

Bible Explorers

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This issue we'll be looking at God's promises

Abraham

David

Jesus

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Hi

Bible Explorers!



Have you ever made a **promise**? We might quite often make promises about big things, and sometimes we make them about small silly things too. Have you ever **broken** a promise?

Sometimes that can be **easy** to do, either accidentally or even deliberately, but in the

Bible promises are **REALLY** important.

God has made us some really **big** promises, this issue we're going to see what they are and why they are some of the **most important things** we

believe in,

Loads of love.

Joel, Claire, and Phoebe

LETTER

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'Thank you very much for creating this magazine, it was fantastic reading it and finding out new things!' 🌟😄

-Bohdan, Kettering Ecclesia

Thank you Bohdan for your kind words above and for sending in your answers to the quiz in the last magazine! Here's one of our favourite answers:

'We have to choose between God's armour and man's armour.'

Now, let's learn about those **promises**...

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Promises to Adam and Eve



When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the consequences were HUGE – affecting every person who has ever lived. We often call this 'the curse', but really it's a promise of how God will provide salvation.

God says in Genesis 3:16 that he will create conflict between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. Do you remember from the last magazine? 'He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.'

Jesus is the 'seed' a.k.a. 'descendant' of the woman. Sin 'bruised the heel' of Jesus: he died and was buried for 3 days before coming back to life. This was a really a victory, because he 'bruised the head' of sin – he totally destroyed it!

Snakewords

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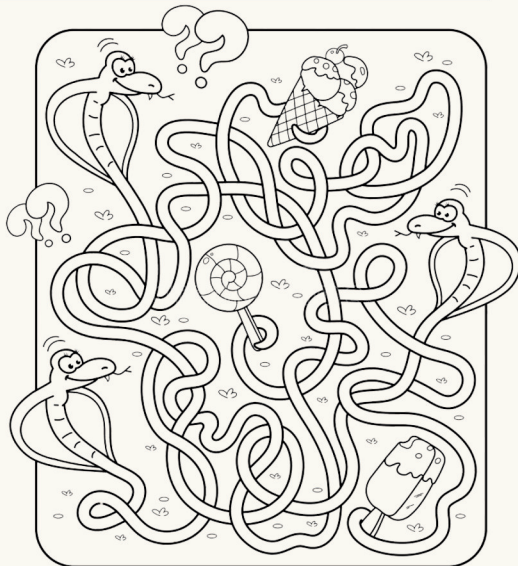
The grid below contains lots of words from this story, one after the other in a **long snake**. Start in the top-left corner and draw a wiggly snake from letter to letter to find all of the words and get to the bottom-right corner. **Clue:** the first two words are

names...

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Can you work out which **snake** is holding each sweet treat?

EXPLORE MORE!
Read Numbers 21:5-9. As well as promises, God tells us the future through **prophecies**. How was this serpent a prophecy? Read John 3:14.

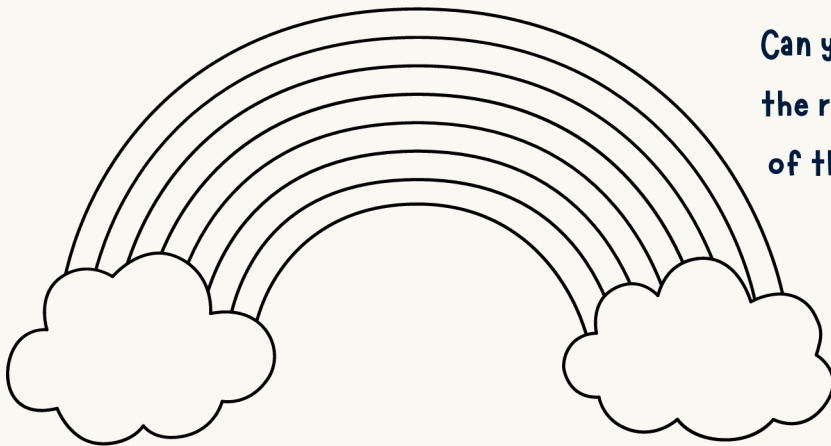


Promises to Noah

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After the flood, God promised Noah that he would never flood the earth again – and we know that every time we see a rainbow! But he also promised something else: "**While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease**" (Genesis 8:22). This means that not only do rainbows tell us about God's promises, but so do the changing seasons!



