

UNIT 2: FAITH • LESSON 6:

“God’s Promise to Abraham”

GENESIS 15:1-6

FAITH

To believe in God’s presence and to hope.

BIBLE STORY:

Abraham is an important character in the Bible. He is known as the father of the Jews. His story of great faith is found in the book of Genesis. The story in our lesson today is about God’s **PROMISE** to Abraham. God tells Abraham that he and Sarah will have a child of their own even though Abraham thought that was not possible. God promises us **unconditional love, guidance, presence and much more!**

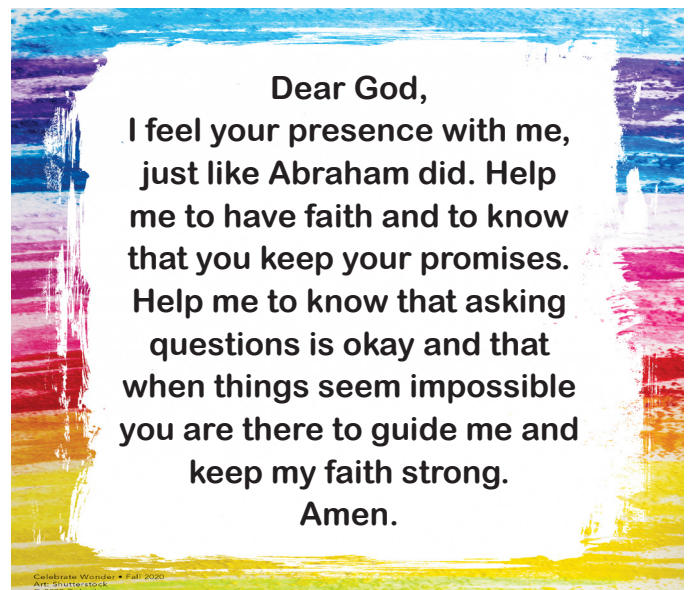
Abraham had a dream about God. In the dream, God said, “Don’t be afraid, Abraham. I am with you

and will keep you safe. I will give you something wonderful. Abraham asked God, “What could you give me? I don’t have any children and that’s what I want the most.” God said, “You will have a child. Look up at the night sky. Count all the stars. This is how many children you will have.” Abraham believed and trusted God. Abraham had faith.



Abraham had questions, but he remained faithful to God. Abraham models doubt and questions in the midst of his strong and committed faith. Abraham might not have fully understood what God was doing, but he hoped God would do amazing things. That is wondrous faith.

Children have big questions and sometimes things seem impossible or don’t make sense. Children should be encouraged to ask questions along their faith journey. Knowing that God is with them along the journey and asking God to help them explore these questions is part of having strong faith.



