

City LG - August 24-25, 2019

Bible Story: Live to Tell (Abraham to Isaac) • *Genesis 12–21*

Bottom Line: Trust and obey even if you don't know how it will work out.

Memory Verse: *The way we show our love is to obey God's commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That's what you have heard from the beginning.* 2 John 6 (NIRV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "Fireblazin" and "Not the Same"

"Hi, everybody! (*Hold up Bible.*) Today's story is found in the book of Genesis, which is the very first book of the Old Testament. Our story today is about a man named Abram and his wife Sarai. Later they were known as Abraham and Sarah, but at the beginning of our story, they were Abram and Sarai. Abram and Sarai lived in a place called Haran, with Abram's nephew named Lot. Abram and Sarai had many servants and herders, but they had no children. One day, God spoke to Abram. Listen to what God said to Abram in Genesis 12." (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1 NIRV).

"Can you imagine that? God told Abram to leave everything he knew and go to a totally new place! God also made an amazing promise to Abram. Listen to this." (*Hold up Bible.*)

"I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. . . . All nations on earth will be blessed because of you" (Genesis 12:2-3 NIRV).

"Wow! God said He would make Abram into a great nation of people that would be a blessing to ALL people on earth! Though Abram had no children, God was promising him enough kids and grandkids to fill an entire COUNTRY. What an amazing promise! Abram trusted God, so he left, and he brought Sarai and Lot along with him. Abram and his family traveled for a very, very long time. And they didn't have a plane, a car, or even a bike to ride. No—Abram's family traveled on foot for hundreds of miles until they reached the land God had prepared for them. But here's the really interesting thing. Even though Abram had done what God had told him to do, he and Sarai still didn't have a child . . . for years and years! I'll stop right there, and let our Bible Story Video tell you what happened next! Let's watch!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:15)

"For many long years, Abraham had followed and trusted God even though he had no idea how God would fulfill his amazing promise. But in the end, every one of God's words came true! God kept His promise by giving Abraham and Sarah a baby boy who filled their hearts with joy. Here's what Abraham knew. He knew that he could trust God. He obeyed what God told him to do even when he didn't know how it would all work out."

"We can do that, too. And that's what we need to remember today."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Trust and obey even if you don't know how it will work out."

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"That's not always easy, is it? We definitely need God's help to trust and obey. Let's pray and talk to Him about that now."

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for making such a BIG promise to Abraham and Sarah—and keeping it! You always keep Your promises. Stories like these help us remember that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** Help us to trust and obey when we’re not sure how things will work out and to remember that You always have a good plan for our lives. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“When you feel worried or afraid, remember that God will guide you just like He guided Abraham. He’s surrounded you with people who can guide you, too, like your parents, your relatives, your teachers, your coaches, and your Small Group Leaders.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Remember: **[Bottom Line] Trust and obey even if you don't know how it will work out.**

“You can trust God no matter what. He can see the future, and He is bigger and stronger than anything you could ever be afraid of. God is in control, and He has a good plan! Speaking of plans, you can plan on having an awesome time back in Small Group as you talk some more about what it means to trust and obey. Before we head there though, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! Here’s a picture of Missions of Hope!”

CG: Missions of Hope JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 5:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.