

Old Testament

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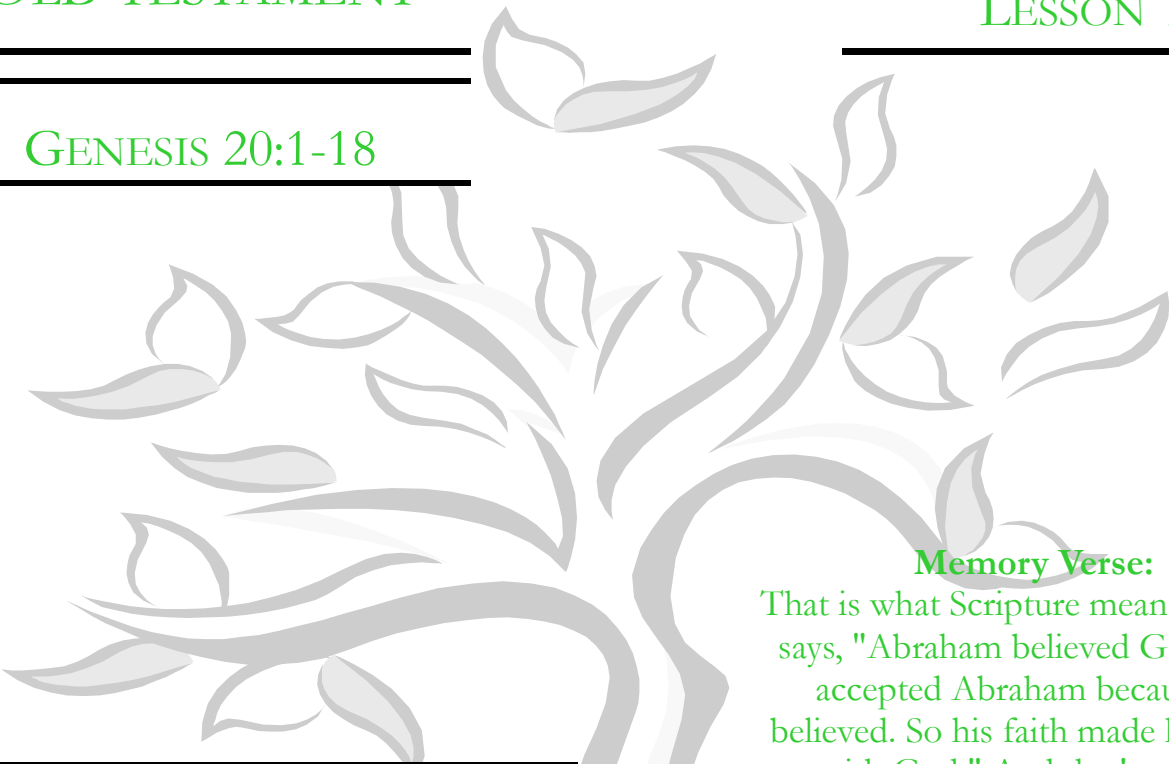
One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

GENESIS 20:1-18



Memory Verse:

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(James 2:23 NIrV)

ABRAHAM AND THE KING

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Abraham was afraid.
2. Understand that Abraham was wrong not to trust God.
3. Recognize that Abraham lied to the king.
4. Learn that God was merciful to king Abimelech.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can know Him.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him when you are afraid.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God.

GOD'S WORD

Abraham and the King

Read Genesis 20:1-18 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do you know Jesus?

God sent Jesus so that we can know God's love. (John 3:16) The Bible teaches us that God is love. (1 John 4:7-8) When we know God, we don't have to be afraid. When we are afraid, God wants us to put our trust in Him. (1 Peter 5:7) If you would like to know God, talk to your teacher.

Application

Abraham was called God's friend. But when Abraham and Sarah entered the territory of King Abimelech, Abraham was afraid. He lied and told the king that Sarah was his sister. Abraham was wrong not to trust God. God forgave Abraham and helped him. God wants us to trust Him because He cares about us. (1 Peter 5:7)

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned that Abraham and Lot had so many animals that there was not enough food for the animals to graze, so they separated. God blessed Abraham and promised him many descendants.

Have you ever been afraid of someone? Have you ever told a lie because you were scared? Today we will learn about something Abraham did when he was scared. We have learned many things about Abraham in the Bible. Most of all, we have seen how he loved God and obeyed Him. Abraham was called God's friend. God promised to always take care of him. (James 2:23; Genesis 12:1-3) There was one time, though, when Abraham decided to do things his way instead of God's way. Have you ever tried to do things your way? What happened when you didn't do things God's way?

