



Kingdom Come - WEEK 4: THE PROMISE BEGINS

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BIG IDEA:

God keeps His promises. We can trust Him even when we cannot see what He is doing or understand how everything will work out. (Genesis 12, 15, 17, 21–22)

WORD - Look at the Stars

Read together: Genesis 15:1–6 together.

Years earlier, God had promised Abraham that He would make him into a great nation. But there was a problem: Abraham still didn't have a son. So God took Abraham outside.

"Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them... Your offspring will be that numerous."

(Genesis 15:5)

Imagine Abraham looking into a night sky filled with thousands of stars. His circumstances seemed to say, "**Impossible.**" But the stars reminded him that God had made a promise.

Then the Bible says: "Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness." (Genesis 15:6)

Abraham didn't know **how** God would keep His promise. He simply chose to trust the One who made it.

TALK ABOUT IT

For Younger Kids

- What did God tell Abraham to look at?
- What had God promised Abraham?
- Is there anything that is too hard for God?
- What is one thing you know God has promised us?

For Older Kids & Teens

- Why do you think waiting for God can be difficult?
- What is the difference between trusting God and expecting God to give us everything we want?
- Why can we trust God even when we don't understand what He is doing?
- Where is it difficult for you to trust God right now?

TRY THIS: COUNT THE STARS

On a clear night, go outside together and look at the stars. Try counting them. See how far you get!

Remind your family that thousands of years ago, Abraham looked at the same sky, saw the same stars, and heard God make an incredible promise. Whenever we see these stars, not only can we remember that God made them all, but the stars can remind us that **we can trust God to keep His promises like he did for Abraham**

WORSHIP - Remember What God Has Done

One of the best ways to trust God with the future is to remember His faithfulness in the past. Abraham waited about twenty-five years between God's initial promise and the birth of Isaac. Yet Genesis 21:1 tells us:

"The LORD came to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised."

God did what He promised. Take a few minutes as a family to remember ways you have seen God's faithfulness. You might talk about:

- prayers God has answered,
- ways God has provided,
- difficult seasons God helped your family through,

- people God has brought into your lives,
- and, most importantly, how God kept His promise to send Jesus.

Then spend a few moments thanking God.

FAMILY PRAYER

God, thank You that You always keep Your promises. When we don't understand what You are doing, help us trust You. When we have to wait, help us remember that You have not forgotten us. Thank You most of all for keeping Your promise to send Jesus to rescue us. Amen.

BLESSING - The Lord Will Provide

Read Genesis 22:7–14.

As Abraham and Isaac climbed the mountain, Isaac asked an important question: "Where is the lamb?"

Abraham answered: "God himself will provide the lamb."

And God did. At the last moment, God stopped Abraham and provided a ram to take Isaac's place. Isaac lived because another sacrifice was provided.

That moment gives us a beautiful picture of Jesus. Many years later, John the Baptist saw Jesus and said: "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) God provided what we could never provide for ourselves. He gave us Jesus.

Before your children leave for school, before bed, or around the dinner table, place a hand on their shoulder and speak this blessing over them:

"May you always remember that God keeps His promises. When you don't know what comes next, may you trust Him. When you have to wait, may you know He has not forgotten you. And may you always remember how much He loves you. God provided Jesus, the Lamb of God, for you. I pray you hold on to that wonderful truth today."

MISSION - Take the Next Step

When God first called Abraham, He didn't give him the entire plan. He simply told him: "Go." And Abraham went. Sometimes following God means obeying Him before we know exactly how everything will turn out.

Ask your family: **"What is one thing we already know God wants us to do?"**

Maybe it is:

- forgiving someone,
- telling the truth,
- including someone who feels left out,
- helping someone in need,
- praying for a friend,
- inviting someone to church,
- giving generously,
- or doing something God has asked us to do even though it feels difficult.

Choose **one step of obedience** your family can take this week.

Remind each other: **We don't have to see the whole road to take the next step. We just need to trust the One who is leading us. That means we reject worry and chose to obey what we know to be true and right.**

THIS WEEK, REMEMBER...

Abraham's story teaches us that we can trust God even when we do not know what will happen next. God wants us to obey Him, believe His promises, and trust Him while we wait. Sometimes life may not go the way we hoped, but God is still with us and He is always faithful. Abraham also learned that loving God is more important than any gift God gives us. Best of all, Abraham's story points us to Jesus. God provided Jesus to save us from our sin. Abraham did not always have perfect faith, but God was always faithful. God keeps His promises, so we can trust Him.

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