



God Gives Abram a Promise

Genesis 12

God Statement: God is Our Promise Keeper

KEY VERSE:

“The Lord will keep all His promises.” Psalm 145:13a, NIRV

CHECK-IN

(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)

As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

(10 minutes)

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS: God is Our Promise Keeper

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how God has a purpose for us. You know, friends God keeps His promises. He promised to give Abraham a baby. Let's see what happens. Do you think God will keep His promise? Yes, because God always keeps His promises.

MAKE: Watercolor Hearts

Supplies: watercolor sets and paintbrushes, heart paper, small cups for water

Directions: To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they will be painting hearts with watercolor. You can do this activity with 2-3 kids at a time or they can all sit down at the table to do it as a group.

Say: Let's use these pretty paint colors to paint on this heart to remind us how God keeps His promise to love us. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you SO much?

CLEAN UP

(5 minutes)

Have the children begin cleaning up as you transition into Large Group time. All the toys should be put away by the end of clean up time.

Try singing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."

LARGE GROUP

(15 minutes)

After clean up, have your class gather around the story time rug/blanket/squares and Hamilton's house for Large Group time.

WELCOME & PRAYER

Tell the kids you are so excited to have them joining you this morning and give them a brief explanation of Large Group and the expectations of them during this time. After going over the expectations, pray to open large group time.

WORSHIP (5-7 minutes)

Before starting the lesson, open Large Group time by singing a few familiar songs and using instruments. **Find these songs on Plex Videos in the EC 2s3s Folder**

BIBLE STORY (5-7 minutes)***THIS WEEK'S LESSON: God Gives Abram a Promise***

Using the props and Hamilton puppet, tell the story for the day. Make sure to keep it brief and engaging by asking the kids questions throughout and using Hamilton, to keep their attention.

Say: Hamilton, do you keep your promises? When you say you will do something, will you do it? (*Hamilton nods.*) What can you promise us today? (*Ham whispers in your ear.*) What? You promise to do a flip when the story is over? Wow ok. But do you really promise? Will you keep your promise? OK, kids, Hamilton promises that he will do a flip when the story is over. Do you think he will? Well, we'll see.

Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children. But God promised to give them a big family. And we know that God keeps His promises.

Read Genesis 12:1-2 from your grown up Bible.

“Now the Lord said[a] to Abram, “Go from your country[b] and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:1-2 ESV)

Say: God sent Abraham to a new country and promised that He would make a great nation from him. God always keeps His promises. Abraham went to a new country and God give him a baby. When that baby grew up, he had a baby and that baby had a baby and finally one of those babies was JESUS!! God had a purpose and a plan and He kept His promise to Abraham.

Hamilton starts jumping up and down. Oh Hamilton, I remember you made us a promise. You said you would do a flip when the story is over. Are you ready? **Hamilton nods. Throw Hamilton in the air and make him do a big flip, very dramatically.**

Say: Wow, Hamilton, you really kept your promise.
And, God keeps His promises to us.

SAY IT OUT LOUD! (30 seconds)

This is the opportunity to remind the children of the God Statement for the day. Even if they struggle to pay attention during the lesson, this part is important to do every week.

We are learning that God is our Promise Keeper *Point to the large poster that will be on the wall in your class all quarter: “God is our Promise Keeper” (Have the kids shout it out together multiple times)*

WORSHIP RESPONSE (2 minutes)

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through the time.

Encourage class to sit quietly. Friends, God always keeps His promises. He promised to give Abraham a baby and He promises to love us. Listen to Him right now. See if you can feel how much He loves you. **Encourage kids to close their eyes as they listen to God.**

Turn on soft worship music. After 30 seconds, have kids share how they feel knowing God loves them.

Pray to close Large Group time out.

BLESSING (1 minute)

Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.

“The Lord will keep all His promises.” Let’s say that together. “The Lord will keep all His promises.” That’s what we’ve just talked about. That is a Bible verse. And, it’s true!