As Abraham was traveling in his tents in the desert, he came to a place where there was a king. He was afraid of what the king might do to him and his family because Sarah was very, very beautiful. Abraham should have trusted God. God had led him to that place. Abraham knew he could trust God, but he chose not to. Abraham had an idea. He told Sarah to pretend that she was his sister instead of his wife. He tried to tell Sarah that it was okay because they were related. (Genesis 20:1-2)

Sure enough, the king thought Sarah was beautiful and asked her to come live in the palace. Suddenly, everyone started getting sick. No one understood what was happening. Then one night, the king had a dream. God told him that he would die because Sarah was married to Abraham. The king pleaded with God to spare his life. He told God that he had not hurt Sarah and did not know that she was married to Abraham. (Genesis 20:3-7)

Early the next morning, the king asked his officials to come into his room. He told them about the dream. When they heard, they were very afraid. They asked Abraham to come to the palace. The king asked him why he had lied. Abraham told the king that he was afraid that the king would kill him and take Sarah to his palace. (Genesis 20:8-10)

Do you think that Abraham and Sarah learned a lesson from this experience? They learned that God can help them in any scary situation. They also learned that it is better to tell the truth than lie. (Colossians 3:9)

Then the king brought sheep and cattle and gave it to Abraham. He also returned Sarah and gave Abraham 1,000 silver coins. He told Abraham that all this would cover the wrong thing that he had done.

Abraham prayed to God and God healed the king and his family. (Genesis 20:11-18) Abraham had been afraid and didn't trust God. But we can trust God all the time.

Review

- 1. What did Abraham do when he was afraid?** (He said that Sarah was his sister instead of his wife.)
- 2. What did the king do?** (The king had Sarah come live in the palace.)
- 3. What did God do?** (God told the king Sarah was Abraham's wife)
- 4. What did the king do next?** (The king invited Abraham to the palace and gave him sheep, cattle, and 1,000 silver coins.)

Next Week: Isaac is Born ; Genesis 21:1-7

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Preschool Lesson

Read Genesis 20:1-18 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

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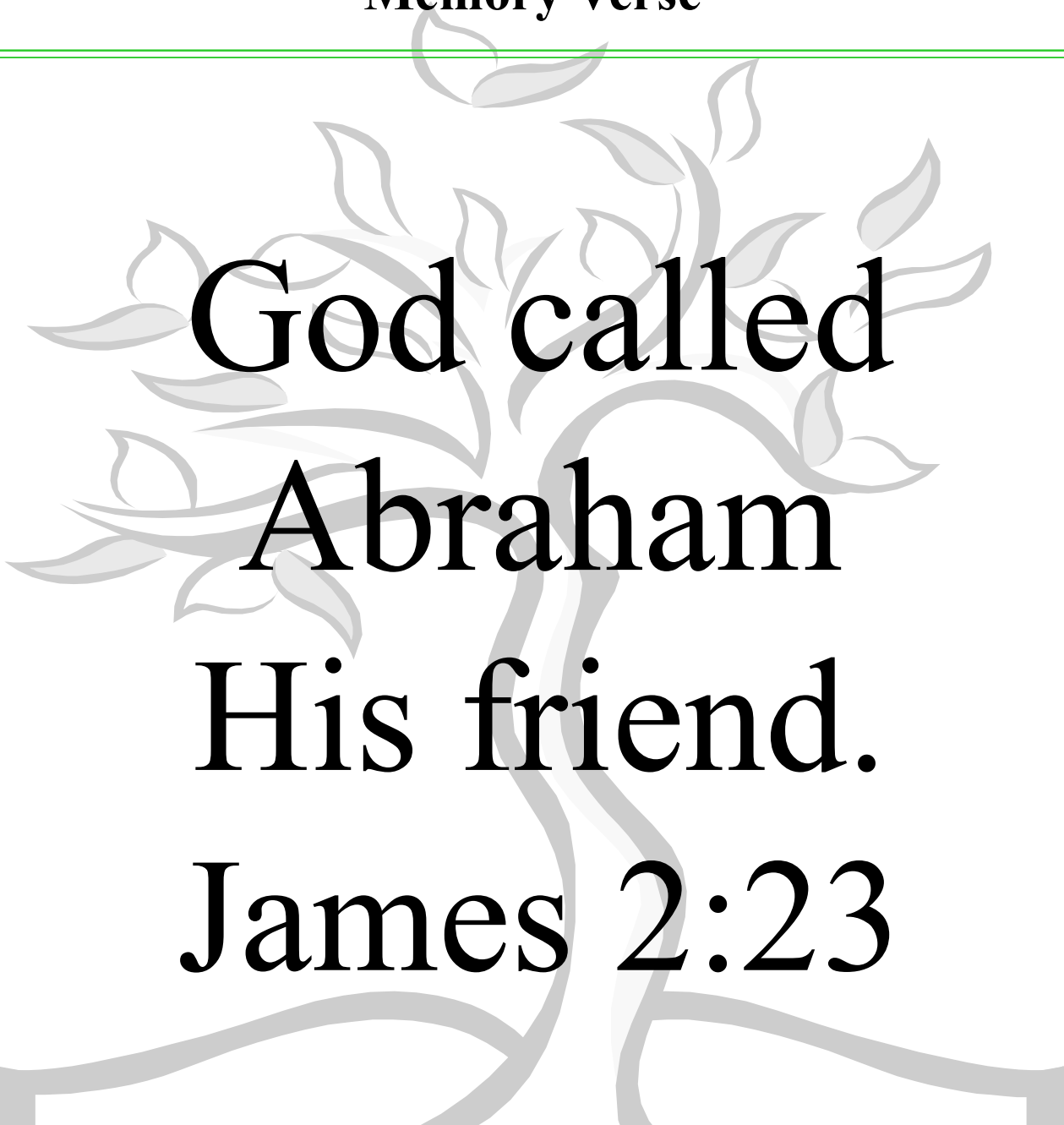
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Word Art

