



Lesson 4

By Faith We Receive

Intermediate Small Group Lesson

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| <p>Bible Story</p> <p>Abraham Believes God</p> <p><i>Genesis 15</i></p> | <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name tags • Snacks • How Are You Feeling? emoji chart • Three plastic cups • One pom-pom • A device to play music • One copy of Handout 1 |
| <p>Bible Verse</p> <p>“So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham’s. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.”</p> <p><i>Romans 4:16, New Living Translation</i></p> | |
| <p>Key Teaching Point</p> <p>Receive God’s promises by faith.</p> | |



Small Group Session 1

(15 Minutes)

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let students take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" emoji chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the students are eating their snacks, ask, **"What is one promise you've made that you were unable to keep?"**

Pray Together

Collect prayer requests from the children. Some prayer requests may emerge from the check-in time. For the first few weeks of club, the leader can model prayer time for the small group by praying for individual requests aloud.

Small Group Game: Where's the Pom-Pom?

Materials: Three plastic cups, one pom-pom, and a notepad and a pencil to keep score

Set all three cups on a table upside down. With each child getting the same number of turns, place a pom-pom underneath one of the cups, and slide the cups around in many directions, and ask the child to identify which cup hides the pom-pom. They win one point every time they guess correctly. Continue until each child has taken multiple turns.

There were three promises God made to a man named Abram long ago. Abram believed God would fulfill those promises even though he would not get to see all the promises fulfilled in his own lifetime!

Small Group Session 2

(35 Minutes)

Life Application Activity

Who can answer this riddle? What is something we get every second even if we don't see it? (Pause.) Air!

We can't see the air we breathe, but we can trust that we're receiving it. Sometimes we can't see God's promises being true, but we can trust he'll do what he promises.



Sometimes people cannot keep their promises, no matter how hard they try. Why do you think this is so?

Take student responses.

Why can we trust that God will always keep his promises?

Take student responses.

He has the knowledge and power to do what he promises. God is faithful, and he always tells the truth. God is unable to lie because that is not who he is.

Choose three volunteers for a brief experiment. Explain that you want to see how long each can hold his or her breath. Note how many seconds each person can hold their breath. Although times for each will be different, one thing will be the same for each person in this experiment.

Although each person could hold their breath for a different amount of the time, what is the same for these three?

Take student responses.

Before too long, all of them had to take a breath!

This experiment is a lot like God. But how so? Does he need to take a breath? Does he hold his breath? No. In the same way that each of us must breathe because we are alive, God must keep his promises because he is God. It is impossible for him to stop keeping his promises, just as it is impossible for us to hold our breath forever. Do you know anyone else in the whole universe who can keep all his promises? Only God can do it. He can even keep the impossible promises he makes to people.

Receive the Gift!

Worship: Agreeing with who God is and receiving that truth in song, words or actions.

Play the song: [God Always Keeps His Promises](#).

Then talk about it:

- **What promises of God did this song identify?**

When we declare a promise that we find in God's Word during prayer it is especially powerful because we can trust that what God promises will always be kept. Let's practice this now.



Give each child an opportunity to pick out a promise from Handout 1 and model praying with them the promise of God, bearing in mind this truth:

“And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.” **1 John 5:14-15, NLT**

Bible Verse Game

Review the Bible verse with a [Bible verse game](#).

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Reflection

Give each child their reflection journal. Invite them to reflect on the following questions and to record their answers in their journal. They may also draw their responses if they wish:

1. How do we receive gifts from God?
2. In what situation can I have faith like Abraham’s?



Handout 1

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| <p>[Nothing] . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p> <p>Romans 8:39</p> | <p>The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life.</p> <p>Psalm 121:7</p> | <p>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.</p> <p>Psalm 23:1</p> |
| <p>Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.</p> <p>Hebrews 13:5</p> | <p>To those who believed in his name [Jesus], he gave the right to become children of God.</p> <p>John 1:12</p> | <p>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.</p> <p>Psalm 32:8</p> |
| <p>Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.</p> <p>Romans 10:13</p> | <p>Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.</p> <p>Philippians 1:6</p> | <p>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.</p> <p>Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV</p> |
| <p>And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>Philippians 4:19</p> | <p>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.</p> <p>1 John 1:9</p> | <p>Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.</p> <p>Acts 16:31</p> |
| <p>The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.</p> <p>Joshua 1:9</p> | <p>Come near to God and he will come near to you.</p> <p>James 4:8</p> | <p>I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.</p> <p>Psalm 91:14</p> |
| <p>Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.</p> <p>Psalm 37:4</p> | <p>He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.</p> <p>Isaiah 40:29</p> | <p>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.</p> <p>Matthew 6:33</p> |

