

K-3rd

Large Group

August — Week 3

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (10 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (30 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Small Group (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect 1. Bible Story

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

→ Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

→ Devotionals for Kids

→ Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

252Kids
Large Group

August 2025
Origin Story

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

God Chooses Abram Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6

Bottom Line

You can trust that God has a plan.

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)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces

10 Minutes

Opener

15 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE ->Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO ->Theme Loop

→ *Host enters.*

OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Countdown
OPTIONAL VIDEO ->Theme Intro
OPTIONAL VIDEO ->Theme Loop

HOST: "Hello, everyone! It's so great to see all your smiling faces today! If you're excited to be here just like I am, give a friend a high five like this! (DEMONSTRATE) This month we're talking about faith. Can anyone tell me what faith is? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSE) That's right! Let's all say it together."

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see."

"Let's all say our Memory Verse together."

SLIDE → Memory Verse

→ *Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NirV) and read.*

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

"Great job, everyone! Well, as you may already know, we're training to be superheroes all month long! And today we're learning to be quick! If you've ever heard of Elasti-Girl, then you probably already know that she can stretch herself really far so she can do things really fast. Like if some bad guys robbed a bank, she could knock the money right out of their hands and then grab it up and get it to the police before they even knew what happened. So, I guess the only question is . . . who's ready to train like Elasti-Girl?"

→ *Choose three kids to be on stage. Have them stand behind a table covered in play money, facing the audience. Give them each an elastic hand to use.*

"Okay, when I say 'go', you're going to use your elastic hand to grab the money and bring it back to your other hand. You'll work together as a team to get all the money so you can get it back to its rightful owner. Are you ready? (PAUSE) Okay, let's get started in 3...2...1...GO!"

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Worship

SFX → Upbeat music

- *Cheer on the kids and provide funny commentary as they go. Once all the money has been gathered, celebrate all the kids who played as they go back to their seats.*

“That was incredible! And now I know who to call if I ever need some Elasti-help! Now, let’s all get ready to tell God that we love Him with our worship team!”

10 MINUTES

Worship

② Worship

→ *Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey friends! I’m so excited to worship with you! Worship is giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Let’s worship together!”

VIDEO: “CAN’T STOP SINGING” LIVE LYRICS

“Great worshipping! No matter where we are or what is happening, we can trust that God is always with us. Let’s go ahead and sing this next song together.”

VIDEO: “ASK, SEEK, KNOCK” LIVE LYRICS

“Great job everyone! Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our Bible Story today.”

15 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> God's Big Story

- *Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit. Point to the existing timeline images as you reference previous stories.*

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "This year we've been travelling through God's Big Story in the Bible. **(GESTURE TO THE SLIDE.)** Every week, we'll look at an important story so we learn more about who God is and His great rescue. And we'll put a picture of that story on our timeline!

"We started our look at God's Big Story just like you'd think we should—in the beginning. The book of Genesis is the very first book of the Bible. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** It tells us about the beginning when God created the whole world and everything in it . . . including people! We were made in the image of God to show the world what God is like.

"But Adam and Eve, the first people God created, sinned. Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways—who He is or what He has said. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, when they sinned, they ushered in a curse of sin that affected them and everyone who would live after them.

"Every person who lived after Adam and Eve sinned. They had to choose whether or not they would trust God. Most people didn't because their hearts pulled them away from God. But God never left us on our own. He loves us! Even from the very beginning, God had a plan to rescue us and to fix everything through Jesus!

- *Point to Noah on the timeline.*

GOD CHOOSES ABRAM AND SARAI

STORYTELLER: "Even though evil was everywhere in the world, Noah followed God. So God saved Noah and his family through a huge flood. After the flood, Noah's family grew quickly.

"But sadly, like before, a few people followed and obeyed God. But even through the hardest times, God still had a plan that He was working on. Today, we're going to learn more about a key part in that rescue plan! To help me, I'm going to choose two people to join me and help teach today's story.

- *Choose two kids to play the parts of Abram and Sarai. Give Abram a nametag with a giant "A" on it and Sarai a nametag with a giant "S" on it. Choose two more kids to be Abram's father and nephew. Have them start off on one side of the room, walking toward the other side of the room, labeled Harran.*

15 MINUTES

Story

“God chose a man named Abram and his wife, Sarai. Years before, they had started on a journey to the land of Canaan along with Abram’s father and nephew. But they stopped in Harran on the way and ended up staying there.

→ *Give Abram and Sarai a plush lamb.*

“Even though Abram and Sarai gained many flocks and herds in Harran, they had no children. But their story was just beginning.

→ *Give Abram a white/gray beard to wear.*

INTO THE UNKNOWN

STORYTELLER: “When Abram was 75 years old, God spoke to him.

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 12:1-3 (NirV) and read.*

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s family. Go to the land I will show you.

