



Lesson

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1st-4th

ISAAC & REBEKAH

October 24 & 25

**GOD IS PROMISE
KEEPER**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: God promised Abraham and his wife, Sarah that they would have a son and he fulfilled that promise after many years, by giving them Isaac. God also promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation, and to do so, Isaac needed a wife. Abraham trusted that God would continue to keep His promises, so he sent his servant far away to find a wife for Isaac. God faithfully guided the servant to Rebekah, showing once again that He was taking care of His promises and His people.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God always keeps his promises. Just like God kept his promise to Abraham and provided a son and a family line, we can trust God because He always does what He says He will do.

Full Story: Genesis 24

Key Passage: Genesis 24:1-4

KEY VERSE:



"The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope."

Deuteronomy 31:8, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

FOCUS: Thanksgiving Donations

woodmenvalley.org/thanksgivingdonations

WHY DOES IT MATTER? Some families in our community need a little extra help putting food on the table this Thanksgiving.

WHAT ARE THANKSGIVING DONATIONS? Every year, Woodmen gets to come alongside these families by providing everything they need to make a special Thanksgiving meal.

YOU CAN HELP! Take time to **LEARN** more about this opportunity, **PRAY** for God to provide enough food for people in our city this Thanksgiving and **GIVE** food items to help care for people in our city during this upcoming holiday season!

Items will be collected in the Feeding Families bins during weekend services on October 24-25 and October 31-November 1.



Serve the Church



Serve the City



Serve the World

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Ruby Robinson's Jungle Adventure

5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Look up the Bible passage in your Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, find a classroom activity to do until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Promise Keeper!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first! *Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.*

Today, we are learning how **God is Promise Keeper**. This story comes from the Bible in **Genesis 24:1-4**. Let's open our Bibles and read it together. *Read passage.*



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Introduce the Big 3 questions and answers to give kids a preview of the key ideas they should watch and listen for during the Bible lesson.



SAY:

Listen closely as I share the BIG 3 questions AND answers for today's lesson! Then, let's all look for those answers in our Bible time!

1

ASK: Who is our story about today?

God, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah and us.

2

ASK: What is the problem?

Isaac needed to have a wife, so that their family could become the great nation God had promised. They had to trust God would fulfill his promise to Abraham.

3

ASK: What will God do?

Even though they had to go to a far away land to find Isaac's wife, God fulfilled his promise and gave her to Isaac.

Encourage kids to listen and watch for the answers to these questions during the Bible lesson!





MAKE: “God Is Promise Keeper” Paper Chain

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: “God Is Promise Keeper” paper chain strips (1 set per kid), glue dots, crayons/markers



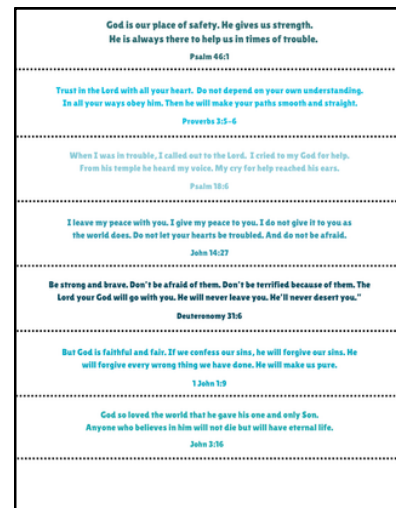
SAY:

God always keeps His promises and does what He says He will do! God kept His promise to Abraham by giving him a son, Isaac, and providing Rebekah to become Isaac’s wife so their family would continue to grow. Just like God kept His promises to Abraham and his family, we can trust that God will keep all the promises He gives us in the Bible, too!



DO:

- Have kids color the strips of paper for their “God Is a Promise Keeper” paper chain.
- Help kids assemble the paper chain using glue dots, tape or a stapler.
- Instruct kids to take their chain home - they can remove one link each day and read the Bible verse about God’s promises with their family.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.

