# LESSON 4 "DEPENDABILITY" (page 1)



# **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Genesis 12:1-9 (page 15)

#### CHARACTER WORD

<u>Dependability</u> – Trustworthy to do what I say I will do

#### **TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can <u>depend</u> on God to keep His promises.

#### **MEMORY LINK**

#### Deuteronomy 7:9a

"Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God..."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 194)

# SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

#### **GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

# **MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: Paper, bucket, tape Option 2: None

# **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Paper, Lesson 5 Resource

# **SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

# MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Paper, pens Option 2: Paper

# God Makes a Promise to Abram

# WHAT'S THE POINT?

God told Abram to move. He told Abram to leave his country and go. Abram did not know where he was going. What Abram was asked to do was not easy, but God told Abram that He would bless him and make his name great. Abram went. He departed as the Lord had told him to do. Abram's obedience showed he <u>depended</u> on God.

Why do we have difficulty obeying God? God has revealed His will to us in His Word and has shown us how to live. God asks us to step out in faith, just as He did Abram. We have difficulty with simple obedience. We have difficulty trusting God. If only we could remember that God goes before us. He will never leave us. He is faithful.

God was faithful to complete His work in Abram's life. God was and is and always will be <u>dependable</u>. We can step out in faith and <u>depend</u> on God to keep His promises. Deuteronomy 7:9 says, "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

# **GET CONNECTED**



10-15 Minutes - Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson.

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today we are going to talk about <u>dependability</u>. What does <u>dependability</u> mean to you?
- Name someone who has been <u>dependable</u> in your life.
- Today we will learn that we can <u>depend</u> on God to keep His promises!



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

# **Worship Tip**

Take time to teach the kids what the songs mean. Define unfamiliar words and explain "churchy" phrases that are probably unfamiliar to Beach Club kids. Share a scripture that goes along with the song. Teach them that clapping, dancing, etc., are all ways to express our worship to God.

# **MEMORY LINK**



Teaching a Bible verse to students; helping them to memorize the verse

No supplies needed

# Focus on the Bible [11]

Hold up your Bible and ask the other volunteers to hold up their Bibles with you. Encourage kids to bring their Bibles each week. Remind kids that they will receive a Bible on Great Treasure Day. The story today comes from Genesis, the first book of the Bible. It is a part of the first five books of the Bible, which is called the Torah, meaning "instruction" in Hebrew. Tradition tells us that Moses, the leader of the Israelites during the Exodus, wrote the Torah. The first five books of the Bible are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Review the first five books with the kids.

# Focus on today's Memory Link

Today the verse is from Deuteronomy, which is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fifth) book of the Old Testament. This book is centered around loving God and loving people. Guide the clubbers to turn to Deuteronomy 7:9a (page 194). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud. This verse affirms that the Lord God is faithful, in other words dependable. He is dependable because it is His character to be dependable. When we trust God, He will come through for us every time. That's what dependability means - trustworthy to do what you say you will do.

# Option 1 - NORTH, SOUTH, EAST OR WEST?

Paper, bucket, tape

# **Prepare**

Write north, south, east, and west on separate pieces of paper. Tape the four signs on the wall around the room. Write each of the four locations on smaller pieces of paper and place them in a bucket.

On "go," ask the kids to travel to north, south, east or west. Once the kids have moved to one of the locations, pull one of the papers from the bucket. If you pull "north," all the kids who have traveled to "north," will say the Memory Link together. Repeat, allowing the kids to travel to the other locations or stay put. After a few minutes, change the game by eliminating the kids who have traveled to the location you pull from the bucket. Those eliminated must return to their seats while the kids remaining keep playing until one or two are left.

# Option 2 - WHICH WAY WILL YOU TRAVEL?

# No supplies needed

Guide your Surf Team to form a circle. Explain that each student will choose a way to travel around the circle while saying the memory link. Allow each child to take a turn telling the group the way they would like to travel, then they must get up and do what they said. They may choose ways to travel around the circle such as hopping, dancing, walking backwards, clapping, snapping, etc. But they must travel around the circle the way they said they will travel in order to show they are <u>dependable</u>.

