

GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

HAVE FAITH

(MAKE CROSS WITH ARMS)

IN GOD'S PLAN

(HOLD HANDS TOGETHER LIKE A BOOK)

MEMORY VERSE

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: FAITH

READ - Hebrews 11:1

Having faith in God's plan means being confident that God is good and will do what He says He will do. It means trusting Him, even when we don't see what comes next. Here is a challenge for you, memorize this verse over the next few weeks so that you can always be reminded about what faith looks like. We can have faith in God and His plan because He always does what He says He will do. God's promises always come true. **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**

DAY 2: FAITH TO FOLLOW

READ - Genesis 12:1, Hebrews 11:8-9, Jeremiah 29:11

Pretend like you are moving and have to pack up your belongings. Once packed, take a walk around the house and come back in like it's your new home. God told Abram, also known as Abraham, to leave his home and his family. Can you imagine how scary that would have been for Abraham? Do you think it would be fun or scary to move somewhere new? It was probably hard for Abram to leave his home, but he trusted God's plan and wanted to please God.

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DAY 3: GOD IS FAITHFUL

READ - Genesis 12:2, Genesis 22:17 Romans 4:17-21

Go outside with your child at night and look up at the stars. God promised Abraham that he will have many children and grandchildren and that his family will become as many people as the stars in the sky! *When you come in from looking at the stars, have your child draw the sky with as many stars as they can fit on a piece of paper.* WOW! That's a lot of stars! And Abraham's family became that big too! Abraham's family was also very special. They became the people of God, a nation called Israel! How amazing! **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**

DAY 4: THE BIG PLAN

READ - Genesis 12:3, John 1:10-13

God also promised Abraham that everyone on the earth would be blessed through him. So how did God keep that promise? JESUS! Jesus, the one who made a way for us to be a friend with God, was born from Abraham's family! Learn more about the gift Jesus is by watching and singing "Jesus Song" (www.tinyurl.com/jesus-amazing).

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DAY 5: ABRAHAM OBEYS

READ - Genesis 12:4-5, Jeremiah 7:23

When Abram heard that God wanted him to leave his home, he obeyed. He didn't wait! He left immediately and followed God. God wants us to follow Him just like Abram did. Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light" with your child. Talk about how important it is that when God gives us directions we obey right away! **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**



MAP IT OUT

Materials: paper, stickers, markers

Have you ever thought of our lives being like a map? Where will we go to school? Where will we live? What will I be when I grow up? God doesn't always give us the answers to those questions right away. Does that mean we have to worry? No! God is still taking care of you and he will reveal the road to your next stop in his own time. *Jeremiah 29:11, "for I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."*

So next time you look at a map remember that God is looking at one too- the map for your life. Enjoy the ride. Even if you don't know where you're going yet, and if you're listening, God will tell you what the next stop is.

Create a treasure map to remind you that you can have faith in God's plan. You may not know where you are going but God will lead you to His treasure.



CRYSTAL STAR

Materials: string, pipe cleaner, borax powder, popsicle stick, glass jar, boiling water

In Genesis 12 God promises to give Abraham a large family. Then in Genesis 22:17 God compares Abraham's future family to be as numerous as the stars in the sky! Let's make a crystal star:

1. The first step of making a crystal star is to make the star shape. Bend a pipe cleaner into a star shape. You can use a template or cookiecutter to help you make the shape. The star shape should fit inside the jar you have chosen.
2. Tie one end of the string to the star and the other end to a popsicle stick.
3. Fill your jar with boiling water.
4. Add borax one tablespoon at a time to the boiling water, stirring to dissolve after each addition. Use 3 tablespoons borax per cup of water. It is okay if some undissolved borax settles to the bottom of the jar.
5. Lower the pipe cleaner star into the jar so that the stick rests on top of the jar and the star is completely covered with liquid and hangs freely (not touching the bottom of the jar).
6. Allow the jar to sit in an undisturbed location overnight.
7. You can hang your snowflake as a decoration or in a window to catch the sunlight.



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "I can have faith in God's plans!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "Abraham, Faithful One" (www.tinyurl.com/abramfaithful) Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
Thank you for being faithful. Your plans are always best. Help me to obey You.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*