

WEEK 1: Call of Abram

Big Idea: We can trust God even when we don't understand.

HANGOUT

1. In advance, gather several pillows to use in the following activity. Clear the area of other objects that might get in the kids' way.
2. Gather everyone at one end of your group's space. Help the kids find a partner. Choose one pair to go first. Ask one of them to close their eyes. Place several pillows on the floor randomly around your space. Explain that the partner whose eyes are closed will move around these obstacles by listening to their partner's instructions (e.g., stop, go, slow down, turn to the right/left, etc.). Direct each pair of kids to take a turn moving to the opposite wall. Rearrange the pillows to keep things interesting! Make sure everyone gets a chance to guide and be guided.
3. Discuss:
 - Was it easy or hard to keep your eyes closed and trust your partner to guide you? Why?
 - Have you ever had to trust someone to help you? Who did you trust? What happened?
4. Share an age-appropriate example of a time when you trusted someone.
5. Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can trust God even when we don't understand.**

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

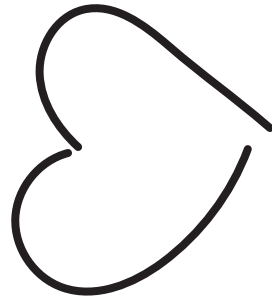
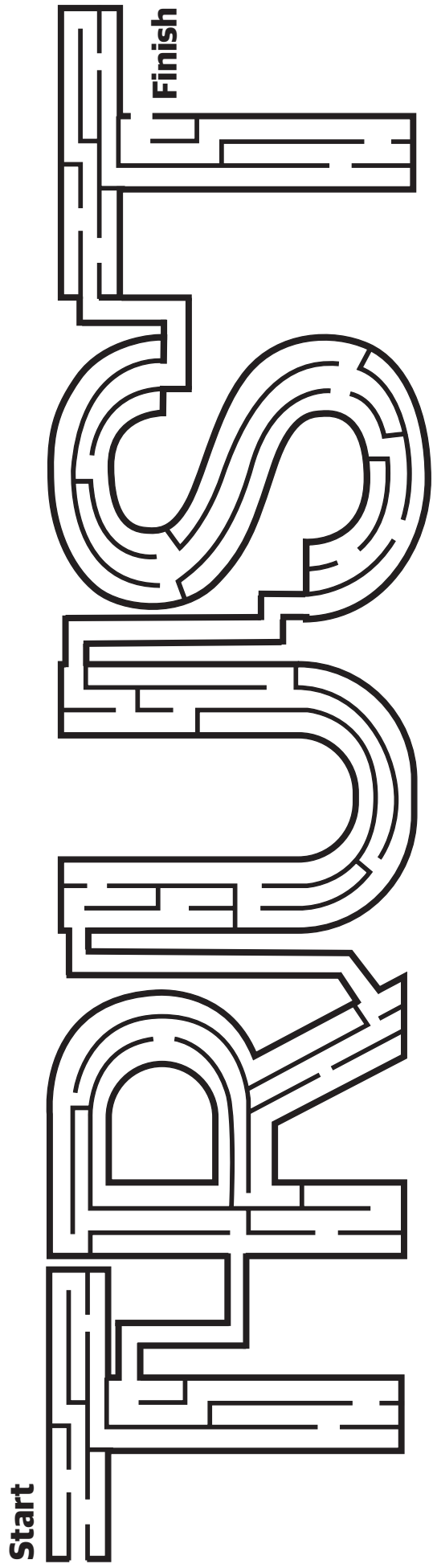
HEAR

6. Let the kids know that God makes a big promise to a man named Abram in today's story. Ask everyone to listen carefully to find out about how Abram chose to trust God with his life.
7. Read about the call of Abram in Genesis 12:1-9.
8. Discuss:
 - In verse 1, what did God ask Abram to leave behind? (everything he knew)
 - What promises did God make to Abram in verses 2-3?
 - How old was Abram when he left his home to go to the land that God showed him? (75)
 - Who lived in the land that God promised to Abram? (Canaanites)
 - Who appeared to Abram in verse 7?
 - What did the Lord promise to give Abram's family in verse 7?
 - Do you think it was easy or hard for Abram to trust God's plan for his life? Why?

HUDDLE

9. Discuss:
 - How do you know if it's safe to trust someone? (e.g., trustworthy people are usually kind, reliable, truthful, honest, don't talk negatively about others or gossip, want the best for other people, etc.)
 - Do you think trust is something we should give to someone right away, or does it take time to know if someone is trustworthy? Why does it take time to develop trust? (e.g., we see how people act in different situations and if they do what they say)
 - Who do you trust the most?
 - Has anyone ever broken your trust? What happened? Did you talk to them about it?
10. Emphasize that God is the one who is most worthy of our trust!
11. Discuss: What do you know about God that shows he is trustworthy?
12. Pray, "Thank you, God, that we can trust you even when we don't understand what you're doing. We know that your plans for us are always good! Thank you for Jesus, who never changes and who loves [say each group member's name] so much. Amen."

Find your way through the Trust Maze!



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