Trace the letters.

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Learning Activities

- Memory verse activity**— Bring a box of candy wrapped like coins. When the children are able to say the verse, give them a coin.
 - Test your memory**— Make puppets of the king, Abraham and Sarah. Use the puppets to tell the story. The king gave Abraham sheep, cattle, and 1,000 silver coins. Bring toy money and toy animals to represent the gifts.
 - Taste activity** — Bring candy wrapped to look like coins for a snack.
 - Think about it** — Sometimes situations or people can scare us. We forget to trust God. Talk about the importance of trusting God all the time.
- God spoke to the pagan king, King Abimelech, and told him that he was a dead man because he took Sarah. The king told God he was innocent. God was merciful to the king. Talk about how God speaks to people when there is a desire in their heart to do right. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Sarah was a beautiful woman. Talk about the importance of beauty that glorifies God.
- Touch activity**— If possible bring dress up clothes and children’s make-up to dress up. Pretend to be residents in a king’s palace.
- Play a game with coins. Bring several items and price them. Use play money or coins you create. Allow the children to figure out how many coins they must use to purchase items.
- Make crowns and decorate them.
- Run and play**— The king gave Abraham silver coins, sheep, and cattle. Divide the children into three groups. Run relay races to see which team can finish first.
 - Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him.
 - Sing** — Take time to sing “Trust and Obey,” or sing another song related to the story.
 - Reach out** — Pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Ask one of the children to pray. Invite several of the children to go with you to deliver coloring pages to those who did not come. Encourage those who did not come to read the story in the Bible.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Ask God to help you trust Him no matter what your circumstances are.
Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from sin.
Pray for persons you know who need to trust God under difficult circumstances.
Pray for Bible study leaders who are teaching others about trusting God under difficult circumstances.

Read the Bible Daily

This week read Genesis 20.
You may want to choose a reading plan that allows you to read through the Bible in a year. Begin today. Check the internet for ideas.

Think About It

Think about what you read. Abraham and Sarah both lied to King Abimelech. God could have protected them and did. They failed to trust God.

God could have destroyed King Abimelech, but did not. God protected him and did not allow him to sin. God protects us. Think about areas where you need to trust God to protect you.

Do It

Sin is not just doing wrong; Sin is also not doing what is right. Abraham was afraid. He chose to lie. If there is something that you need to stop doing, ask God to help you. If there is something that you need to do, ask God to help you. Ask God to help you hear His voice.

Tell About It

Talk to a Christian friend or family member this week about how Abraham did not trust God. Talk to them about areas where you need prayer.

Tell a friend about something you are doing to help you trust God. (Praying, reading the Bible, seeking the counsel of other believers, etc.)

