

Family Faith

Chapter 9

Abraham

Abraham had great faith and obeyed God.

Chapter Summary

Abraham prayed to God and had great faith in Him. Abraham trusted God and therefore obeyed Him; he left his home with his family and servants and traveled to a faraway land. Because of Abraham's great faith, God blessed him and made three promises to him. God promised him many descendants, even though Sarah, his wife, was beyond childbearing age. God promised to make Abraham's name great; he would be the father of a great nation. God also promised to lead Abraham to the Promised Land, where God would form His Chosen People. God kept His promise to Abraham, just as He did with Adam and Eve and Noah. God always keeps His promises.

More for Parents

Sometimes as parents, we have to ask our children to wait for the right time for things. Perhaps the toy they want right now has actually already been bought for them, but we are waiting for the right occasion to give it to them. Perhaps there is something they want to know immediately, but we know that there is a better time to tell them. We hope that our children trust us to give them what is good for them at the right time. God is a good Father, and though we sometimes feel, like Abraham, that He keeps us waiting, it is important to trust Him. Not only does God know exactly what to give us to make us truly happy and holy, but He also knows when to give these gifts to us. Do we trust in God the way we hope our children trust in us?

Our Family Prays Together

Dear Father in Heaven, You kept Your promise to Abraham. You blessed him because of his faith. Help us have more faith in You. Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **What do we call the gift that Abraham had and that we receive in Baptism that helps us believe in God's love and goodness?** (Faith.)
- **Who loved God and had great faith in Him?** (Abraham.)
- **What did God promise Abraham?** (A great name, many children, and the Promised Land.)
- **Does God keep His promises?** (Yes.)

Let's Live Our Faith

Have each person in your family name one blessing that God has given him. Go around, trying not to duplicate. Besides family and friends, encourage everyone to include everything we all have been given, such as the water we drink, the air we breathe, the sun that warms us—all things of nature.

Family Faith Activities

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- Have your family make a family tree.
- Pray and memorize the Our Father.
- Take your family to Mass early to light a vigil candle for a special intention for which you are trusting in God's help.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.