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# Deuteronomy 7:9a

"Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God..."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 194)

# **Teaching Tip**

Consider taking a plate of goodies to the teacher's lounge with a sign saying how glad you are to be volunteering at Beach Club at this school. Say thank you to them for allowing us to be on campus each week. Make sure the name of your partnering church is on the thank you note. Always communicate that the teachers and administrators are welcome to stop by club anytime.

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# **BIBLE CONNECTION**



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story.

Resource Item or paper

#### **Prepare**

Write each of the numbered statements (1-11) below on large, separate sheets of paper. As you discuss each statement, ask a student to hold the poster in order at the front of your teaching area. Option: print these pages from the lesson resources.

# **Introduce the Story**

Each week in Beach Club, we will read the Bible and learn about God and His characteristics.

Can you tell me something you know about God? Allow clubbers and volunteers to call out descriptions of God. Be sure to list some of the following: knows all things (omniscient), present everywhere (omnipresent), has all power over all things (omnipotent), holy, merciful, good, love. Now that we have those things in our mind when we think about God, does God seem like someone we can depend on? Yes! The story today is about God showing His dependability to Abram by keeping His promise.

# Genesis 12:1-9 🛄

Ask kids to find Genesis 12:1-9 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 15). Read the passage aloud as the kids follow along. *Let's look at the story again*. Call for each numbered poster as you pause along the way to talk about the story.

- 1. Abram lived in a city named Ur.
- 2. God told Abram to leave his country and his father's house.
- 3. God said, "Go to a land that I will show you."

# **Talk About It**

How many of you have had to move? Is moving easy? What if you had to leave your city and move to an unknown location far away? Allow children who may have made a recent move to tell about the experience, if they desire. God asked Abram to do just that. Let's see what God did next.

- 4. God promised to make Abram a great nation.
- 5. God promised to bless Abram and make his name great.
- 6. God promised that He would bless all the families of the earth.

# **Talk About It**

God didn't just tell Abram to leave his country. He made him a promise. Is it easier to obey your parents or do something like move if you are promised a blessing? God promised that Abram would be the father of many nations. At that time Abram did not even have a child! It did not make sense. What did Abram decide to do?

- 7. Abram obeyed God.
- 8. Abram took his family, his servants and all his belongings.
- 9. He went to Canaan.

# **Teaching Tip**

When using the teaching signs for this lesson, allow kids to hold them or tape them on the wall behind you. If you don't want to place the signs with the surf teams, you can place them around the edge of the room and call on a child to run and find the number you call. When you place the sign in front of the group, allow the clubbers to read the statement together.

# **Teaching Tip**

When reading the story from the Bible, be sure to read with enthusiasm and intentionality. As you read, do your best to communicate a love for the Bible so the kids will get a sense of how important it is to you. By watching you read and teach the Bible, the kids will have the opportunity to develop the same love for the Bible.

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#### **Talk About It**

What did Abram do when God told him to leave? Abram obeyed. He took everything and left. Can you think of something you have had to do that was hard, but required obedience? (Allow for answers.) God requires us to obey even when it's seems the hardest thing to do. You will read in your Hang 10 this week that Abram's obedience is what was counted to him as faith in God. He showed he <u>depended</u> on God by obeying Him.

- 10. God told Abram He would give him the land he was in.
- 11. Abram built an altar and called on the name of the Lord.

#### **Talk About It**

God told him Abram to get up and go. God said, "go to a land that I will show you." When Abram obeyed, God said He would give him that land. Abram responded to God's <u>dependability</u> with obedience, then with worship. He worshipped by building an altar and calling on the name of the Lord.

God made a promise. God kept His promise. We know that God gave Abram a son and the nation of Israel came from him. In chapter 17, you can read about another exchange between God and Abram where God changed Abram's name to Abraham when he was 90 years old. God made a covenant with Abraham that he would be the father of many nations.

# **Memory Link Connection**

Boys and girls, the Memory Link tells us we can know what? Say it with me, "Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God..."

