

God Is Provider

Abraham & Isaac

PREPARE AHEAD

Gather some Bibles for you and your children or have a Bible app ready on your phones.

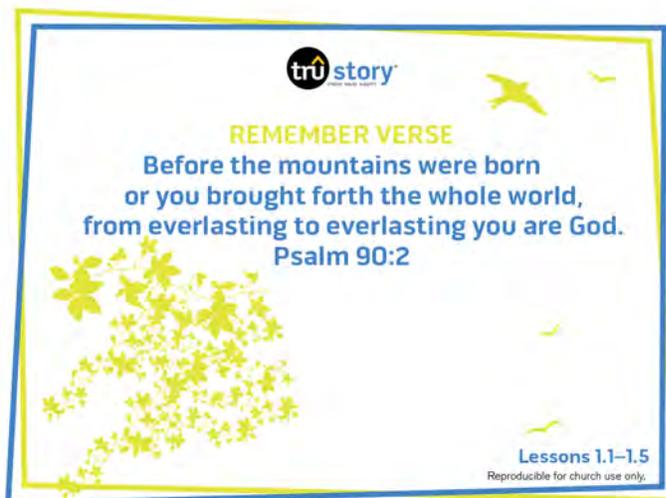
You can download the the Worship Music Files using the following link: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/lesson-dl.com/tru/TaH-God-Is-Provider-Media.zip>

Print off several sheets of the Star Cutouts and have scissors and coloring supplies available for your family.

Print the Remember Verse cards in the Resources folder for your family to cut out and hang around your house.

Download the TruWorship songs and have the videos or MP3s ready to play for your family. Lyric sheets are available to help you sing along.

REMEMBER VERSE



*Use the Remember Verse Cards to help your family memorize this verse. You can also play the **Orderly Words** game in **Bonus Anytime Activities** to help memorize this verse.*



CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Find some baby pictures of your children. Look through the pictures together and tell them a little about the day they were born. Tell them about the excitement and anticipation that came with their arrival and the love you felt for them before they were born. Tell them about how you will be learning about Abraham, Sarah, and their son Isaac, and how special Isaac was to his parents. And how God provided for them in a very unexpected way.

INVESTIGATE TOGETHER

God provided for Abraham many times in his life. God provided Abraham with a son when he and his wife were well past their childbearing years. Then He provided a replacement offering when Abraham showed his willingness to sacrifice his son.

If they're old enough, ask your child to read each Scripture passage aloud as you follow along.

Read Psalm 111:4–5

- **What are some of the ways God provides for His people?**
- **What are some ways you're trusting God to provide for you right now?**

Abraham's sacrifice points to the sacrifice God made when He gave up His only Son Jesus so we could have eternal life.

Read 1 John 4:10

- **How did God demonstrate, or show, His love for us?**
- **How was God's willingness to send Jesus into the world to die on the cross similar to Abraham and Isaac on the mountain?**

Read Romans 8:32.

- **What are some of the good things God graciously gives to us?**

Discuss these questions together:

- **What happened that made Abraham and Sarah so excited?**
- **When have you seen God provide for you or your family?**
- **How can you show God that you believe He will provide for you in the future?**



WORSHIP

Play the videos for “Celebrate” from *Sincerely Yours* and “I Trust You” from *Your Love* and sing along as a family. Download from: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/lesson-dl.com/tru/TaH-God-Is-Provider-Media.zip>

BLESS

Invite your children to stand in a line and take part in a call-and-response as you read the blessing from Psalm 23:1–4. Let them know that after every line you read, they should respond by saying, “God is our Provider.”

Parent: The **LORD** is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Children: God is our Provider.

Parent: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.

Children: God is our Provider.

Parent: He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake.

Children: God is our Provider.

Parent: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me.

Children: God is our Provider.

Now go to each child individually and pray a blessing over her:

May you know that God is your Provider. May you trust in His provision and follow Him wherever He leads you.





REMEMBER VERSE

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2



Lessons 1.1-1.5

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BONUS ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

Here are some optional activities you could do with your family throughout the week to help remember and celebrate the promises of God from the **God Is Faithful** lesson.

Find the ones that look like they would work best from your family and try them out. You might just find a fun new way to build your faith together!

ORDERLY WORDS

SUPPLIES

- Paper (10 sheets)
- Scissors
- Marker

PREPARE AHEAD

Cut each sheet of paper in half and write one word from the Remember Verse and the verse reference on a half sheet.

