

December • January • February 2012 Quarter At-A-Glance

God Establishes a Faithful People

The study this quarter focuses on God's covenant through Abraham. The theological emphasis is on faith. God promised Abraham that through him all nations of the earth would be blessed. That promise was passed on from generation to generation until it was ultimately fulfilled in Christ. The lessons for this quarter are taken from Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Galatians.

UNIT 1 • GOD'S COVENANT

"God's covenant," tells the story of God's promise to Abraham. The first three lessons are studies in Genesis. These narratives from Genesis are appropriate for Advent because they point us to Christ's coming. The fourth lesson (the Christmas lesson) leaps forward from Genesis to Luke and Galatians where we hear Mary's lips that she will give birth to Christ, the seed of Abraham promise.

Lesson 1: December 4, 2011

A Blessing for All Nations

Genesis 12:1-9

The Lord instructs Abram to take his family to another country and promises to make him a great name and nation. Abram obeyed the Lord and went toward the Land of Canaan.

Lesson 2: December 11, 2011

A Promise to Abraham

Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18

Because he has no children, Abram questions God's promise. The Lord reassures him that his descendents will be too many to count. Abram also sees a terrifying vision of the journey his descendents will endure, including oppression for 400 years.

Lesson 3: December 18, 2011

The Lord Provides

Genesis 22:1-2, 6-14

Abraham is instructed to offer his only son, Isaac, to the Lord. He proceeds until an angel of the Lord tells him to stop. Abraham proves his faith by being obedient to God.

Lesson 4: December 25, 2011

According to the Promise

Luke 1:46-55

Mary expresses praise and gratitude toward God for what He was going to do for the world through her. In these verses, often referred to as "the Magnificat," Mary sees God as concerned for the poor, oppressed, and lowly.

UNIT 2 • GOD'S PROTECTION

Lessons 5-9 have five lessons. The first four are Joseph's story in Genesis 39-50. We see how God's promise to Abraham is passed on from generation to generation and carried with Abraham's descendants into Egypt. The final lesson of the unit considers the songs of Moses and Miriam in Exodus 15. God delivers Israel and leads them to safety in the desert. God's covenant faithfulness is proven again.

Lesson 5: January 1, 2012

God Watches over Joseph

Genesis 39:7-12a

Potiphar's wife aggressively petitions Joseph for sexual favor. Because of his loyalty to Potiphar and to God, he refuses; consequently, she accuses him of attempted rape and he is imprisoned. God stays with Joseph and he receives grace.

Lesson 6: January 8, 2012

Joseph Finds Favor

Genesis 41:37-45, 50-52

Joseph is appointed to the Pharaoh's court and becomes responsible for Egypt's survival strategy for the next 14 years. God's favor rests on him as he is named the wisest man in the land and placed second in command.

Lesson 7: January 15, 2012
God Preserves a Remnant
Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers and welcomes them. He tells them that God sent him to Egypt to preserve their family and keep His promise to Abraham. Joseph asks them to bring their father and the rest of the family to Egypt as soon as they can.

Lesson 8: January 22, 2012
Joseph Transmits Abraham's Promise
Genesis 50:15-26

Joseph forgives his brothers and discusses how God can use even evil plans for good. Before he dies, Joseph makes requests as to what should be done with his body when he dies. When he does die at 110, Joseph's family honors his request.

Lesson 9: January 29, 2012
Out of Egypt Exodus 15:1-3, 19, 22-26

Moses leads the people through the Red Sea and desert. When they complain, Moses puts his faith in God for answers.

UNIT 3 • GOD'S REDEMPTION

"God's Redemption" has four lessons. These lessons from Paul's letter to the Galatians emphasize the New Testament interpretation of the Law, of justification by faith, and of Christ's disciples as heirs of Abraham's promise.

Lesson 10: February 5, 2012
Justified by Faith in Christ
Galatians 2:15-21

Paul teaches that faith in Christ, not obedience to laws, is the way to obtain righteousness. Christ's work is what saves. Therefore, believers should put faith in Christ.

Lesson 11: February 12, 2012
Freed from Law through Christ
Galatians 3:1-14

Paul explains to the Galatians that it is impossible to become perfect with human efforts alone. He reminds them that faith in the work of Christ is how to achieve righteousness.

Lesson 12: February 19, 2012
Heirs to the Promise
Galatians 3:15-18; 4:1-7

Paul explains how God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled in Jesus and how Christ's work benefits all believers.

Lesson 13: February 26, 2012
Fruits of Redemption
Galatians 5:22-6:10

Apostle Paul teaches the Galatians the fruit of the spirit and to relate to other Christians with humility and service.

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