

# 4SPREK AT HOME

SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>



## BIG IDEA

We can believe God's promises.

## BIBLE

Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

A new board game promises oodles of family fun, but only if everyone gives it a fair shot! This week, we'll hear how God made a big promise to Abraham, asking him to faithfully step into the unknown. This promise was for his whole family and future generations, including us, so even when we don't know what's ahead, **we can believe God's promises.**

### QUESTIONS

- Who did God make a promise to? Abram.
- Who went with Abram on his journey? His wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and everyone who worked for them.
- What happened when Abram and Lot's workers started arguing? Abram and Lot had to go their separate ways.
- God promised Abram that his family would have as many people as... what? The dust of the earth.
- Who promises to love you forever? God.
- Can we believe God's promises? Yes! We can believe God's promises.

### ACTIVITY

For this activity, make a path on the floor with various colors of paper or tape similar to the Candy Land game board. Use a large six-sided color die (or make your own by placing color squares on a cardboard cube or foam die) that match the colors of the game path. Assign each player a game piece like a large stuffed animal. To play, take turns rolling the die and moving your stuffed animals to the nearest color shown until a one player reaches the end of the path—their destination. *Instead of lifesize, you could simply play CandyLand.*

That trip wasn't too long, but some of us got to our destination quicker than others. God told Abram and his family that they would need to travel far away from their home! Abram and Lot started their journey together, and then they had to go in different directions. You can have your characters travel together and then travel apart. Even when we don't understand, we can believe God's promises. God may ask us to do things that seem big, but we can trust God has a plan for us. We can believe God's promises.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)



# 4SPREK AT HOME

SUNDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>



## BIG IDEA

We can pray for our families.

## BIBLE

Genesis 18:20–33, 19:15–29

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Game night starts off great until someone suddenly "forgets" the rules, and before you know it, it's game over! This week, we'll see how Abraham still cared for Lot and prayed for his safety, even after they parted ways. His story reminds us that a way to love our family is by talking to God about them because **we can pray for our families.**

### QUESTIONS

- Who did Abraham pray for? Lot and his family.
- What was about to happen to the city where Lot lived? It was about to be destroyed.
- What did God do after Abraham prayed for Lot? God sent angels to rescue Lot and his family.
- Did everyone make it out of the city? No, Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt.
- If we have family members that need help, what can we do? We can pray!

### ACTIVITY

For this activity, fold a piece of construction paper in half and have kids place one hand on top, with the pinky lined up against the fold. Trace the hand with a marker and help kids cut it out. Now, you should have folding prayer hands.



On the inside, have kids draw pictures of your family and other loved ones (don't forget pets!). For preschoolers who are able to write, have them write the Big Idea inside, too. Fold the hands together so the drawing is on the inside. Provide stickers and stamps for kids to further decorate. Scan QR code for more detailed instructions.

Abraham prayed for his family because he loved them. God sent angels to help Lot and his daughters escape. It's loving to pray for others. We can pray for our families.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)



# 4SPREK AT HOME

SUNDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>



## BIG IDEA

We can trust God to provide.

## BIBLE

Genesis 21:1–6, 22:1–14

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Waiting your turn in a board game is tough, especially when you want to win. This week, we'll see how Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for God to give them a son and how Abraham later showed great faith in a difficult moment. Their story reminds us that God knows our needs and cares for us, so **we can trust God to provide.**

### QUESTIONS

- What did God provide for Abraham and Sarah even though they were very old? A baby.
- What was the baby boy's name? Isaac.
- Why did Abraham take Isaac up the mountain? God asked Abraham to give up his son.
- Did God take Abraham's son away? No! God sent an angel to stop him.
- What did God provide instead? A ram.
- Who can we always trust to provide for us? God!

### ACTIVITY

For this activity, give your kid a small paper cup. Positioning the cup upside down, have kids attach googly eyes, two small ovals cut from construction paper to serve as ears, and draw on a mouth. Add one or two cotton balls at the top for additional texture. Finally, poke two slits at the top, closer to the edges, to insert a pipe cleaner into each slit. Help your kid curl each pipe cleaner into the shape of a horn. Scan QR code for a worked example.



*If you don't have these supplies at home, just consider drawing rams together and talking through the story.*

God provided a ram just when Abraham and Isaac needed it. Can you name some things God provides for us when we need it? Food, clothes, a place to live, friends to play with, and our family who loves us!

When we look at our ram, we can remember that we can trust God to provide for us, too.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)



# 4SPREK AT HOME

SUNDAY JULY 26TH



## BIG IDEA

We're all welcome in God's family.

## BIBLE

Genesis 25:19–34, 27:1–33

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Family game night can get messy when people play favorites or don't treat each other fairly. This week, we'll hear how Jacob and Esau's family had their own set of problems, like trickery, favoritism, and jealousy. But God's plan for them was bigger than their mistakes, and the same goes for us because **we're all welcome in God's family.**

### QUESTIONS

- Who are the twins in today's Bible story?**  
Jacob and Esau.
- How was Jacob and Esau different?** Esau was very hairy, Jacob was not. Esau loved to go hunting, Jacob loved to stay home.
- Why did Esau give up his birthright to Jacob?**  
He was very hungry and wanted some of Jacob's stew.
- How did Jacob get the special blessing from Isaac?** He pretended to be Esau.
- When we do something that hurts our family, what can we do?** Say sorry and make things right.
- Whose family are we always welcome in?**  
God's family.

### ACTIVITY

For this activity, link arms or hold hands with your kid. Then try to do things together like conjoined twins! You can use actions like "jump up," "spin in a circle," "touch your toes," "wave your arms," and the like.

Do you know what we call two people born on the same day, to the same parents? Twins. We were pretending to be twins in this game by doing things together at the same time. Do brothers and sisters always get along? Not always. Not even twins! Jacob and Esau, twin brothers from the Bible, disagreed a lot... but God loved them both and called them family.

We can trust that God has the best plan for us and our family. We don't need to try to be better than our brothers or sisters. We don't ever need to feel like we're not loved. Because God loves us. God says we belong. We're all welcome in God's family.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)

