



Family  
Conversation Guide  
05.29.2022

**WEEK 5**

**May Theme:**

**God has a Plan!**

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” - **Job 42:2** (ESV)

**Monthly Challenge Verse:**

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.” - **Jeremiah 17:7**

**Week of May 29**



**Main Idea: Give God the Glory.**

**Life Application:**

**Remembering what God has done for us  
will give us hope and confidence in all things.**

Parents, After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use **The Action Bible (Pages 51,52)** as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible (**Genesis 14**) to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

1. Review from last week: Read **Genesis 6,7**. God led Abram and Lot to the land He had promised Abram. **What was the problem?** (Abram and Lot were both rich in silver and gold, but also in livestock, herds and tents. They both had so much they couldn't live near each other. The herders were arguing with each other over the land and the water.) **What did they do?** (Abram let Lot pick the land he wanted first, and Lot chose the Jordan Valley, where he would live near Sodom, a city full of evil and wicked people. Abram went to the East, to Canaan.)

2. In **Genesis 14:1-10**, there were many cities/states around the region, and the kings of the different states banded together to fight each other and take over each other's land and riches. In **Genesis 14:8-9**, the kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim, and Bela were tired of being ruled over for thirteen years by Chedorlaomer, the king of Elam. **What did they do?** (They banded together to fight Chedorlaomer and three other kings.)

3. **Genesis 14:10**. **Did the king of Sodom, where Lot and his family lived, and the other four kings fighting with him win?** (No, they ran away. Some fell into tar pits and the others fled to the hill country. This left their cities unable to protect themselves.)

4. Read **Genesis 14:11,12**. **What happened to the cities?** (King Chedorlaomer and the kings banding with him raided the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and took all of their possessions.)

5. Now read "Rescue Mission" on **page 51 of The Action Bible**. Abram received some bad news from a man who escaped. **What happened to Lot, Abram's nephew?** (He and his family were kidnapped by Chedorlaomer and the four kings, along with all of their possessions.)

6. **What did Abram do?** (**Genesis 14:14-16**. Abram took his trained men, just 318 of them, and they surrounded the enemy at night and defeated them. They rescued Lot and his family and also brought back all of his possessions.)

7. **Why do you think Abram had the courage to fight a huge army with just 318 men?** (God had kept His promises to Abram, and Abram knew he could do anything with God's help!)

8. After the battle, the king of Sodom and high priest, Melchizedek, came to Abram. **Abram gave him 1/10th (the tithe) of what he had taken from the defeated kings, as is required, but what did Melchizedek want?** (**Verses 19-21**. He blessed Abram and tried to give the possessions back to him, and asked to keep the people instead.) **But, Abram had promised God he would not take anything from Melchizedek. Why?** (Because Melchizedek would claim responsibility for making Abram rich, when God had been the one who had blessed Abram with all he had.)

9. Go back to **Genesis 12:2-3**. God had made promises to Abram, that He would lead Abram to the land He had chosen for him and make a great nation. He also promised Abram many children and descendants. **Can you imagine God actually talking to you, making promises to you?** God had a plan, and He showed Abram where to go. Because of what God had done for him, Abram was strong and confident in what God could do. He remembered what God had done and knew God would be with him. Therefore, all honor and glory should go to God, not to Melchizedek.

## Digging Deeper

In **Hebrews 7**, you can learn more about the high priest Melchizedek, king of righteousness and king of peace. But there was a greater high priest coming. Many years later Jesus came, a high priest of righteousness and peace. But unlike Melchizedek and all other priests, Jesus is a priest forever because died and rose from the dead. He lives forever, perfect and holy. Because of Jesus, there was no longer a need to make daily sacrifices for our sins. He took our sins upon himself and died for us so that we could also live forever. We are in the family of God and free because of Him. (**Hebrews 7:23-28**)

*“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* **Philippians 2:9-11**

## Pray:

*Dear God, Help us to remember that You keep your promises and that You have plans for us. We know that we can trust You in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Family Challenge:

1. This is the last week to **memorize the verse for May**. The story of Abram helps us remember that God is with us and His plans for us cannot be thwarted. There is also a challenge verse that goes along with this:

*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.”* **Jeremiah 17:7**

2. We can trust in the Lord because we remember the things He has done for Abram and also for us. Help your children to plant God's word in their hearts by memorizing Bible verses. **Each month, write the verses on cards to put up somewhere in your home to help your children (and you) memorize them.** At the end of the month, keep the verses in a “treasure box” and bring them out on a regular basis to see if your children can say them. They are a “treasure” to be stored in their hearts!