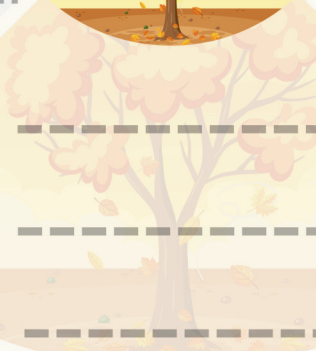
Can you colour in the right colours of the rainbow?

What can we thank God for in each ⁶ season?

SPRING



SUMMER



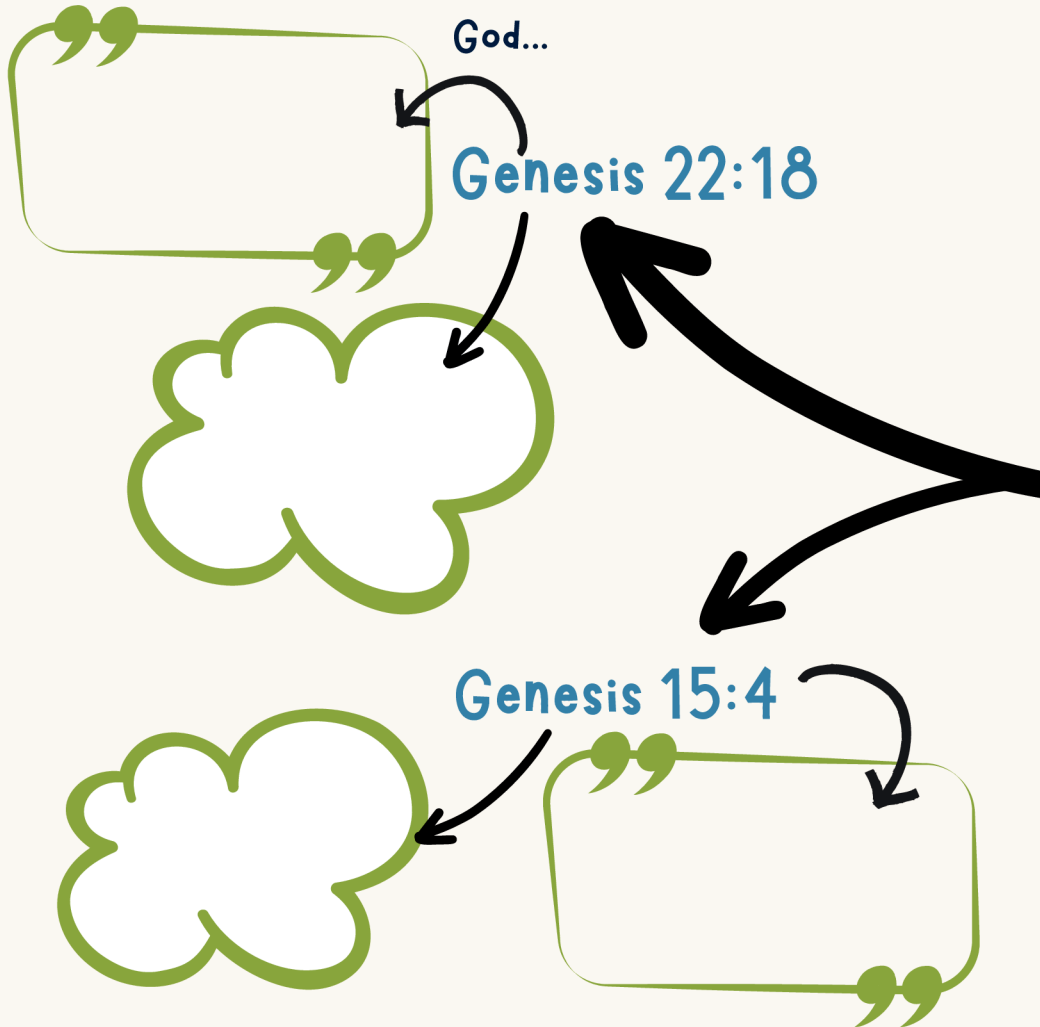
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Promises to Abraham ⁷

The promises to **Abraham** are some of the most important sections of the Bible – they're referenced **ALL** the time in the NT. Let's have a look at **what** he was promised by



Fill in the speech bubbles with what the verse says.