Deuteronomy 7:9a

God is what? He is dependable.

#### **Gospel Connection**

Draw kids' attention to sign No. 6. God promised that through Abram all the families of the earth would be blessed. God kept that promise by sending Jesus, who was a descendent of Abraham. Sin separates all people from God. God knew we needed a Savior to provide forgiveness from sin. That is how God dependably kept his promise. He provided Jesus to save people from sin. So how do you receive God's free gift of salvation? You can ADMIT to Him that you are a sinner. Sin is choosing your way and not God's way. You can ASK for forgiveness. He promised He would forgive you when you call on His name. You can BELIEVE that He loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to bring you to a place He promised - to live with Him forever. You can CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus as your Lord.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

### **Application**

Are you willing to step out in faith and obey God just like Abram did? God is dependable so we can trust Him and obey and follow Him. Every week in Beach Club we will learn more about God. I pray you will come to understand His great love for you and decide to accept His gift of forgiveness and make Jesus your forever friend.

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# **Gospel Tip**

Keep your KBC Study
Bible on hand when talking
to children about salvation
during club. Refer to the
tip-in pages after page
626. Show the child the
truths you are talking about
by pointing to the Bible.
Remind students they will
receive their very own KBC
Study Bible next week
when your Beach Club
celebrates Great Treasure
Day.

# **SURF TEAM TIME**

5-10 MINUTES

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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word.

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

# **Gospel Connection**

Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.

# **Today's Lesson**

- What questions do you have about today's story?
- What have you learned about God today?
- How do you know God is dependable?
- What promise did God keep to Abram by sending Jesus?
- How can you depend on God?

# Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

# Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week. Remind students they will each receive their own copy of the KBC Study Bible very soon. Help the kids understand how special that is and build excitement toward your Great Treasure Day.

# **Pray**

Pass out index cards and pens. Invite kids to write their prayer requests on cards. Be <u>dependable</u> and take the cards home to pray for the kids in your surf team during the week.

Father, help me to <u>depend</u> on You. You are mighty, faithful and always keep Your promises. Thank You for being <u>dependable</u>. In Jesus' name, amen.

# Teaching Tip

Tell your church how God is at work in your Beach Club. Write an article about your Beach Club and submit it to KiDs Beach Club® for the newsletter or post pictures on the church Facebook page. Include appreciation for your volunteers and stories about the kids who come to know more about God. Ask your volunteers to talk about KiDs Beach Club® in their Bible study classes. Tell your stories on social media and be sure to tag @KiDsBeachClub in your posts or email your stories to us at stories@ kbcmail.org.

# **MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME**



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Game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word.

# **Option 1 - WHAT'S THE NUMBER?**

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Ask students to write down a number between 1 and 15 and cover the number with their hand. Call out a number. The child who wrote the number you called gets to answer the review question. Continue the process until all the questions have been asked and answered.

# **Option 2 - GO FIND IT**

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#### **Prepare**

Write each answer to the review questions on a separate piece of paper.

Ask students to line up in single-file lines. Place the answers to the review questions on the floor or table in the center. Read the review question. On "go," allow the first child in each line to run to the middle and search for the answer to the question. The first child to find the answer and hold it up gets to read the answer aloud.

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Dependability)
- 2. In what book of the Bible is the story found? (Genesis)
- 3. In today's story, who does God speak to? (Abram)
- 4. What does God tell Abram to do? (Go, move)
- 5. Who did Abram take with him? (Lot, Sarai, servants and possessions)
- 6. Where do Abram and his family go? (To a land God will show or Canaan)
- 7. What did God promise to do for Abram when he left his home? (To make his name great and make him a great nation)
- 8. What did Abram do after God showed him the place he was going? (Built an altar and worshipped God)
- 9. How was God <u>dependable</u> in today's story? (Showed Abram where to go and help His promise)
- How can you show <u>dependability</u>? (Obeying, keeping my promises, doing what I say I will do)

# "Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God."

Deuteronomy 7:9a