REMEMBER VERSE

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RELATE

Invite children to learn the Remember Verse by putting the words of the verse together in order. To play, read the Remember Verse a few times and have your child recite it back to you. Then give a piece of paper with a word from the Remember Verse on it to each child. (If it's just you and your child, divide the words between you.) Then work together to put the verse in order. When the verse is correctly assembled, recite it together.



INVISIBLE BALLOON

SUPPLIES

- Yeast (1 Tbsp.)
- Sugar (1 tsp.)
- Warm water (1 c.)
- Kitchen thermometer
- Spoon
- Glass jar (at least 1 c.)
- Glass drinking bottle (12–16 oz.)
- Small funnel
- Balloon

RELATE

What was God’s covenant with Abraham? Allow answers. **Yes. God promised Abraham** (whose name was first Abram) **that his descendants— or all the people in his family—would be so many that counting them would be like trying to count the stars in the sky. God kept His promise. After many years of waiting, Sarah gave birth to a son named Isaac.**

Sometime later, God commanded Abraham to take his son somewhere. Read Genesis 22:2. **What did God ask Abraham to do?** Allow answers. **Yes. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son. After waiting so many years for a child, God was asking him to give up that child. Abraham followed God’s command. And then, just as Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, what happened?** Allow answers. Read Genesis 22:11. **The angel of the lord called to Abraham and stopped him. And God miraculously provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice.**

Today, invite your kids to do an experiment that does the impossible: makes something appear out of nothing. Invite a child to help you mix one tablespoon of yeast with a teaspoon of sugar and one cup of warm water inside the jar. (Be sure water is between 105° and 115° Fahrenheit so the yeast will bloom properly, and experiment will work.) Then, carefully insert a funnel into a glass bottle and pour the mixture inside. Next, stretch the opening of the balloon over the neck of the bottle. After a few minutes, different gases inside the bottle will release and cause the balloon to magically inflate. Note: The balloon will not inflate to its full size.



ALTAR OF THE LORD'S PROVISION

SUPPLIES

- Stone cutouts
- Paper (1 sheet per child, gray and light brown)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Disposable cups (1 per child)
- Crayons, pencils, or pens
- "Celebrate," TruWorship *Sincerely Yours*

PREPARE AHEAD

Print the Stone cutouts onto gray and light brown paper and cut out the stones. Make several stones for each child.