“I will make you into a great nation.

And I will bless you.

I will make your name great.

You will be a blessing to others.

I will bless those who bless you.” (NirV)

“The God of the entire universe had just spoken to Abram. Abram didn’t know this, but God was working on His plan to save the whole world. He wanted to set the world free from the curse they were under! And it all started with Abram and Sarai making a huge move into the unknown. God was going to rescue the world through their family. God’s rescue plan was going to be through a family!

“In spite of all their questions, Abram and Sarai believed God. They packed up everything they owned and started out on an epic trip, along with Abram’s nephew, Lot, and all their flocks and herds.

→ *Have the kids move toward the stage and the sign that says, “Canaan.”*

“At long last, they arrived in the land of Canaan and camped near the tree of Moreh at Shechem.

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 12:7-8 (NirV) and read.*

The LORD appeared to Abram at Shechem. He said, “I will give this land to your family who comes after you.” So Abram built an altar there to honor the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there, Abram went on toward the hills east of Bethel. He set up his tent there. Bethel was to the west, and Ai was to the east. Abram built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD.

15 MINUTES

Story

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE

STORYTELLER: “The years passed, and still Abram and Sarai had no child. Sometimes they trusted God, and sometimes they made unwise choices out of fear. But even though they messed up, God was faithful. One day, God appeared to Abram in a vision.

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 15:5-6 (NirV) and read.*

The LORD took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can.” Then he said to him, “That’s how many children will be born into your family.”

Abram believed the LORD. The LORD was pleased with Abram because he believed. So Abram’s faith made him right with the LORD.

“Abram was later called Abraham and Sarai was later called Sarah. They didn’t get everything right, but at long last, when Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 years old, God gave them a son, Isaac.

④ Bottom Line

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Eventually, Abraham’s family did become a great nation. You may have heard of this nation . . . they were eventually called the Israelites. They were God’s people.

“You know what the really cool part of this is? God had a plan many, many, many years later. When God sent Jesus to Earth, He was born into Abraham and Sarah’s family. And through Jesus, the entire world has been blessed, just like God promised it would be.

“All along, God was working on His great rescue plan. So . . .

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] “You can trust that God has a plan. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] “You can trust that God has a plan.”

SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

15 MINUTES

Story

⑤ What's Our Part in The Story?

HOST: “Abraham and Sarah trusted God, packed up and moved to a place they had never been. God calls each one of us to take small steps of faith every day. Faith is trusting what you can’t see because of what you can see.

“One of the ways we can ‘see’ evidence of God is through the things that God has done. We can see that God kept His promise to give Abraham and Sarah a son. God kept His promise to bless the whole world by sending Jesus.

“From the very beginning when the first people sinned, they ushered in a curse of sin that infected everybody’s hearts. No one could be close to God anymore. The curse brought bad things into the world too—sickness, pain, suffering, and death. But God didn’t like that at all. He had a plan to fix everything!

“God had a plan to fix everything through Jesus. When Jesus came to Earth, He broke the curse of sin for all time! He made it so anyone who wants to can have a relationship with God!

“But that’s not all! There’s a second part of God’s rescue plan! Jesus is coming back! When He does, we will live with Him forever and there will no longer be any pain, or sickness, or death.

“And all through God’s Big Story, written down in the Bible, the story that we’re going to look at this year, we can see how God has been working out that plan.”

“We live in the middle of the story—we still live in a broken world because Jesus hasn’t come back yet. So sometimes we go through things that are really hard. But God can actually take even the hard things in our lives and make them beautiful. Listen to these words that the apostle Paul wrote.

→ *Open the Bible to Romans 8:28 (NirV) and read.*

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose.

“Even when things get hard, we can trust that God still has a plan. Even though you might have to wait a long time to see it, God is still good. Let’s look at the timeline for this week.”

SLIDE -> God’s Big Story
SLIDE -> Week 3 Timeline Image

“In the beginning, God had a plan. Even when the first people sinned and ushered in that awful curse of sin, God had a plan to break it. And that plan was Jesus.

15 MINUTES

Story

“This week we saw how God continued His great rescue plan through this family, started by Abraham and Sarah. You know what the really cool part of this is? God had a plan many, many, many years later. When God sent Jesus to Earth, He was born into Abraham and Sarah’s family. And Jesus would break that curse of sin and bring anyone who wants back into closeness with God! This family would be a key part in God’s Big Story!

→ *If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.*

“We can have faith that God will do what He said He will do because of the things that He has already done. If you don’t know where to start, just ask God for help. Let’s go ahead and do that now!”

SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

⑥ Prayer

HOST: “God, thank You for the reminder that we can trust You because You have a plan. Thank You for the story of Abraham and Sarah and the fact that You were working on our rescue through them. Teach us to trust You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

→ *Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.
SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop