

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Grab some blankets and flashlights! We're going to build a fort or jump on the couch because the floor is lava! That's right—it's time for a family staycation! In this five-week series about Abraham and his family (and our families, too!), kids will learn that **God blesses us so we can bless others** and **God always shows us compassion**. That's why we **can trust God** (even **when it's hard to trust each other**), **always belong in God's family**, and **can make peace with others**—especially the people who live with us!

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

God blesses us so we can bless others.

Genesis 12:1-5, Genesis 13:1-18, Psalm 89:1-4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Thank God for every good thing you've been given and ask for eyes to see how you can share those blessings.

GROW

So what's your next step? Could you take a moment to list out some of the blessings God has given you—big or small—and ask how you might use them to bless someone else? Abram chose peace and generosity over fighting for what he wanted, so is there a situation in your life where choosing generosity could change everything? Could you offer encouragement, time, resources, or even just patience to someone who needs it today? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

God always shows us compassion.

Genesis 21:1-7, Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 145:8-14

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray for a heart that reflects God's kindness to the people who need it most.

GROW

So what's your next step? Where in your life do you need to remember that God is full of compassion, slow to anger, and rich in love, just like Psalm 145 says? In Genesis 22, Abraham trusted God would provide, so how might trusting in God's compassion change the way you face something difficult right now? Could you offer that same compassion to someone else who's hurting? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

We can trust God when it's hard to trust each other.

Genesis 25:19-34, Romans 8:1-11



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask God to help you trust when others let you down.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a situation where trusting someone feels risky or painful? In Romans 8, we're reminded that God's Spirit brings life and peace—how can you lean into that peace today instead of being ruled by fear or frustration? Could your next step be offering forgiveness, setting a boundary, or simply trusting God to carry what you can't? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

We always belong in God's family.

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask for a deeper trust that you are never forgotten, and celebrate that no distance, mistake, or moment can separate you from God's love.



GROW

So what's your next step? Could you take time to reread part of Psalm 139 and let the truth sink in that you are fully known and fully loved? In Genesis 28, God showed up with a promise of belonging, so where in your life might God be reminding you that you are already part of something bigger? Is it time to stop running, to trust God's promises, or to invite someone else into the family, too? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 5

We can make peace with others.

Genesis 32:6-21, Genesis 33:1-11, Romans 8:26-39



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask God to help you take the first step toward peace, even when it's hard.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there someone you need to make peace with, like Jacob did when he went to meet Esau? Could you reach out with a simple apology, a conversation, or even just a first step toward healing? Are you holding onto hurt that's keeping peace from growing? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.