Roots WBS Kids' Lesson #10 Genesis 13-14

Hook: Let's pretend we have binoculars. Show the kids how to form "binoculars" with their hands. We use real binoculars when we want to see in better detail something that is far away. Let's pretend we are on a mountain top. First, with just our eyes, we look all around us. It is a clear day and we can see quite far away. Then, if we use our binoculars we see the details of things that are far away—the leaves on a tree, the ripples on the river...

Book: In last week's lesson we learned that God told Abram He would greatly bless him. Today we learn in Genesis about one of those blessings. Picture Abram outside, up high, and the Lord tells him to look all around. God says, "...I will give you all the land you see. I will give it forever to you and your family who comes after you. I will make them like the dust of the earth." God isn't saying that Abram's family will be particles of dust! God is saying just like we can't count particles of dust or grains of sand, he is going to bless Abram with so many relatives (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great, great-grandchildren...) that there will be too many to count!

Look: Abram must have looked over that land and been amazed at God's promise. Abram was old and he didn't even have one child yet—his wife Sarai wasn't able to have babies. He didn't have a magical pair of binoculars to get a closer look at how God was going to bless him in that way, Abram just believed that what God said would happen would happen. So he settled where God told him to and he built an altar of worship there for the Lord.

Took: God has made promises to us, too. He promises He will never leave us, when we are sad He will bring us comfort, we are safe with Jesus—no one can snatch us out of His hand, He will meet our needs, and more! I'm going to say those promises again and let's pretend to put them in our pockets. Then, as we go home today, let's remember that God's promises are true and always with us even if we can't see how He will make them happen.

Bible Verse: "...I will give you all the land you see. I will give it forever to you and your family who comes after you. I will make them like the dust of the earth." Genesis 13:15-16a NIRV

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for being a promise keeper. What You say You'll do, You always do. We can count on You. What a loving and giving God You are! In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Abram didn't know how He would do it, but he believed that God would keep His promises. God has made promises to us, too. Tell your child about some of God's promises (i.e. He will never leave us, when we are sad He will bring us comfort, we are safe with Jesus—no one can snatch us out of His hand, He will meet our needs…). Then, write down one promise on two small pieces of paper that you both will think about today. Your child may want to decorate the papers with crayons. Then, fold the papers and each of you put one in your pocket. Remind each other throughout the day that God's promises are true and always with us…just like He is!



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