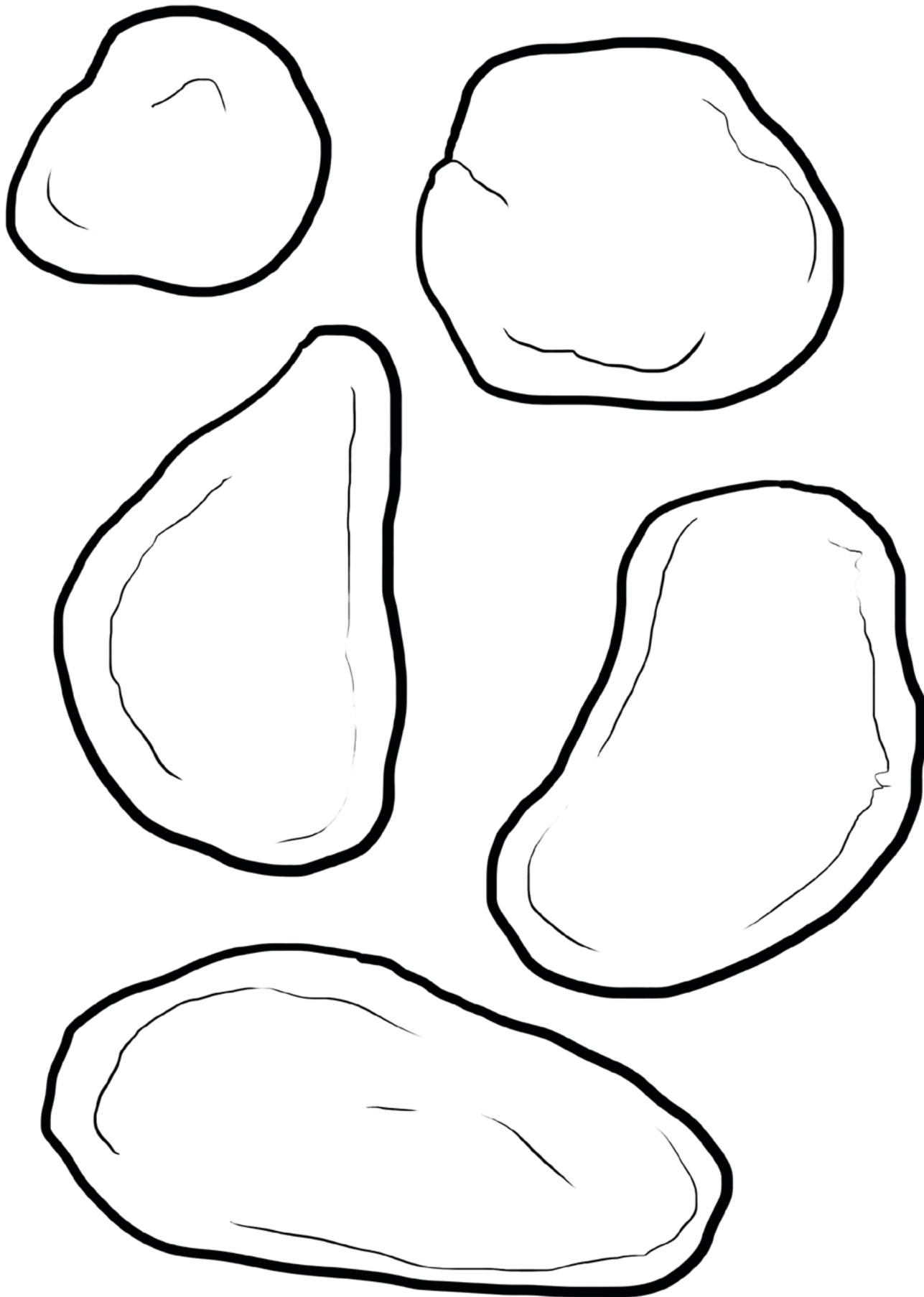
RELATE

Through God's work in Abraham and Isaac's lives, we can see that God will provide for our needs, even though He may work in ways we might not expect. What are some other examples of ways God provided for His people throughout The Big God Story? Allow responses. Great thoughts.

God is Provider, and The Big God Story gives us many different examples of how God provides for His people. But the greatest example of God providing for His people was when He sent His Son Jesus. Read John 3:16. How did God provide the way for us to spend eternity with Him? Allow responses. Right. God sent Jesus, His only Son, to die for our sins so we could be with Him forever. What Abraham and Isaac experienced shows us what it must have been like for God to sacrifice His only Son for us.

God provides for us in many ways each day. Invite your kids to spend some time pondering some of the ways God provides for them in their lives. Then have each child take a few paper stones and write down some of these ways. Maybe God provided a home for your family, or maybe God provided friends when your child changed schools. Once each child finishes writing, she can glue her stones to a disposable cup to make an altar. This altar can remind her of how God is Provider. (Also give each child several paper stones to place inside the cup altar. This way, kids can continue writing ways God provides for them throughout the week.)





POWERFUL PROMISES

SUPPLIES

- A blue balloon or shoe box
- Star cutouts (or star stickers)
- Tape
- Optional: Blue paper or blue markers to color the box

PREPARE AHEAD

Have your children find a box and color it blue or wrap blue paper around it. Cut out two stars for everyone.

RELATE

Ask your family to join you in a circle. Pass out the stars, two per person. Ask children to hold onto the stars until they receive further instruction.

In the very beginning God made a promise that He would make the way for us to be with Him forever. The Big God Story is all about how God has been keeping that promise. God made a promise to Abraham, and then Isaac was born. Abraham's family grew and grew, and then Jesus, the promised Savior, was born! Because God is powerful and kept His promise to send Jesus to be our Savior, we can be a part of God's family and be friends with Him forever.

Think about who God is, and what you'd like to tell Him today. You might be thinking about the promises God has made to us, or what it means to be a part of God's family. I'm going to pass this balloon (or box), around the circle, and when it gets to you, you can share out loud or just talk to God in your heart. Then, if you'd like, you can tape your star to the balloon (or box), and the other star on your own hand. Our balloon (or box) will be a collection of all of our thoughts and prayers about God and His promises. The sticker on your hand will remind you of what we've learned today. I'll start. As you pass the balloon or box, invite children to share or reflect quietly and then place their stars on the balloon or box. Make sure everyone has a chance to add their stars if they so desire, even if they didn't talk out loud.



THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

RELATE

Encourage your family to stand in a circle for this game. They will move about and dance to the tune of “The Hokey Pokey.” **God has the power to do all that He promises. I think that’s a reason to dance! Join me as we dance and celebrate!**

Begin by talking through and acting out the motions and lyrics. Once everyone is familiar with the song, lead children in several rounds.

Put your right hand in (right hand forward)

Put your right hand out (right hand back)

Put your trust in God and then turn yourself around (spin in circles)

God keeps His promises to me and to you (thumbs to chest on “me” and index fingers to others on “you”)

And that’s what it’s all about.

Put your left hand in (left hand forward)

Put your left hand out (left hand back)

Put your trust in God and then jump up and down (jump up and down in place)

God keeps His promises to me and to you (thumbs to chest on “me” and index fingers to others on “you”)

And that’s what it’s all about.

Put your right foot in (right foot forward)

Put your right foot out (right foot back)

Put your trust in God and then turn yourself around (spin in circles)

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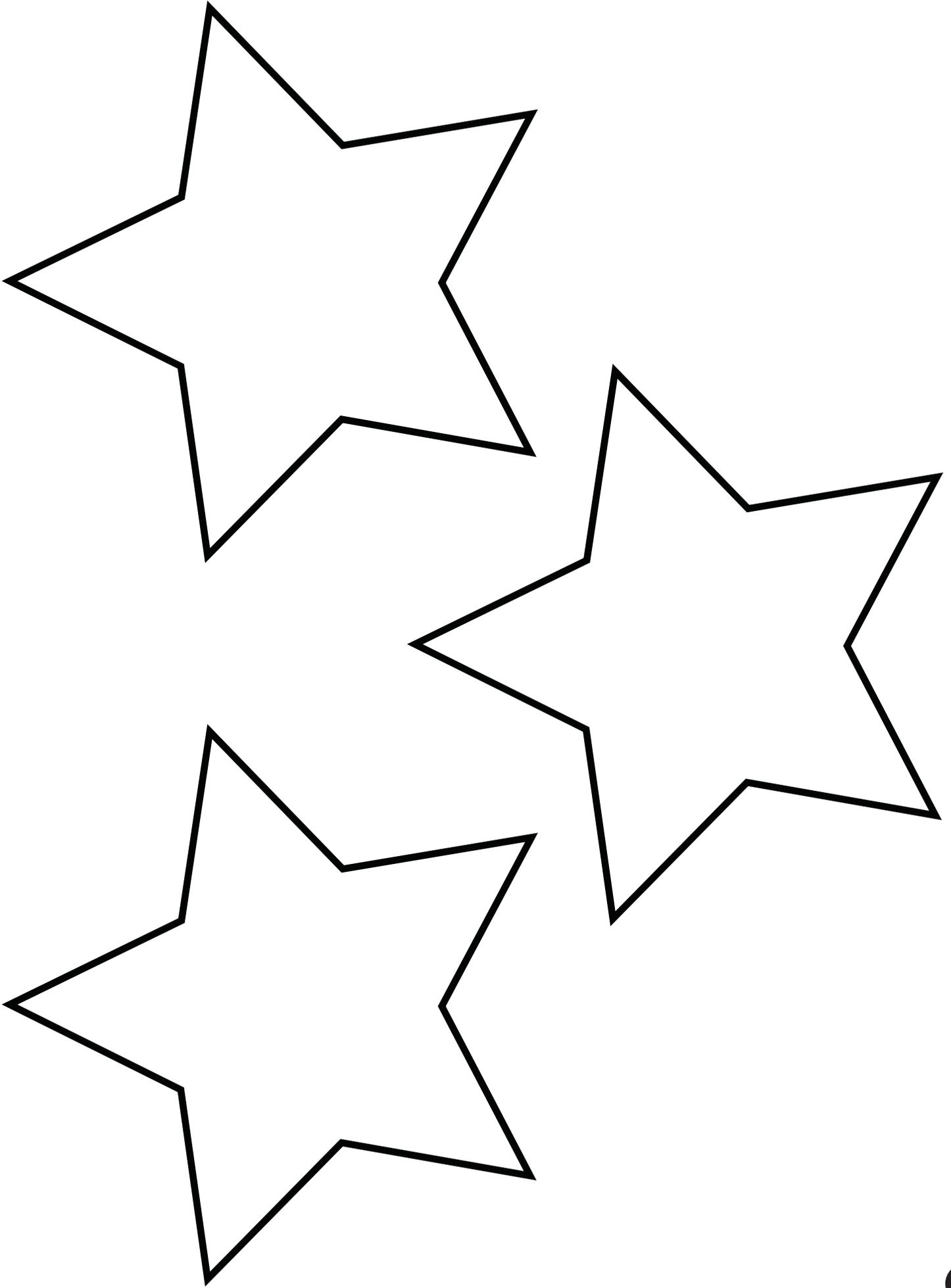
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Invite everyone to take turns as the leader. Let them choose a new motion or be prepared to prompt them. Play as many rounds as time allows or as long as children are engaged.





