

WEEK 2: Abram's Covenant with God

Big Idea: We can trust God when things seem impossible.

HANGOUT

1. Gather everyone in an open area. Guide the kids to find a partner. Let them know that they're going to do trust falls. Direct one partner to stand with their arms at their sides or crossed over their chest, while the other partner stands close behind them. At the count of three, the front person should let themselves fall back gently and their partner will catch them. Demonstrate with a volunteer. Emphasize safety! Depending on how the first round goes, increase the distance between the partners slightly and repeat the activity. Make sure everyone gets a chance to try both positions.
2. Remind the kids that this series is about trust. Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can trust God when things seem impossible.**
3. Discuss: Have you ever trusted God during a difficult situation? What happened? How did you feel?
4. If possible, share an age-appropriate example of a time when you trusted God in a situation that seemed impossible.

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

HEAR

5. Let the kids know that in today's story they'll hear more about God's amazing promise and plan for Abram's family. Abram trusted God even when his situation seemed impossible from a human point of view.
6. Look up and read about Abram's covenant with God in Genesis 15:1-21.
7. Discuss:
 - In verse 1, God tells Abram not to be afraid. What else does he tell Abram? (God will protect Abram and give him a big reward)
 - What does Abram tell God he's worried about in verses 2-3? (Abram is an old man with no children)
8. Read the Key Verses for this series to review God's promise to Abram: "I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." | Genesis 12:2-3 (NIRV)
9. Discuss: Why do you think Abram was worried about not having any kids, even though God had given him this amazing promise?
10. Re-read Genesis 15:5-6.
11. Discuss:
 - How does God address Abram's doubts? (God shows Abram the stars in the sky and tells him that's how many descendants he will have!)
 - How does Abram respond to God in verse 6?
 - Based on Abram's experience, would you say it's okay or not okay to talk to God about your worries and doubts? Why?

HUDDLE

12. Review that an impossible situation is something that feels too big, too difficult, or too complicated to solve. Encourage the kids to think of impossible situations in their own lives, someone else's life, or the world in general (e.g., getting along with someone, doing well in a hard subject in school, dealing with a learning difficulty, a family issue such as unemployment, the loss of something important, climate change, living in a pandemic, etc.).
13. Provide paper and drawing supplies for each group member. Ask the kids to write descriptions or draw pictures of some impossible circumstances on their pages. As they work, discuss how they feel about these situations. Remind the kids that Abram was honest with God about how impossible his situation felt. Emphasize that **we can trust God when things seem impossible**, too!
14. Pray, "Thank you, God, that you love [mention each group member by name] so much! Thank you that nothing is impossible for you. Please help us trust you even when we don't understand your plans. We love you! Amen."

