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WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of Jubilee: Remembering and Celebrating God's Gift of Freedom

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD MADE A PROMISE

The Plan for Creation

Genesis 1—3

When the first people sin, God makes a promise to send a Savior to redeem humankind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God created humankind to be in perfect relationship with Himself for all eternity.
- When sin entered the world, the harmony of the relationship people shared with God was broken.
- In the moment we sinned, the Lord put in place a plan to restore and heal what had been lost.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read Genesis 2:15–23 while outside. See if you can find a green grassy lawn, a tree, or some flowers to sit by. After you've read the passage, tell your children that Adam and Eve were with God in the garden; they walked with Him and talked with Him. Ask your child to tell you her favorite part of the passage.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think God's voice sounds like?
- What kinds of things did God talk about with Adam and Eve?
- What was the important command that God gave Adam and Eve?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Made a Promise into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

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**And God saw everything that He had made,
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Genesis 1:31a

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you always remember that God is the maker of everything and He is very pleased with His creation.**

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God created the world and everything in it. When the first people sinned, God already had a plan. He promised to one day send a Savior to restore our relationship with Him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Abraham Trusts the Covenant

Genesis 12:1—9; 15; 17:1—8

God keeps His promise to give Abraham a big family.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Out of the land of Ur and the worship of false gods, the Lord God called Abraham into relationship with Himself. His purpose was to establish a holy nation for the holy God.
- These people were to live in such a way that other nations would know the God of Abraham was the one true God.
- Salvation would come to the world through this "chosen" family.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Pull out some family pictures or a family photo album to look through with your children. Read the biblical account of God's promise to Abraham in **Genesis 12:1–8**. After reading, explain that when we trust and follow Jesus, we have a family that's too big to count! God promised to use Abraham's family to help make a huge family of all God's people. And He kept that promise! Today, we're part of this family if we have a relationship with Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did God tell Abraham to do?
- How can we be part of God's family?
- How does it make you feel to be part of God's family?

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God promised to give Abraham many descendants. Abraham trusted God to keep His promises.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Tithing

Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

God teaches us to give back to him a portion of what He has given to us. He desires giving from the heart, not out of obligation.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In the first verse of Genesis 17, just before He reaffirms His covenant with Abraham, God reveals Himself as *El Shaddai*, which translates to God Almighty.
- Using this name, God was informing Abraham of His ultimate power; He alone is God. Promising him a child at the age of 100 would not be beyond His ability.
- God's covenant with Abraham led to the starting point for the family line of Jesus, paving the way to our own salvation.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather together in your child's bedroom. Read the biblical account of the poor widow in **Mark 12:41-44** and **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**. After reading, ask your child what he thought when he heard Jesus say that the poor widow gave more than all the others contributing to the offering box. Let your child know that it doesn't matter to God how much we give, but that we give with a cheerful heart.

After reading the Scripture passages, discuss these questions together:

- Why does God want us to give back a portion of what He's given to us?
- Who decides what you should give?
- What will God give you in return for being a cheerful giver?

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PONDER POINT: GOD IS WITH US

Joseph and His Family

Genesis 37; 39—47

God was with Joseph throughout his life, even when his own brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Through the life of Joseph and his myriad struggles, we can learn about God being with us and working through us.
- For Joseph, his father, and his brothers, God used a devastating famine to bring healing and restoration of relationships.
- The sin and brokenness within Joseph's family is present throughout all humanity. But God has made the way for all who would receive Jesus to be adopted into His family.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

During dinner or snack time, read the biblical account of God and Joseph in **Genesis 37:3–4, 23–28**. Explain that God took Joseph to Egypt and gave him a message for the king (or pharaoh). **Read Genesis 41:28–40**. Then Joseph's brothers came to him looking for food, but they didn't recognize him. **Read Genesis 45:3–7**. Point out that God used Joseph's bad situation to do something amazing.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Do you think it was hard for Joseph to be nice to his brothers when they came to him for help?
- What did Joseph think when he saw his family again?
- How do you think Joseph felt about God?
- How does it feel to know that God is always with you?

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