Friends, always remember that The Lord will keep all His promises. And He promises to love you.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

(Until parents pickup)

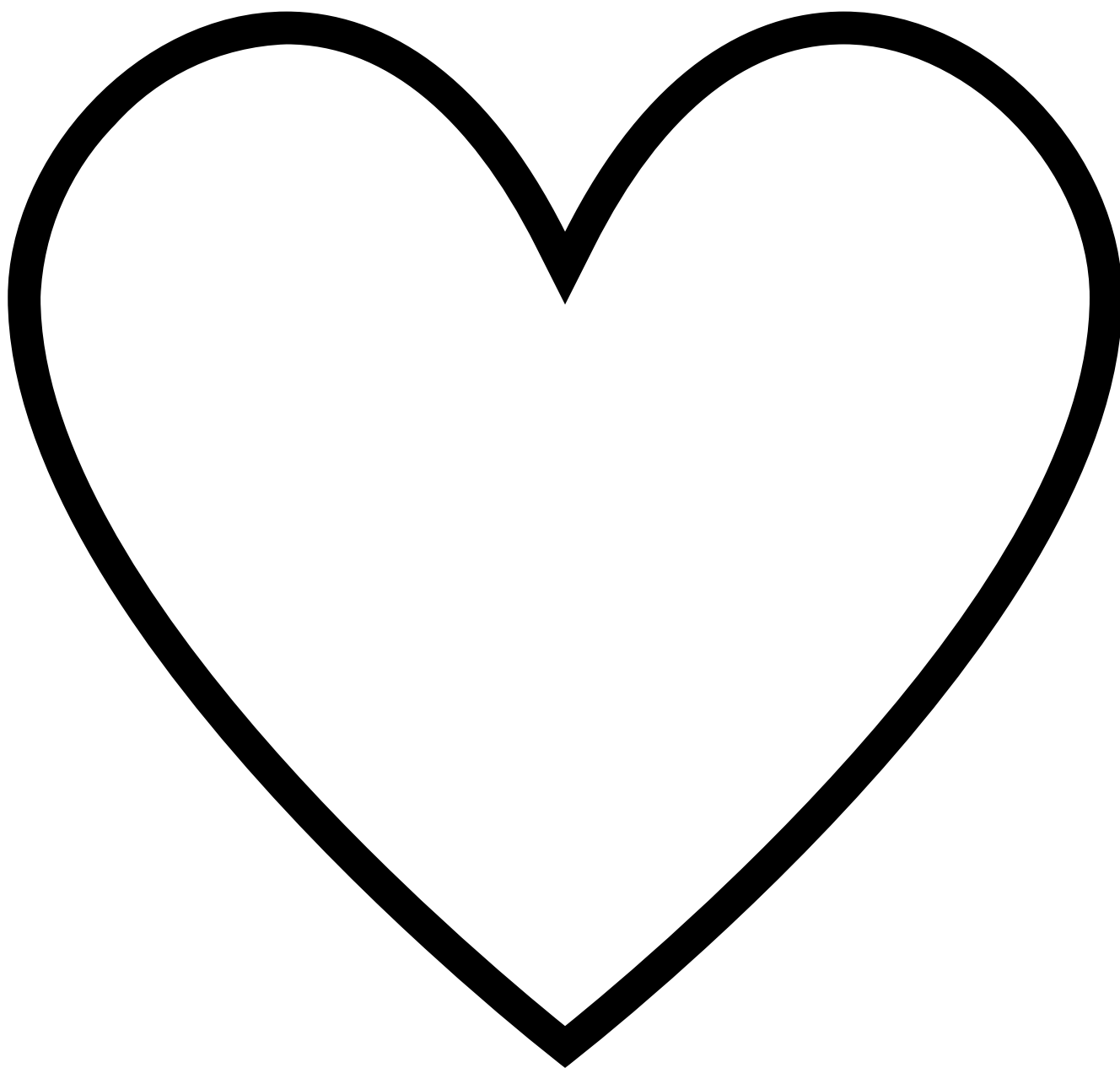
PLAY: Classroom Activities

Children can play with classroom activities until parents pick up.

CHECK-OUT

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue playing with the classroom games and toys.



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His promises."**

Psalm 145:13