

GENESIS



Imagine learning about Abraham* over four weeks, visiting a different *workshop* each week:

- ❖ In the *Bedouin Encampment*, hear Abraham tell his story and make sand maps.
- ❖ In *Created by the Spirit*, hear the story of the visit to Abraham and Sarah by the three strangers and make a decoupage reminder of God's covenant.
- ❖ In *Mary and Martha's Bed and Breakfast*, hear the story told by Sarah and Hagar, while sharing in the hospitality shown to strangers. Make a benevolent sewing project for abandoned children to remember that we are all children of God.
- ❖ In *Moved by the Spirit*, experience the nomadic lifestyle of Abraham and Sarah as they erect and dismantle their campsite with each new phase of the story. It's a great lesson in learning to hear God's voice.

Imagine not only experiencing the story, but making the story connect with daily life. That's what happens with the Workshop Rotation Model.

* For more workshop options, the Abraham unit can be found in the *Covenant year*.

Who were the founding families of our faith?
Genesis has the answers.

Cornerstones features 11 workshop lessons for seven of the Genesis stories:

Creation
Garden of Eden
Noah's Ark
Abraham
Jacob and Esau
Joseph and His Brothers
Joseph in Egypt

When you write these stories on the hearts of children ...

you open hearts to witness God's presence.

Once you know the Genesis stories,
you'll understand the rest
of the Old Testament.

Once you know the Old Testament,
you'll understand Jesus Christ.

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Here are two examples of what you'll find among the seven different units from Genesis.

Abraham

Bedouin Encampment: Abraham will use a sand map to tell his story of travel and encounters with God. Create a banner using sand art to reinforce our connection with Abraham.

Bible @ Your Fingertips: Use various Bible software to learn about the story. Make comic strips to reflect the characters and the relationship with God. Software not included.

Bible Improv: Hear the story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar and improvise dilemmas that require some kind of reaction or intervention, whether from human or divine sources.

Created by the Spirit: Hear the story of the visit of the three strangers to the Oaks of Mamre. Choosing a scripture verse that reminds each child of the Covenant promise, create a decoupage reminder of our own connection to the Covenant.

Eat Your Way through the Bible: After hearing the story of the visit of the three strangers at the encampment of Abraham and Sarah, create a meal (or a portion of one) that might have been served to the three strangers.

Faith Today: By placing picture cards in sequence as a brief history of the region, see the difficult relationships between people of the Middle East. *The class will share the hour with *Where in the World Is?* as a combined purchase.

Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast: Hear the story of the Covenant as told by Sarah and Hagar. Eat pancakes and honey as they remember the hospitality shown to the three strangers who visit Abraham and Sarah. Make a benevolent sewing project for abandoned children to remember that we are all children of God.

Moved by the Spirit: Experience the nomadic lifestyle of Abraham and Sarah as they erect and dismantle the campsite with each new phase of the story. Great lesson is learning to hear God's voice and responding to it.

Puppetry: Perform the story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar using a "promise" song.

Video Live! Design and "script" a promotional video for a trip that follows in Abraham's footsteps.

Where in the World Is?: Overlay a map of the Holy Land in the time of Abraham with a present day political map. See where these current boundaries divide up the land of the Covenant and are a source of tensions in the region. *The class will share the hour with *Faith Today*.

Jacob and Esau

Bedouin Encampment: Hear the story of Jacob and Esau via the soap opera parody "As the Desert Burns". Create dioramas.

Bible @ Your Fingertips: Using a matching game, review Jacob's life. Create an acrostic or nametag with the participant's own name, recalling how Jacob grew into the identity of Israel. Software not included.

Bible Improv: Through the story of Jacob's deception, explore the consequences of lying versus telling the truth.

Created by the Spirit: Hear the story of the reconciliation between Jacob and Esau. Make baskets to understand how the lives of the twins were woven together; just as they were drawn to compete as children, they were drawn to make peace as adults.

Eat Your Way through the Bible: Enter into the story of Jacob and Esau by trading M&M's. Continue to explore the story through the sharing of a lentil soup recipe and bread.

Faith Today: Exploring the good and bad news in the newspaper, enter into a discussion about our need to be bearers of the Good News in our world. The Carter Center is used as an example of a group of people working for peace and reconciliation in the world today.

Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast: Rebekah, the mother, serves biblical foods while telling the story of her twin boys from their birth through her role in the passing of the blessing to Jacob. Make a friendship bracelet to understand how the lives of Jacob and Esau were interwoven, calling for reconciliation in the future.

Moved by the Spirit: Experience the scope of the Jacob and Esau story in a variety of both competitive and cooperative games: relay races, Tug of War and Tug of Peace, and walk across a bridge. Active learning at its best.

Puppetry: Compare Jacob's struggle to understand who he was supposed to be with the ancient Japanese story of the Stonecutter. The puppet activities will be based on the Stonecutter's story.

Video Live! Today's lesson takes place at a wrestling event. A "musical group" reviews Jacob's life and then he wrestles with "Mystery." During the match, his name is changed to Israel.

Where in the World Is?: Learn how the story of Jacob and Esau was a mirror to the story of the history of Israel. Find where the places from the story exist in today's world. Discover the deep-seated issues of the Middle East peace process that act as a parallel to the story.