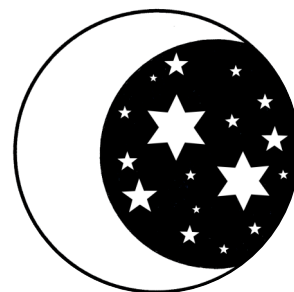




## Lesson #3-2

## GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM

Genesis 15:1-6

**Key Verse:**

“Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them...  
So shall your descendants be.”  
Genesis 15:5

**The Point:**

God cares for us as communities, families, and individuals.

**Unit Theme (September 8—October 20)**

Promises Made, Promises Broken

## CARRYING THE PROMISE

*Carry God's promise through the community.*

*Supplies:*

† Bibles

*Instructions:*

1. We have just read the story of God's promise to Abram. As Abram's children in faith, we are heirs of that promise. We are some of the stars in the sky. The question for us to consider is: "What does this promise look like to us today?" How does God's promise that Abram would become the ancestor to a nation live in us? How does God's promise live in this community?
2. Take a moment to think of the ministries, the relationships, the experiences that we have as a community. Consider how God's promise lives through these things. After a moment, we will pass the Bible around. I invite you to say a word or short phrase that describes how God's promise lives in our community. If you would prefer not to speak aloud, you can just hold the Bible silently for a few seconds and then pass it on to the next person. Each of us gets to hold the Bible because each of us is a part of the community.
3. If your congregation is too large to pass one Bible around in a time-sensitive manner, feel free to send two or more Bibles around. Encourage people to speak out, even when others are speaking, because God hears our words, and the community is still connected through this activity.
4. Allow a moment for silent contemplation.
5. Share your own word or words, and then pass the Bible to the person next to you.
6. Help direct the movement if necessary, but allow the movement to happen organically.