TOSSING AND TURNING, TRUSTING AND LEARNING

SUPPLIES

- A beanbag or something soft you can toss back and forth

RELATE

Encourage children to find a partner, and then give each pair a beanbag. The partners should stand facing each other, about three feet apart. Be sure to clear plenty of space around each pair. **I'm so thankful that God is powerful. We can trust that He'll never let us down and He'll always be with us. I'm also thankful that He has given us each other. Together we can learn about God and help each other remember His promises.** Explain that the children will get to play a game with their partner that celebrates what they've heard about God today.

Begin by simply tossing and catching the beanbag with each other. After a few practice rounds, increase the challenge: Partners should each toss and catch the beanbag, then take one step apart and begin again. To add to the game, explain that the child who is tossing the beanbag should say, "**God is ...**" as he tosses. The child who is catching should say, "**... powerful!**"

You can vary the game by asking children to say the phrase, turn in a complete circle, and then toss the beanbag. Partners would catch the beanbag, say the phrase, and then end with a turn. Play as many variations as children enjoy with clapping, jumping, etc.



ABRAHAM



ACTION WORD
BELIEVE

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ABRAHAM

ABRAHAM:

Well, hello! I don't know if you've ever heard of me, but I'm Abraham. You remember hearing about that guy named Noah, who built an ark? Well, I'm his great-great-great-great, uh, well, you get the idea. I come from Noah's family. I guess you probably think I'm pretty old—and you're right! Many years ago, God called me to be the Father of a great nation. God made a covenant with me—an everlasting promise. God said He would be my God and that I and my children and my children's children—for generations after generations—would be His people. Funny thing was, at the time, my wife, Sarah, and I didn't even have children! It was hard to believe that God had plans for a great nation of His special people to come from me. I was too old to be raising babies. But God expected me to BELIEVE it—so I did!

You're part of this story too. God wants *you* to take action and BELIEVE.

ACTION VERSE:

Matthew 21:22

What was God's action? What's something you've heard about that was hard to BELIEVE? Name something your family had to wait a long time for. What might God be asking you to BELIEVE about Him right now?

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LEARN MORE

For the beginning of Abraham's story in
The Action Bible, go to "GOD CALLS ABRAM."

ISAAC



ACTION WORD
LEARN

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ISAAC

ISAAC:

My name is Isaac, which means “laughter.” Sometimes, though, I haven’t felt much like laughing. One time, God gave my dad, Abraham, a really hard test. God wanted to see if Dad would trust Him, even when He asked him to let go of the thing he loved most in the world: me! My dad **LEARNED** that God could give me back to him, even from the dead, if He wanted. God saw that my father really would trust Him 100 percent. I found that sometimes you have to be willing to let go of everything, but God always gives more than He asks. After my dad showed that he would let go of me, God brought a substitute—a sheep stuck in the bushes—to be a sacrifice in my place. God is faithful to provide, and sometimes His goodness is so amazing it makes me laugh with joy.

You’re part of this story too. God wants *you* to **LEARN** how to trust Him completely.

ACTION VERSE:

2 Corinthians 9:8

What was God’s action? What has your family **LEARNED through trusting God?**

How can your family teach others about trusting Jesus with the way you live?

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LEARN MORE

For the beginning of Isaac’s story in
The Action Bible, go to “A FATHER’S SACRIFICE.”



Still, long years passed before there was any sign of a child. Most people would have given up on God's promise. But not Abraham.

Have you ever heard of a woman who is over ninety years old having a baby? That's exactly what happened to Sarah, Abraham's wife.

When their child was born, Abraham and Sarah laughed with joy and amazement. And that's how their little boy got his name.

They called him "Isaac," which means "laughter."

Pretty cool name, don't you think?



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