

# GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

GENESIS 15:5-6, 16:15-16

## LEARN THE WORD

### Genesis 12:1-2

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

- God made a special promise to Abram that he would have many descendants.
- Abram and Sarai's servant Hagar had a son named Ishmael because Abram and Sarai grew tired of waiting for God to fulfill His promise.
- We should wait for God to do things in His time, not ours.

## WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

## OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend tells you that the Old Testament has some interesting stories in it, but it isn't really important because it's so old and doesn't have anything to do with Jesus.

### What could you say?

*The Old Testament is just as important as the New Testament. In fact, the whole Bible is about Jesus. As you read and study it, you will see that a lot of what God did in the Old Testament points right to Jesus. For example, in Genesis God promised Abraham a special descendant who would bless all nations. That special descendant is Jesus! The whole Bible tells us about God's plan to save us from our sins.*

**Activity:** Count the stars. Fill in the coded message! Look at the number under each blank then count that many stars to find the correct word and write it in the blank.

Start Here

Words on stars: I, to, can, in, for, and, We, trust, promises, God, if, promises, one, love, his, on, keep, at, so, the.

2	6	17	9	5	11	15	18

# HOMEWORD

FOR PARENTS

Before the beginning of time God established a plan to redeem a people to Himself (Genesis 3:15). According to God’s plan, this people would descend from His servant Abram. Abram would not only be the physical father of the Israelites (Genesis 12:2) but would also serve as the spiritual father of all who would come to faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 4:11). God promised that Abram’s descendants would become a great nation and that a special descendant (Jesus) would bless all nations, but Abram was childless and his heir was his servant Eliezer (Genesis 15:2). How could God’s promise ever come to pass? God assured him that his offspring would be countless—just as the stars of the sky cannot be numbered (Genesis 15:4–5).

In spite of apparently impossible circumstances, we know that Abraham “believed the Lord, and He accounted it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6). In fact, we see these words repeated throughout the New Testament (Romans 4:3, 4:22; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23) as a reminder that it is not our works of obedience but faith in God—the belief in what He says—that leads to righteousness.