

Lesson: God Performs His Promise

Response: I Believe Him

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Age of Sarah
& Abraham

Event

Scripture
Reference

_____	•	_____	Genesis 12:2-3
	•	_____	Genesis 12:10-13
	•	_____	Genesis 13:16
	•	_____	Genesis 14:14
	•	_____	Genesis 15:6
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	•	_____	Genesis 17:16
_____	•	_____	Genesis 21:1-5

years

Verse: _____

Abraham and Sarah

Lesson: God performs His promises

My response: I believe Him

Verse: Being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. Romans 4:21

Introduction: Sword drill – listen for common word

1 Kings 8:56 Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good **promise**, which He promised through His servant Moses.

Ephesians 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of **promise**, having no hope and without God in the world.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His **promise**, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the **promise** by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Romans 4:20 He did not waver at the **promise** of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

- We are going to be looking at how God is able to perform His promises – even when it seems impossible, even after many years have passed, even when we sin and don't keep our promises
- **Question:** What is the most important promise God made? Read Genesis 3: 14 – This is what God said to Satan after Adam and Eve had sinned. Satan thinks he has won – God says, no “Satan's head will be bruised” and this will happen through the woman's Seed – “He will do it”
- **Which woman, which man?** God later picks a man and says that it will be through His descendants that this Saviour will come – read Genesis 12:2-3. God promises Abraham a son - the Messiah will come through him.
- **How old is he?** Vs. 4. (fill in on worksheet – Sarah 10 years younger)
- **Does Abraham always trust God?** Starts out well (vs. 4) but let's see what happens – read Genesis 12:10-13. Abraham fails to trust God – lies to protect his life. (fill in on worksheet)
- **How does God respond to our lack of faith?** God wants us to trust Him – He repeats His promise. Read Genesis 13:15-17.
- **How does Abraham respond now?** He trusts God. There's a war – his nephew is taken captive. Does Abraham worry about his life now? No – read Genesis 14:14-16.
- **Time passes** – most likely about 10 years since the first promise. How would you be feeling if someone promised you something and 10 years later you were still waiting for the fulfillment? What does Abraham think? Read Genesis 15:1-6. God gets more specific – it will be Abraham's physical son. Expresses doubt BUT ultimately believes God (vs. 6). Faith is believing God even when you don't have all the answers, even when time has passed...
- **Does Abraham have any doubts after this?** Tell story of what happens with Hagar – Read Genesis 16:2 “And Abraham heeded the voice of Sarai” – our doubts come when we listen to others, not God. Abraham's age 86 (vs. 16). (Fill in worksheet)
- **How does God respond to his lapse of faith?** Read Genesis 17:1. How many years have passed? For 13 years, Abraham hears nothing from God. Finally God speaks – repeats the promise and says that Abraham's son will be from Sarah. Abraham laughs and when Sarah hears, Sarah laughs BUT ultimately, they believe God (Hebrews 11:11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.
- **The fulfillment of faith?** One year later, Abraham and Sarah have a son, Isaac. Genesis 21:5
- **Lesson:** God performs His promise in His time and not in the way we think. Our doubts come when we are not listening to Him. His greatest desire is for us to believe Him. Read Romans 4:3, 19-21.
- Have them write out Romans 4:21. Then practice it – ping-pong.