

Family Ministry Newsletter

June 2010



RESOURCES

Memory verse:

Proverbs 3:5a (ESV): Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Music:

Father Abraham
In His Dreams (Joseph)

Question/Answer to memorize:

Question: What did God promise us?

Answer: God promised to be with us and protect us always.

Question: Does God keep his promises?

Answer: God always keeps his promises

Activities/Teachable Moments:

Star gazing: take your child outside to look at the stars. Discuss God's promise to Abraham that his family would include more people than the stars in the sky.

Coat of many colors: have your child color on a coffee filter with washable markers. Drip water on to the filter and watch the colors. Discuss Joseph's coat of many colors and what happened after he got the coat. Discuss how God took care of Joseph even though his brothers were jealous.

Any time you and your child are together you can discuss God caring for us. He provides food, clothes, shelter, and safety. Nearly any moment can demonstrate this lesson. Discuss God's promise while you are eating, dressing, traveling, and even preparing for bed. After all, God is with us always!

Summary of Lessons for June

In June, we will be learning about Abraham and Joseph. The overall focus is on God's promise to be with us and to look after us. We will see how God was with Abraham and Joseph and how he looked after them.

On week 1, we will study Abraham leaving his country (Genesis 12: 1-7). The focus of the story is that Abraham obeyed God and trusted that God would be with him. God kept his promise to be with Abraham and to look after him in his travels.

On week 2, we will study the birth of Isaac (Genesis 15:1-6; 18:1-15; 21:1-7). The focus of the story is that God kept his promise to give Abraham a family.

On week 3, we will study Joseph and his life in Canaan and then his travels to Egypt (Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-6). The focus of the story is that God kept his promise to look after Joseph as he dealt with his brothers' jealousy and his sale into slavery.

On week 4, we will study Joseph's new life in Egypt (Genesis 39-41). The focus of the story is that God was with Joseph and looked after him when he was far away from home. God gave him a gift that helped save his life and make him a leader.

Suggestions for Family Church.

This month, our focus is on God keeping his promise to be with us always. Nearly every portion of scripture contains some element of this promise. Some other possible stories that demonstrate the same promise:

- Manna from heaven: Exodus 16
- A son for Hannah: 1 Samuel 1
- Daniel's friends in the fiery furnace: Daniel 3:13-24
- Daniel in the lion's den: Daniel 6:16-22
- Parable of the lost sheep: Luke 15:4-7
- Any lesson on Jesus being sent and dying for us

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