Genesis 12:6-7

Abraham was
promised...

Genesis 12:2

...then add what was promised into the clouds

Abraham believed God



The **really** important thing about Abraham is that he wasn't just promised things and then didn't do anything about it. He "**believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness**" (Genesis 15:6)

What does "**accounted to him for righteousness**" mean?

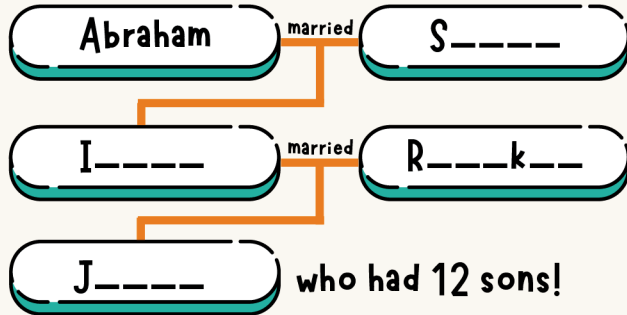


Righteousness is sometimes called '**right-way-ness**' – it's doing the right thing in God's eyes. Abraham didn't always follow in the right way. But because he was **FAITHFUL**, God who is kind and merciful counted him as righteous **anyway!**

God even let Abraham's **family** inherit the same promises because of their continued **faith**. More on

this later...

Can you complete Abraham's **family tree**, and make one for your family?



MY FAMILY TREE

Promises to David



The promises God makes to **David** follow on from the ones to Abraham – they're promised quite **similar** things!

God talks to David in **2 Samuel 7:11–**

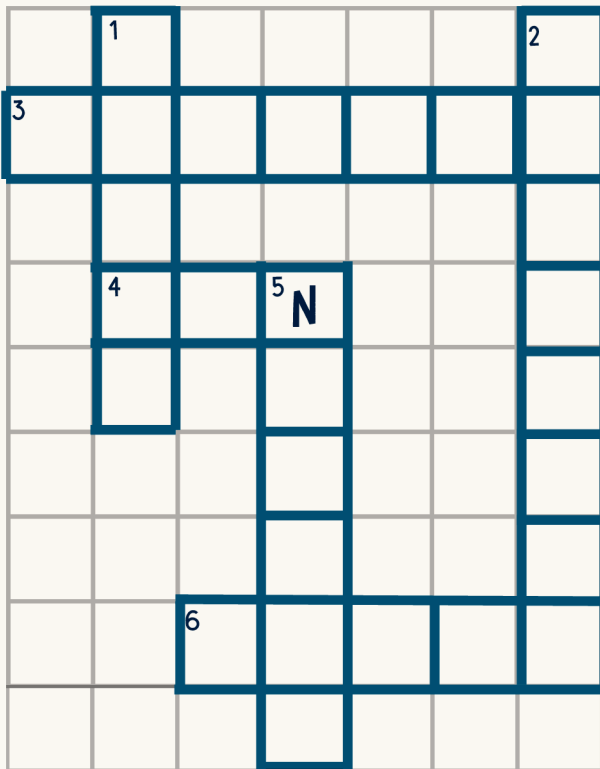
16. He is promised:

- a son who will sit on his **throne**
- the son will **reign** forever
- the son will also be the son of

God

Who does that sound like?!





answers on page 16

CLUES ACROSS

3. How long will the promised kingdom last?
4. The main promise given was a ____
6. Who were the promises given to?
(Not a trick question!)

