



THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

Lesson 5: Abraham And The Birth Of A People

Dear Parents,

Hello again! Our group is still marching through the big-picture story of the Bible in our study called *The Thread: Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*. This was the fifth of 13 lessons looking at *Beginnings*. This lesson was entitled “Abraham and the Birth of a People.” It was a really incredible time together learning about God choosing Abraham to be the father of His special people and how, through faith in Jesus, we are adopted into God’s family.

Lesson Overview: Family is important. Ideally, it defines who we are and where we find belonging. This lesson looks at how God began the process of choosing His special people, His family. We’ll see His faithfulness and grace extended to a man named Abraham, the father of the Israelites. It will be clear that God chose His people not based on what they had to offer but based on His grace and His purpose. The culmination of the story, like all stories in the Bible, is Christ. Jesus offers a place to belong, a family to all those who place their faith in Him.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: See how God laid the foundation for a special people through His covenant with Abraham and understand that, through Christ, God extends the covenant offer of adoption to all who would come to faith in Him.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Consider the ways in which the Gospel has the potential to bring people together who may otherwise not be.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 12:1-5a; Genesis 15; Genesis 21:1-7; Galatians 3:25-29

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- In your lesson this week, you discussed God’s faithfulness to His promises. What difference does it make to know that we can trust God to do what He has promised?
- What does it mean that we’ve been adopted into God’s family? How does that make you feel?
- Why do you think God chose to adopt us into His family?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.