

# Like the Stars in the Sky

Genesis 15:1-21

Key Verse: 15:6

Theme: Faith in God's Promises

Abram had won a great victory and saved Lot but turned down the great riches and a king's life because he wanted to follow God. But back home he began to think about it. He had made many enemies and maybe the Canaanites would think he was dangerous now. He had turned down the riches but still he had no son and no sign of God's blessing. So God came to Abram and said, "I am your shield, your very great reward." God would protect him and God was the best treasure he could ever find.

But still Abram was sad. Abram and his wife Sarai were getting very old and they had never had a baby. "Who will I leave all my riches to when I die?" Abram asked the Lord. God answered, "All you own will go to your son." Then God took Abram outside and showed him the sky filled with stars. "You will have more children and grandchildren than those stars in the sky," He promised.



I'M LOOKING TO BUY BIRTHDAY CARDS IN QUANTITIES OF "SANDS OF THE SEASHORE" OR "STARS OF THE HEAVENS"?

## CHARACTERS

GOD: ALMIGHTY CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE

ABRAM: ANCESTOR OF ALL WHO BELIEVE

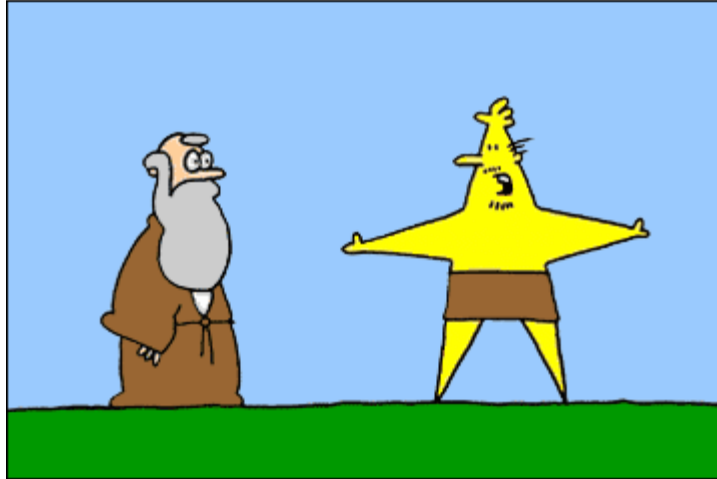
Abram didn't see how this was possible, but he believed what God said. Somehow he would have children of his own. Somehow he would live a happy and safe life. Abram left it all up to God. The Bible says that because of his faith, God called him righteous—that is right with God.

God was very pleased that Abram just believed what God said.

So God put Abram in a deep sleep and gave him a dream to show him how it would happen. He showed him his whole plan to take his descendants to Egypt. Later, his descendants would be slaves for 400 years in Egypt and would have so many children that they would grow to over a

million people. Then God would lead them back to Canaan through Moses to take it over as a nation of people.

That day God made a promise that he would keep no matter what, called a covenant, that he would give all the land of Canaan to Abram's descendants. Abram believed everything God told him because he loved and trusted God.



WELL, YOU WANTED YOUR SONS TO BE LIKE  
THE STARS OF THE HEAVENS, DIDN'T YOU?

## THINK ABOUT IT

1. We should believe what God promises because God said it
2. When we just believe by faith without proof, God says we are righteous
3. If we believe God's promises by faith, God will give us a great vision for our life

## TALK ABOUT IT

- What was God's word to Abram?
- How is God his shield?
- How is God his reward?
- Was Abram happy after this?
- What was the real problem in Abram's heart?
- What did God promise him?
- Why did he show Abram the stars?
- What did Abram think about God's promise?
- What did God think when Abram just believed because God said so?
- Is it more important to see proof or just believe God because he says so?
- What did God show him after this?
- How would Abram's descendants grow into a great nation?
- Why did they need to grow into a lot of people?
- What was God's covenant with Abram?
- What do we learn about believing God's promises?