

# Children of Hope



## God's Promise Realized through Faith

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

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<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.



**get excited!**

(5 minutes)

### Verse to Remember

"Hoping against hope, [Abraham] believed that he would become "the father of many nations." **Romans 4:18a.**

Read the "Lesson Summary" and "Affirmation" out loud.

#### LESSON SUMMARY

The longer we keep our faith, the stronger our faith will become.

#### AFFIRMATION

I will keep the faith.

## key verse exercise

Using the numbers 123 show the order of growth or increase in size in each group.

**x x X      B b B      y Y y**

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**read and learn!**  
(10 minutes)

## CHILDREN OF HOPE

**ZION:** Do you know who Abraham is?

**ZAYA:** Of course I do. (Singing) "Father Abraham, had many sons and many sons had..."

**ZION:** I'm not talking about the song, I mean do you know about his story? When Abraham was a young man, God told him to leave his country and go to another country. God promised Abraham, "You will have many descendants in the new country. You will have so many descendants, they will be like stars. There are so many stars you cannot count them." God said that entire nations would come from Abraham. Abraham did what God told him to do. When Abraham started out, he didn't even know where he was going. He and his wife Sarah just jour-

neyed with God day by day. Finally, they arrived in the new land called Canaan. They were there a long time and grew old. They grew too old to have children. But Abraham trusted God. He had faith that God would keep His promise. Abraham did not give up hope.

**ZAYA:** Yes, I know the song and the story. Before he died, Abraham had a good number of children and he believed he would have many descendants from his children. The Bible teaches us that God thought that Abraham was "righteous." God did not think that Abraham was perfect, but that he was righteous because Abraham kept his faith in God. Abraham trusted and believed God.



### Question

Why didn't Abraham lose hope after he had grown too old to have children?

What did God think about Abraham?

What does God think about you?

### Key Words

Descendants  
Hope  
Righteousness





**rise up!**  
(30 minutes)

Help Zion and Zaya with this week's **Superhero Challenge:**  
**REENACTMENT FAITH:** Substitute the correct letter to reveal the words related to a story about faith found in Luke 7:9-10.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 19-5-18-22-1-14-20
- 6-18-9-5-14-4-19
- 6-1-9-20-8
- 4-5-19-5-18-22-5
- 19-9-3-11
- 8-5-1-12-5-4
- 1-13-1-26-5-4
- 23-15-18-20-8-25
- 7-18-5-1-20
- 3-5-14-20-21-18-9-15-14

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**craft time**



**Crafts & More**

**time to pray**



Dear Lord, help us to grow strong in our faith just as Father Abraham did. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.