

PROMISE-KEEPING GOD

CENTRAL TRUTH

This week we are going to learn about God's fulfillment of some of the promises that God had made, and look at the establishment of some promises to come. Like Abram, we live in the midst of promises-come-true and in the anticipation of promises-not-yet. But also like Abram, we can rest and take heart that **the Lord is always faithful to fulfill His promises!**

KEY QUESTION

- ↑ **What do you think is significant about God's self-introduction as "The Lord Almighty"?**

God told Abram something about Himself when He used this name. God was highlighting His worthiness to establish this covenant as well as His ability to see it through. Why should Abram trust God Almighty? Because He is a strong mountain, He is all-sufficient to provide every need, He is more powerful than any other force in the universe, He is The Lord Almighty. He is able to come through and deliver every bit of His side of the covenant!

KEEP IN MIND

- While students may have a general understanding of what a contract is, it will be helpful to specifically address a covenant—which is a sacred promise between two parties. Whereas humans prove time and again to be unfaithful, the Lord is always faithful to hold up His end of His promises. He is good and gracious!
- Circumcision was a marker of the covenant between Abraham and God. While this is a sensitive subject, it will be beneficial to help students understand what this is and what it meant to Abram—and subsequently, the people of Israel. Use the History Note in this week's session to help you.

APPLICATION

- How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life? How can you thank Him regularly for it?

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Even when we're unfaithful to the Lord, He remains faithful to His people and the promises He has made to us..

FOR THE LEADER: As believers, we mustn't respond to God's faithfulness by doing whatever we want. His faithful character should lead us to obey with thanksgiving. Remind students of this truth as you teach.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?