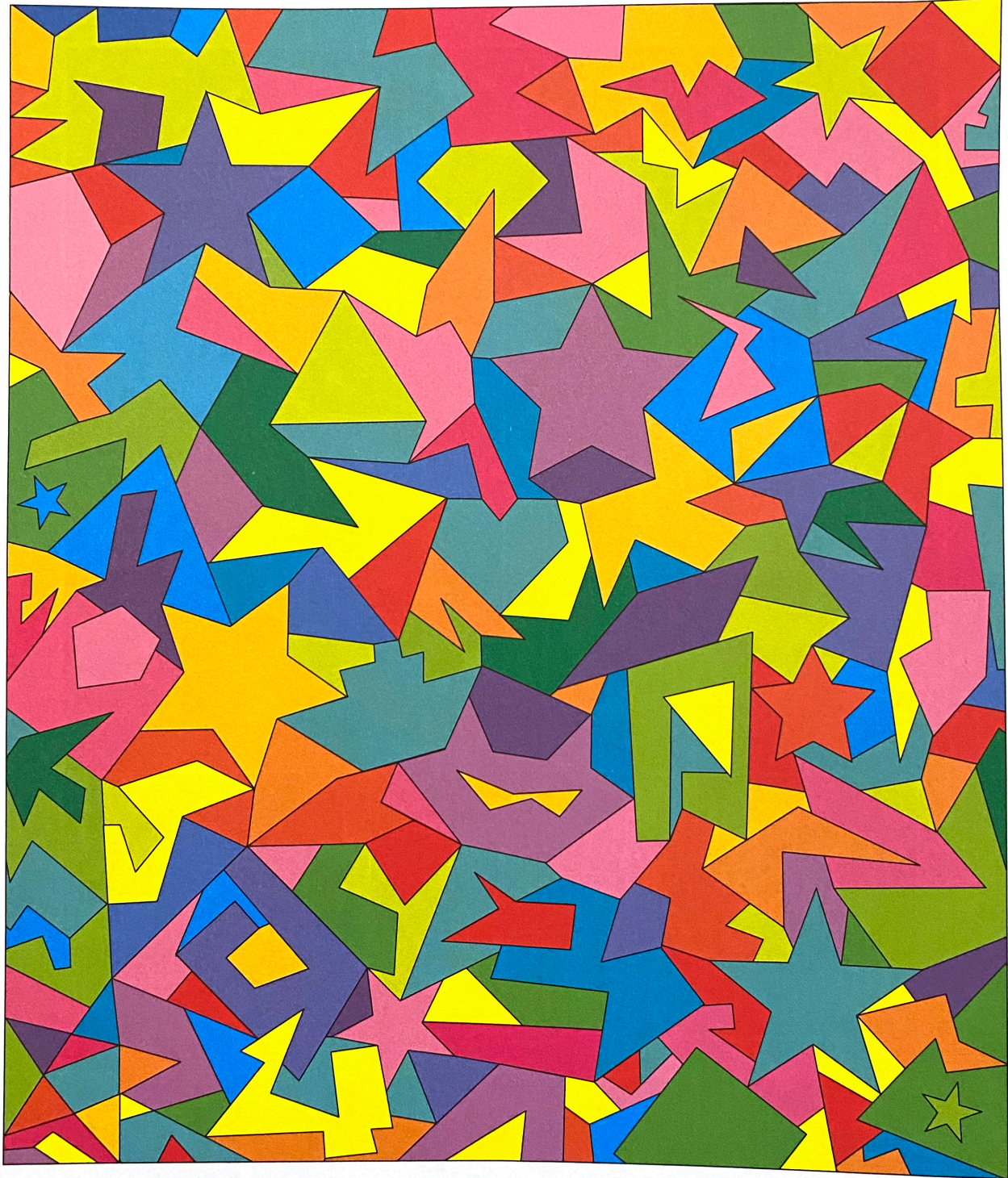
WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- What are some of God’s promises?
- When have you felt God’s protection around you?
- When do you struggle to have faith in God’s promises?
- What helps you hold onto faith in God’s promises?
- In our story today, God help Abraham imagine his future. What do you see for your future when you imagine with God?
- Spend some time looking at the stars in the night sky. Can you count them all?

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Count the Stars

Find the 10 stars hidden in the picture.



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Stars

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Instructions

Read the facts below to learn more about stars. Then answer the question at the end.

You might think that with all the stars in the sky, the sky would never get dark. But there are reasons it gets dark at night.

1. Light takes time to get to us. The light from stars has to travel through the galaxy to reach the earth.
2. Stars are not all the same size, and stars do not shine forever. The largest stars burn out after a few million years, while the tiniest stars can last trillions of years.
3. There are trillions of stars in the sky, but we cannot see all of them. On a clear night, you can see about 3,000 stars.
4. Our universe does not have enough stars, so the starlight from the sky is weak.
5. Planets and other objects in orbit around the sun have shadows. These shadows help create the night.
6. The earth rotates on its axis every 24 hours. When your part of the earth faces away from the sun, it gets dark.

What do you think about when you look at the stars?