



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Eyes of Faith When the Vision's Bleak April 28, 2019

(Genesis 15:1-6)

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

For the Kids/Family: What is a promise that God has made to you that can help you always feel safe and secure, even if things seem scary or uncertain?

1. **Icebreaker:** Share with the group a time in your life when things were really bleak or uncertain, but God got you through it.

2. In the chapter just preceding our sermon text (Genesis 14), Abram and 318 trained men of his household rout a collaborative army comprised of soldiers and kings from four cities, who had captured Abram’s nephew Lot and all of his possessions. Understanding that context, why are God’s initial words to Abram such a comforting thought?
3. How would you respond to a person who says there isn’t enough evidence or visual proof for the existence of God to actually believe in him? (**Hint:** See if you can use Hebrews 11 to help formulate your answer.)
4. **Discuss:** Is it ever OK to question how God will keep his promises to us?

Is it ever OK to doubt that God is going to keep his promises to us?
5. **Discuss:** Why was God’s visual reminder of the stars in the sky such a wonderful reminder for Abram? What are some visuals that you have in your house/office/etc. that you could look at to be reminded of God’s promises? Or if you don’t have any, what might be some good ideas to have in those places?
6. **Agree/Disagree:** Because Abram believed in God’s promise, God rewarded him for his faith by crediting Jesus’ righteousness to him.
7. From the top of your head, give some examples from Abram’s life of times when he showed great trust, and times when he showed a sinful lack of trust in God. With those in mind, why is Jesus the “greater” Abram in the ways he showed trust in God?