

Week 1: The Son of Abraham

Passage: Galatians 3:15-29

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[b] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Theme: Jesus as the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Abraham, highlighting faith and blessing to all nations.

Structure:

1. Opening Prayer: Begin by inviting God's presence and preparing hearts to reflect on His promises.

2. Scripture Reading: Read Galatians 3:15-29 with a focus on verses 26-29 about our unity in Christ and our inclusion in the promise to Abraham.

3. Reflection:

- Reflect on the promise God made to Abraham and how Jesus fulfills it.
- Talk about what it means to be part of Abraham's family through faith and how that impacts our identity as believers.

4. Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to you that we are "sons and daughters of Abraham" through faith in Jesus?
- How does this truth help us understand that God keeps His covenant promises?

4. Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for His faithfulness in keeping promises.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of what it means to be part of God's family.

Family Activity on the Back

Family Activity : Create A Star!

The Son of Abraham: Create a star to represent the promise that Abraham's children would one day outnumber the stars. This also ties into the Star over Bethlehem that heralded Jesus' coming as the fulfillment of God's promise.

Option 1: Popsicle Stick Star Ornament

Supplies:

- Popsicle sticks: 5 per star
- Glue: White glue or a hot glue gun
- String or ribbon: For hanging the star
- Optional decorations: Stickers, paint, markers, pom-poms, or other craft items

Directions

- **Start the base:** Glue two popsicle sticks together to form an upside-down "V."
- **Add the third stick:** Glue a third popsicle stick to the bottom right point of the "V," angling it upward toward the top left side.
- **Create the horizontal bar:** Attach a fourth popsicle stick across the top of the third stick, so it runs horizontally.
- **Finish the frame:** Glue the fifth popsicle stick to connect the bottom left of the "V" to the top right, completing the star shape.
- **Add a hanger:** Tie a piece of string or ribbon around the top point of the star for hanging.
- **Decorate:** Use markers, stickers, pom-poms, or yarn to make your star unique and colorful!

Option 2: Paper Star Ornament

Supplies:

- Template
- Paper, Construction Paper, or Cardstock
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- String or Ribbon
- Markers or Crayons
- Optional Decorations: Stickers, pom-poms, or other craft items

Directions

- **Cut out the template:** Carefully cut out the star template along the outline.
- **Trace the Star:** Trace the star template onto your piece of paper.
- **Cut it out the star:** Carefully cut out the star your traced.
- **Color the star:** Use markers or crayons to color the star template.
- **Punch a hole:** Use the hole punch to make a hole at the top of the star.
- **Decorate:** Add optional decorations like stickers, pom-poms, or other craft items.
- **Add a hanger:** Thread a piece of string or ribbon through the hole and tie a knot to create a hanger.

Star Template

