



## Family Conversation Guide

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### June Theme: **Walk By Faith.**

#### Monthly Memory Verse:

“And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

- **Genesis 15:6** (ESV)

#### Monthly Challenge Verse:

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

- **1 Timothy 4:12** (NIV)

### Week of June 5th

Main Idea: **Our righteousness comes only by faith.**

Life Application:

**Walk by faith, not works.**

Parents: After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use The [Action Bible \(Page 53, top picture\)](#) as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible ([Genesis 15](#)) to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

1. Review from last week, [pages 51-52 in The Action Bible](#):

**Who was kidnapped?** (Abram's nephew Lot lived near Sodom and when Sodom was captured by King Chedorlaomer and other kings, Lot and his family were kidnapped.) **Who rescued Lot?** (Abram and 318 of his men) **How did Abram have the courage to fight with such a small army?** (He had faith that God was with him!)

2. Read [Genesis 15:1](#). God spoke to Abraham in a dream. **What did God say to him?** ("Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."). Abram was afraid because he wondered if the kings he'd just defeated would seek revenge on him. Come back and attack him. God was reassuring Abram that he was his shield (Protector), and would meet his every need in "great reward." **Talk about God's words and promises here. How do they apply to us?** (Parents, it's always good to look up words in a Bible dictionary for greater understanding.)
3. In [Genesis 15:2-3](#), Abram complains to God. **Why?** (Because God had promised him a child to be his heir - to take his place when he died and inherit everything he owned - but now Abram was an old man. It had been 25 years. He was worried that his servant would become his heir if he died.) **Was Abram showing faith in God's promise to him?**
4. **God took Abram outside and reminded him of His promise. What was it?** (That he would have a child, and his offspring would number more than the stars in the sky.) Remind your kids that there are 6,000 stars we can see with our eyes. But there are billions of galaxies with billions of stars in God's universe. Have your kids ponder God's amazing promises!
5. **Did Abram believe God's promise?** ([Verse 6](#) - Abram believed, and God counted his belief as righteousness.) It's important to know that we are righteous (being right in the eyes of God) because of our faith in the Lord. It is not because of our works, or the things that we do. Paul shares this same idea in [Romans 4:1-8](#).
6. Read [Genesis 15:6,7](#). **God reminded Abram of another promise He had made to him. What was it?** (He had brought him out of the Ur of the Chaldeans to take possession of this land that would belong to him.) **What did Abram say?** ("Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?")
7. In [Genesis 15:9-10](#), God told Abram to do something. **What was it?** (Discuss.) **What did God do with the animals?** In that time, this is the way contracts occurred. Two parties would cut animals in half. The blood around them reminded them, as they grasped hands, that if they broke this promise that they could die. (He prepared them to be sacrificed as a reminder of His promise to Abram and how this promise/covenant would most certainly happen). Also, see God's covenant with us through Jesus. His blood shed so our sins are forgiven—an eternal covenant promise. Communion reminds us of this.
8. Read [Genesis 15:12-16](#), God caused Abram to go into a deep sleep and He spoke to Abram again in a dream. He explained to Abram what would happen to his descendants. For 400 years they would be slaves in a country not their own, then God would bring them out of slavery to take

the land He had promised Abram. He told Abram He would die at an old age and go to his ancestors in peace knowing that his family would one day possess the land God had promised. **Why do you think God told all of this to Abram?** (*To give him hope and faith.*)

9. **After Abram woke up from a deep sleep, what did God do?** (*He caused a smoking firepot to appear and pass through the pieces of animals as a sacrifice to His promise to Abram.*)
10. On that day, God made a covenant with Abram. **Together, read what God said to Abram in verses 18-21.** God kept his promises to Abram, and we will see that everything he said would eventually happen and was true!

### Digging Deeper

**Did you know that there are thousands of God's promises in the Bible?** Go to one of these links to find some of God's promises:

- [www.createfamilyculture.com/gods-promises-for-kids](http://www.createfamilyculture.com/gods-promises-for-kids)
- [www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/gods-promises-verses-in-the-bible](http://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/gods-promises-verses-in-the-bible)
- [www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/5467-promises-divine](http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/5467-promises-divine)

There are also several inexpensive books you can purchase online that list God's promises for every need.

### Pray:

Dear God, We know that You keep your promises. Help us to believe You and have faith in what you say you will do. Help us to be righteous in your eyes and to live our lives in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Family Challenge:

1. **Together, read the memory verse for June.** Write it on a large index card and ask who would like to decorate the card. If you have more than one child, you may want to have a card for each child. **Provide markers or crayons and decorate cards, then tape them somewhere the verse will be seen and practiced until it is memorized.**
2. **Don't forget to review verses from previous months!** Keep the verses in a box or envelope and bring them out to review. Make a game of it!
3. **After dark, go outside and look at the stars together.** Ask your kids to count the stars, and remind them of God's promise to Abram.

