

LESSON 2
“DEPENDABILITY”
(page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 12:1-9 (page 15)

CHARACTER WORD

Dependability – Trustworthy
to do what I say I will do

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can depend 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

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Paper, bucket, tape

Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Paper, Lesson 2 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 depended 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 dependable. We can step out in faith and depend 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 His 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

No supplies needed

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

- *I’m so glad you came to KBC! Let’s go around the circle and share our names and something we love to do for fun.*
- *Today we are going to talk about dependability. What does dependability mean?*
- *Name someone who has been dependable in your life.*
- *Today we will learn that we can depend on God to keep His promises!*



Guide clubbers 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

Consider making a list of 4-5 songs that you will rotate through this year at KBC. Make a CD or give the songlist to your KBC leaders. Make posters with the words to each song. When the leaders are familiar with the songs and feel confident to sing them using the lyric posters, it sets a confident tone in the room for worship. This atmosphere will allow the clubbers to feel more assured as they listen and learn the songs. Planning ahead and making preparations will enhance your worship time.

MEMORY LINK



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

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

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, & 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 clubber 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 dependable.

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 KBC 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.

BIBLE CONNECTION



LESSON 2 "DEPENDABILITY" (page 3)

Teaching today's character word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Paper; Option: print lesson 2 resources

Prepare

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

Introduce the Story

Each week in KiDs Beach Club we 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.

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 depended 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 dependability 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 number 6. God promised that through Abram all the families of the earth would be blessed through him. 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 children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated area to meet with a leader one-on-one.

Application/Transition

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 KBC 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.

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 truths you are talking about to the child by pointing to the Bible. Encourage the clubbers to read the verses and pages in their Bibles at home.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers 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?*

Pray

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

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

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 KBC Study 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.

Let's look at Day 2. Turn to Isaiah 42:5-6 (KBC Study Bible pages 769-770). Call on a volunteer to read the DO section. Let's make the list together. Write the list on your Hang 10 page. Who would like to pray the prayer?

Teaching Tip

Tell your church how God is at work in your Beach Club. Write an article in the newsletter about KBC 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 KBC 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

Game to review today’s Bible Connection & Character Word



Option 1 - WHAT’S THE NUMBER?

Paper, pens

Ask the clubbers 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

Paper

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

Call for the clubbers 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 dependable in today’s story? (*Showed Abram where to go and help His promise*)
10. How can you show dependability? (*Obeying, keeping my promises, doing what I say I will do*)



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Deuteronomy 7:9a

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