6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP OVERVIEW

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow closer to God through participating in worship, a Bible story and Worship Response.

OPENING LARGE GROUP



INTRODUCTION

Welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.

► 4 B'S (BEHAVIORS)

Share the expectations for how to participate during Large Group time.

► KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse. Kids can watch the Key Verse video (when it's new for the series) or practice together using the slide.

► MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

► PRAY FOR MISSION FOCUS & LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.

PERSONAL REFLECTION



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet personal reflection time of responding to what God is teaching them.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP



PRAYER

Transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids to send them into their week with God's truth in their hearts.

OPENING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT



INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Does anyone know our God statement for today? **(allow kids to respond)** **God is Promise Keeper!** I'm so excited to dig into that with you but before we do, let's cover our 4 B's of how we're expected to participate during Large Group!

4 BEHAVIORS OF LARGE GROUP

- **Be Ready** - Eyes watching and ears listening.
- **Be Respectful** - Listen when others are talking and follow directions.
- **Be Safe** - Keep your hands, feet and body in your own space.
- **Be Involved** - Sing, answer, move and join in!

KEY VERSE - Deuteronomy 31:8

Let's recite our Key Verse together! When we memorize the Bible, we put God's truth in our hearts and minds to help us remember what is true and who God is. Let's practice together! **Play the Key Verse video or show the verse slide.**



MISSION FOCUS - Thanksgiving Donations

Did you know that some families in our community need a little extra help putting food on the table this Thanksgiving? Every year, Woodmen gets to come alongside these families by providing everything they need to make a special Thanksgiving meal. And the best part is—you can help!

LEARN about why we're collecting Thanksgiving food and who it will help. **PRAY** for the families who will receive it, asking God to help them feel loved and cared for. And **GIVE** by helping your family shop for the food on our list. You could even choose one item to buy with your own money! For a list of items, visit woodmenvalley.org/thanksgivingdonations.

Every box of stuffing, can of veggies, and bag of potatoes is a simple way to show someone, "You are loved!" This Thanksgiving, let's work together to love our neighbors and be generous with what God has given us!

PRAY (for the mission focus and upcoming lesson)

Let's bow our heads, close our eyes and show respect to God while we pray!



WORSHIP

Let's move into a time of worship. This is a chance for us to praise God and say "thank you!" for everything He does for us. You can worship in a way that helps you focus on God best. You can stand, sit, kneel, raise your hands or participate in the motions. **Play worship songs.**

SONGS: House of the Lord, God So Loved, Goodness of God



LESSON VIDEO

Please take a seat quietly so we can watch our lesson video together. As you watch, see if you can find the answers to our big 3 questions! Who is the story about? What is the problem or what happens? And what does God do? Let's watch together! **Play lesson video.**

WORSHIP RESPONSE SCRIPT



PREPARE AHEAD

Before Large Group, prepare all Worship Response materials and ask Ministry Partners to help lead and support the activity.

SUPPLIES: Waymaker song



REFLECT: God is Promise Keeper!

Let's get our hearts and bodies ready for Worship Response. Start by taking three deep breaths (*take 3 breaths together*). Now let's relax our bodies and find a comfortable position to be still and focus on God - one that won't distract others.

REVIEW LESSON & GOD STATEMENT

God kept His promise to Abraham - it may have taken a VERY long time, but God always does what He says He will do. Remember a few weeks ago when we read promises God has given us in the Bible? Well today we're going to take some time to talk to God and say thank you for being a promise keeper. God's promises don't always show up the way we imagine, but God always does what He says He will do!

