand and take it from your right shoulder to your left hip.*)

Genesis 15:6 (*Open hands like a book.*)