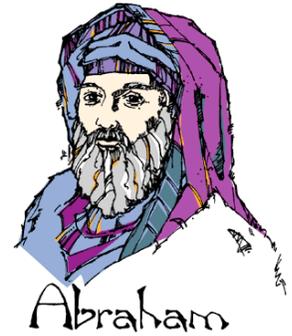


Beginning a Journey of Faith: Abraham and Sarah

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ROTATION OVERVIEW:

Bible Texts and References: (Excerpts from Genesis 12-25)

Genesis 12:1-8

God calls Abram, and Abram is obedient and faithful.

Genesis 15:1-6

... your descendants shall number the stars.

Genesis 15:17-18

The covenant is made between God and Abram.

Genesis 17:1-8

Abram is named Abraham. The covenant is established between God and Abraham and God and Abraham's offspring. God promises to be our God.

Genesis 17:15-19

Sarai is named Sarah. Abraham is told Sarah will have a child.

Genesis 18:1-15

Abraham shows hospitality and again told Sarah will have a child. Sarah overhears and laughs.

Genesis 21:5-7

Sarah rejoices at the birth of her son, Isaac, which means "he laughs."

Memory Verses:

Genesis 17:7

"I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants, because I am your God and their God."

Genesis 22:17a

"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore."

OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the rotation, the students will:

- 1) know who Abraham and Sarah were.
- 2) will understand the concept of “covenant.”
- 3) will remember the promises God made to them in baptism.
- 4) will identify ways in which God is still faithful (keeps His promises) today.
- 5) understand that God chooses us, not we choosing God. *(Faith is something we receive. We don't have to do anything to get it. It is what we are created for - gifted for. Therefore we choose to enter into a lifestyle of faithfulness.)*
- 6) will understand that they are part of the family of God - one of Abraham's descendants.
- 7) will be able to recite the memory verses.
- 8) will be able to find the story of Abraham and Sarah in the Bible.

Sunday School Time Schedule:

10:00 Students meet with shepherds in workshop locations.

10:05 Lesson Begins

10:40 Closure

10:45 Closing Begins in the Choir Room Upstairs

10:55 Sunday School Ends. Parents pick up children from the Choir Room.

References:

www.rotation.org

Augustana Lutheran Church, “Abraham and Sarah”

The “Help!” Exchange, “Abraham and Sarah”

Augsburg Fortress, Firelight series: “God Comes to Us: Abraham and Sarah”

Bible Study with Pastor Phil Rue, January 3, 2007, Gloria Dei, Olympia, WA