EXPLAIN WORSHIP RESPONSE ACTIVITY

- Let's take a moment and find a comfortable position. You can spread out, close your eyes, lay down. This is a special time for you and God.
- As you lay quietly, you can talk to God or you can listen for Him. God doesn't always talk to us in a voice like I'm talking now. And that's okay! But we can still practice listening for His voice.
 - You can say thank you to God for always doing what He says He will do.
 - You can ask God to tell you something special.
 - You can simply tell Him about your day!
- When you're finished, you can sit and listen to the song, you can follow along with the motions or you can just be still and quiet.
- As you participate, please remember to be quiet and participate on your own

DISMISS KIDS TO PARTICIPATE & PLAY SONG

Play the song in the Powerpoint as kids participate. If the song ends before all kids are done participating, play it again.



PRAY OVER THE KIDS

After all kids have had a chance to participate, close Worship Response by simply praying over them. No transition or introduction is needed—just begin the prayer.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT



OFFERING

One more way we can respond to and worship God is by giving offering. Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say “Thank you, God!” for all He has done for us. Remember, you never *have* to give offering. Giving offering is something you *choose* to do with a thankful heart! God gives to us...so we give back to Him! If you have offering today, you can place it in the offering bin before you leave.



God gives to us...



We give back to God!

BLESSING

Before we go, I want to speak a blessing over you so can you please stand up? A blessing sends us into our week with God’s truth in our hearts, reminding us of who He is and that He is with us wherever we go. If you’d like, hold out your hands with your palms up as a way of showing that you are ready to receive these words and God’s truth. Listen closely as I speak this blessing over you.

God is our promise keeper! May you have confidence this week that God will do what He says He will and God loves you!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, dismiss kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

We learned a lot together today! Now we’re going to head back to Small Group to unpack what we learned and talk about what it means for our lives. This is a great time to ask questions, share your thoughts and see if you caught the answers to our Big 3 Questions from the lesson!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in **small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner**.



REFLECT: Big 3 & Application

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's talk about what we learned today! Find a spot to sit quietly and get in a comfortable position that's not distracting to others. Let's start by looking at the **BIG 3** questions we talked about at the beginning of class. Did anyone find the answers?

1

ASK: Who was our story about today?

KIDS RESPOND: God, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah and us.

2

ASK: What was the problem?

KIDS RESPOND: Isaac needed to have a wife, so that their family could become the great nation God had promised. They had to trust God would fulfill his promise to Abraham.

3

ASK: What did God do?

KIDS RESPOND: Even though they had to go to a far away land to find Isaac's wife, God fulfilled his promise and gave her to Isaac.

Now let's talk about how this could **APPLY** to our own lives. Depending on what God is teaching us, our answers might be different. But I would love to hear your thoughts!



ASK: Why does this matter to me?

Example: Because it shows how God kept all of his promises in the past and I can trust He will keep His promises in the future!



ASK: How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can trust that God will never break his promises; I can thank him for promising to love me; I can promise to love God!



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud. It can feel a little scary to pray together, but God loves to hear our prayers! We don't have to say anything fancy - we can just talk to Him!



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then have a leader close in prayer. You can also use your prayer journal to write down and reflect on prayers from your group each week.

If time
allows

OPTIONAL RESPOND ACTIVITY

The goal of the OPTIONAL Respond Activity is for kids to engage in a game that helps reinforce the lesson for the day.



ACTIVITY: Promise Game

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: beachball/beanbag/soft ball



SAY:

Today we learned that God is a Promise Keeper! That means God always does what He says He will do. God promised Abraham a family, and He kept His promise by giving him Isaac and later providing Rebekah to be Isaac's wife. In this game, you'll know what is promised at the beginning of each round, but you won't know exactly how it will turn out!



DO:

- Have kids stand or sit in a circle and give them a beanbag or soft ball to pass around.
- Before each round, make a promise about what will happen when the timer ends (Example: "I promise whoever is holding the beanbag will earn five points!")
- Start the timer and have kids quickly pass the object around the circle until time runs out.
- When the timer ends, always follow through with exactly what you promised.
- Change the promise or add different passing challenges each round to keep kids guessing and strategizing.
- Remind kids that Abraham could trust God to do what He said because God is a Promise Keeper!

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.