Change it

Ask yourself about what needs to change in your life, your attitude, or your actions. (If trust is an issue ask God to help you and to strengthen your faith.)

Study it

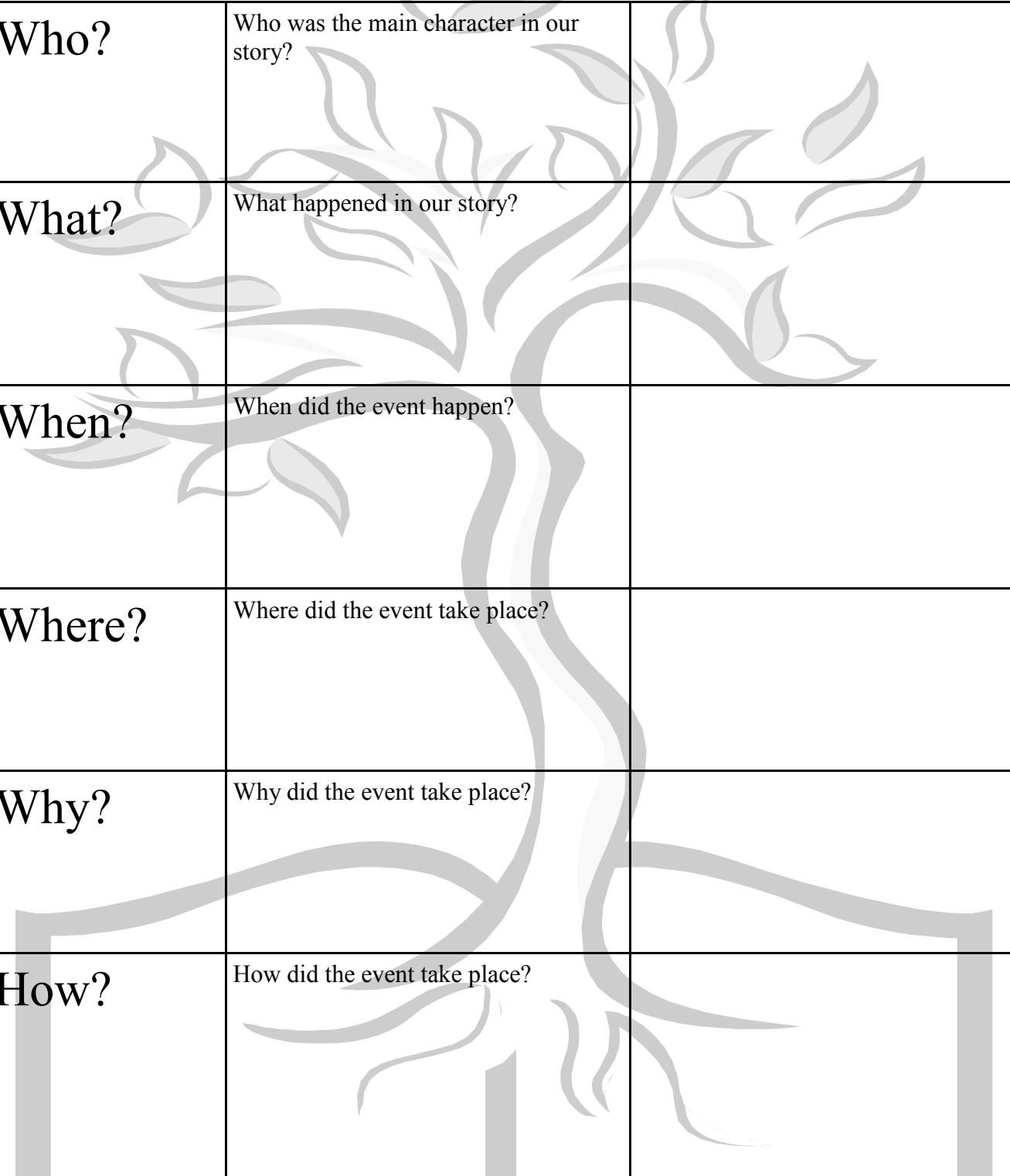
Attend Bible study this week with a friend who may be attending church without family.

Write verses that relate to your situation on index cards. Find verses about trust, faith, etc. Place the verse/s on your bathroom mirror or in places where you can see them daily. Memorize the verse/s.

Record It

Create a spiritual journal. Write about what God is teaching you about salvation. Put a date on each entry.

Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

Word Search

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