CLUES DOWN

1. "I will make thee a _____"
– a place to live, or a royal family like the Tudors
2. God p_____ David these things
5. The prophet who spoke God's word to David (2 Sam 7:2)

EXPLORE MORE!

Compare Jeremiah 33:20-22 with the promises to Noah and Abraham – what can you spot that's similar?

Jesus

We know that these promises of a son are talking about **Jesus**.



He already fulfilled **some** of these promises – he was directly **related** to Abraham and David. He also fulfilled the promises to Adam and Eve, and in his **death** and **resurrection** he solved the problem of **sin** that they brought into the world.



But we know he's not **reigning eternally** just yet – why not?

In **Hebrews 11:39-40**, it says:

" All these, having obtained a good testimony through **faith**, did not receive the **promise**, God having provided something better for us, that **they should not be made perfect apart from us.**"

What that's saying is, the promises aren't fulfilled yet because God is **waiting for us** so that we can be part of them too!

Promises to Us!

So **how** can we be part of the promises of the **kingdom**, when Jesus will reign as **king**?

The answer is seen alllllll the way back in

Genesis 12:3, when it says: "in you

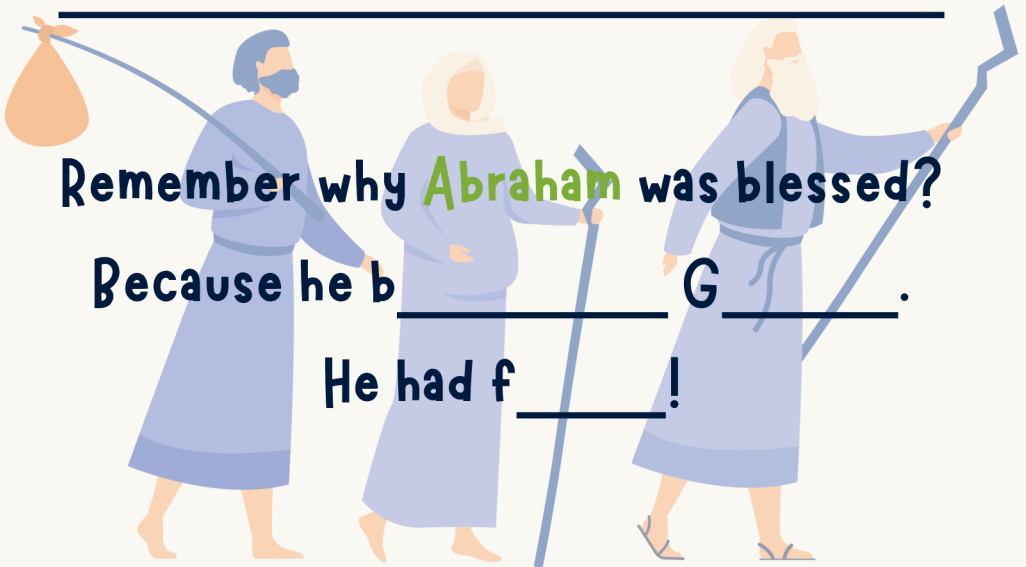
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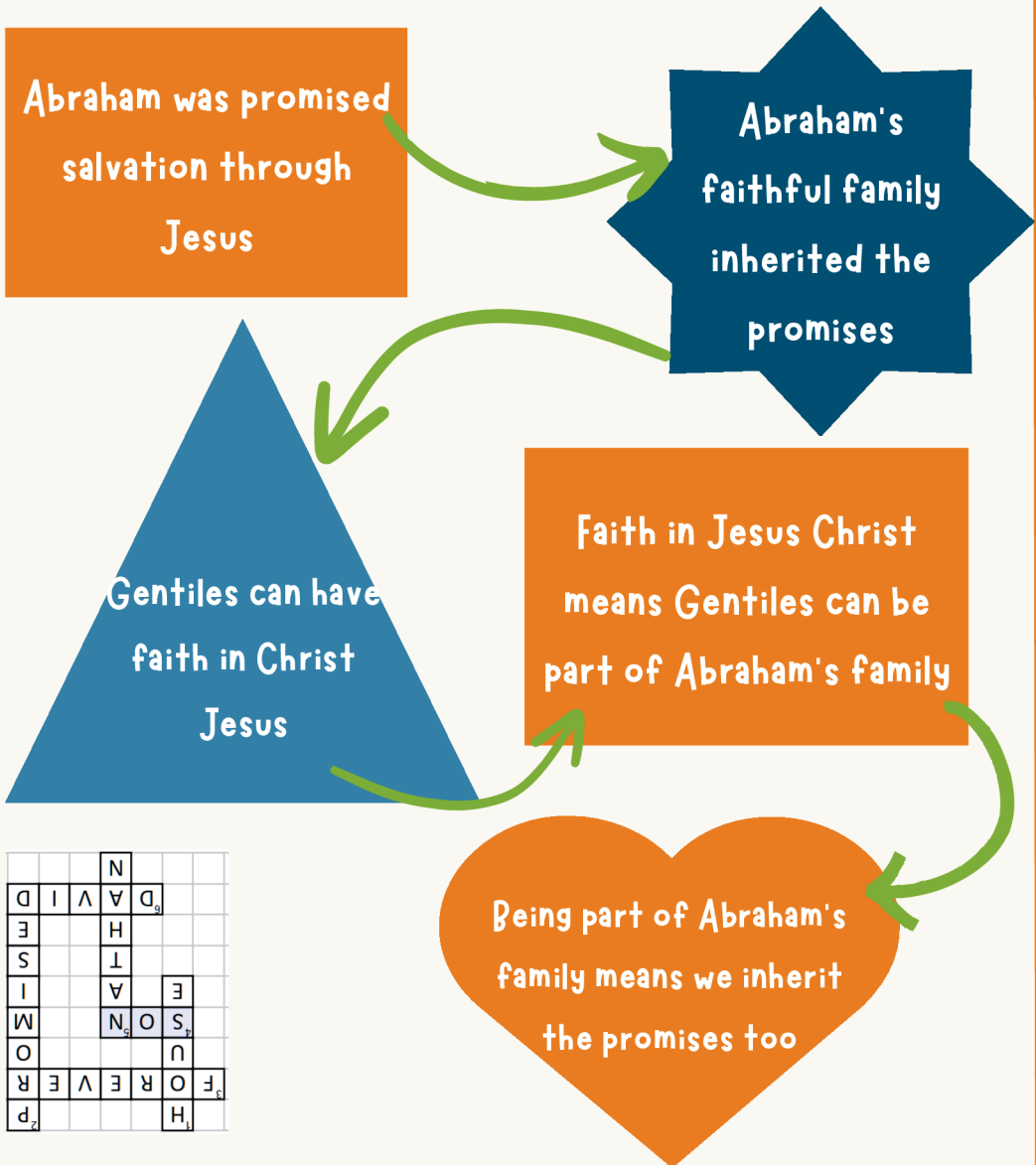
Remember why **Abraham** was blessed?

Because he b _____ G _____.

He had f _____!



Have a look at Galatians 3v9, v14, and v.26-29 – it explains everything! We've tried to summarise it here:



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Competition Time!

STEP 1: find a Bible verse containing a promise. It could be one of the promises we have looked at in this magazine, or a different one.

STEP 2: SHOW the verse in a fun way – for example you could paint the words with your fingers, or write it in bubble writing and decorate with stickers!

Maybe you would prefer to do some baking, like star biscuits for God's promise to Abraham, or build something out of Lego such as the throne promised to David.

STEP 3: Send in your entries to the address on the back cover, or send a photo to the email!

Can you unscramble the words below? 18

They're all words to do with promises.

(answers below!)

BHARAMA

WOV

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USEJS

Dear Diary

You might have noticed that we don't have a 'dear diary' page this issue – if you would like to volunteer, please get in contact with us!

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yaoN
mepa
y+eo
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abrahAm

Key verse

"If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Galatians 3:29

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