

An illustration of a man with a dark beard and hair, wearing a red robe with black trim, standing on a dark, rocky outcrop. He is looking upwards towards a deep blue night sky filled with stars. Several large, stylized, light blue clouds are scattered across the sky. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

# The Beginning of God's Story

## God's Covenant With Abraham

# Hear It: Genesis 15:5-6

**[5] And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." [6] And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.**

# Hear It: Genesis 17:1-8

**[1] When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, [2] that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." [3] Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, [4] "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. [5] No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. [6] I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. [7] And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. [8] And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."**



# God's Covenant With Abraham

- God decided to make a covenant with Abraham. A covenant is a promise made between two people that changes who they are to one another.
- In this covenant, God promises Abraham that even though he and his wife were too old to have children, they would have as many children as there were stars in the sky!
- This promise covenant changed who God was to Abraham. Before they were like strangers. After this, Abraham was called a friend of God.
- Abraham believed what God promised, and it was counted to him as "righteousness" which means "goodness".
- This was an "unconditional" covenant, meaning that one person, God, made all the promises. This mean that Abraham couldn't break any of the promises made.

ABRAM BELIEVED THE LORD,  
AND HE CREDITED IT TO HIM  
AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

GENESIS 15:6



# Reflection Questions

- **What is a covenant?** A covenant is a promise made between two people that changes who they are to each other.
- **What covenant did God make with Abraham?** That even though Abraham and his wife were old, they would have tons of children!
- **What did Abraham do when God made him promises?** Abraham believed in God.
- **What made God's covenant with Abraham an "unconditional" covenant?** God made all the promises, so Abraham couldn't break any of them.

**Challenge Question:** How can you believe God this week?