

Seeing Jesus through the Uncertainty

AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

FOLLOWING GOD IN FAITH

Genesis 12:1-9

Main Idea

**EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS DOING,
WE CAN TRUST HIM AND FOLLOW HIM IN FAITH.**

Memory Verse

**"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth."**

PSALM 121:1-2, ESV

LEADER: Talk about a time when someone made a promise to you. Did they keep their promise? Did they break their promise? How did it make you feel?

Go around the family and have everyone give an answer.

LEADER: In the story we are going to read, God made an unbelievable promise to Abraham that felt impossible—and the stakes were high. God asked Abraham to do some very hard things, but He also made him some very big promises.

Read Genesis 12:1-9 out loud together.

LEADER: What did God ask Abram to do, and what did God promise Abram He would do?

Answer: God asked Abram to leave his home, and He promised Abram He would make him a great nation and give his people a land to live in.

LEADER: The promises God made to Abraham seemed impossible because Abram and Sarai were very old. They couldn't understand how God could make them a great nation when they couldn't even have one child.

Why do we sometimes have a hard time believing what God said is true?

Answer: Sometimes we can't see how God will accomplish what we feel like is impossible. When our situation is so far out of our control, we are tempted to let fear, doubt and pain cloud our hope in God.

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LEADER: God does things in our life that we could never imagine on our own. He kept His promise to Abram in making him a great nation and giving his people the land He promised to give them. Even when things felt out of control and impossible, Abram obeyed God. Abram still followed God when he couldn't see the whole picture or how the story would end.

LEADER: Sarai and Abram, Moses and the Israelites and so many others in the Bible all have something in common: they said “yes” to God. When said “yes” to God and were willing to obey Him, they succeeded in doing things that were bigger than themselves, even in the midst of uncertain circumstances.

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ACTIVITIES

Try doing one of these activities a day as a family to help you remember the lesson. Each day, repeat the memory verse and the main idea.

DAY 1: Complete the devotional lesson as a family.

DAY 2: Write your memory verse using chalk! Post a picture, and tag us with the hashtag: #NAMBFamDevo

DAY 3: Make a list of people, places or things and write them on scrap pieces of paper. Take turns having members of your family draw the person, place or thing from their paper. Whoever guesses correctly first wins. It's so much easier to see the whole picture instead of trying to guess while someone is still drawing—this can be confusing and comical. We can't see all God is doing, but we can trust that He has a complete picture in mind.

DAY 4: Do a puzzle together! When everything is laid out in tiny pieces before you, it can feel overwhelming. But piece by piece, we see that there is a point to our hard work. God asks us to be obedient in our every day, so He can use us to further His kingdom for eternity.

DAY 5: In Hebrew, *Ebenezer* means “stone of help”. To remember God's intervention on behalf of His people, ebenezers were put up so the people would remember—for generations—the way the LORD came to their rescue. Have everyone in the family find a stone that will serve as their Ebenezer during these uncertain times.

DAY 6: Draw of a picture of Abram and Sarai trusting God and leaving their home.

DAY 7: Color the provided picture of this story. Either have each member of your family color their own, or color it together as a family.

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MEMORY VERSE INSTRUCTIONS

The memory verse activity is included on the following page.

1. Fold the paper along the dotted lines so the scripture memory sheet is folded into fifths.
2. Fold the paper so only the top verse (presentation one) is showing.
3. Read the verse out loud five times.
4. Turn the first fold backwards so it's no longer visible and only presentation two is visible.
5. Keep presentation one hidden and fill in the blanks of presentation two.
6. Fold the page again to presentation three. Fill in the blanks of presentation three.
7. Fold the page again to presentation four. Fill in the blanks of presentation four.
8. Turn to presentation five. Just looking at the first letter of each word, attempt to say the entire verse on presentation five. Practice saying the verse aloud again.

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"I lift up my e_____ to the hills.
 From where does my h_____ come?
 My h_____ comes from the LORD,
 who m_____ heaven and earth."

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"I lift up my e_____ to the h_____.
 From w_____ does my h_____ come?
 My h_____ comes from the LORD,
 who m_____ heaven and e_____."

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"I lift u__ my e_____ to the h_____.
 From w_____ does my h_____ come?
 My h_____ comes from the L_____,
 who m_____ h_____ and e_____."

PSALM 121:1-2, ESV

"I l u m e t t h.
 F w d m h c?
 M h c f t L,
 w m h a e."

GENESIS 12:1-9

