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This lesson is meant to help families with children ages 8–12 to better understand the Abrahamic covenant and the blessings of participating in that covenant by gathering on both sides of the veil. Print the attached lesson materials, and follow the directions below.

LESSON DIRECTIONS

PREPARATION

1. Print and cut out the puzzle pieces.
2. Hide or scatter the pieces of the puzzle around the room.

DURING THE LESSON

1. Have family members search for the puzzle pieces.
2. Along with the answers provided, discuss each question as you put the puzzle together.
3. After you have completed the puzzle, watch the video: [Gathering God's Family](#).
4. Discuss for a few minutes what your family can do together to help gather the family of God.

1. WHO IS ABRAHAM?

- The prophet Abram (Abraham) lived 2,000 years before Christ.
- Abram lived in a place called Ur of the Chaldees, in Mesopotamia.
- Abram made eternal covenants with the Lord, and the Lord promised him that these covenants and blessings would be offered to his seed (his posterity or descendants).
- The Lord gave Abram and his wife Sarai new names—Abraham and Sarah.
- Abraham is often called the “father of the faithful.”



Read and discuss Abraham 2:6–11. What kind of relationship did Abraham have with the Lord?

The Lord Promised Abraham and Sarah A Son

Nearly two millennia before Christ was born, a prophet named Abram lived in Ur. When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord visited him and offered him an everlasting covenant. The Lord promised Abram that if he would keep this covenant, the Lord would be his God and bless him and his seed after him. The Lord said, “I will make thee [Abram] exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee” (Genesis 17:2–6).

The Lord also promised Abram that if he kept this covenant, he and his children would be given promised lands. At the time of His visit, the Lord gave Abram and his wife Sarai new names—Abraham and Sarah. He then told Abraham that Sarah would bear a son and the child’s name would be Isaac. Sarah was well past the age of childbearing—90 years old—but everything turned out just as the Lord said. Isaac was born a year later and grew up to receive the same covenants from the Lord for himself and his children.

2. WHO IS THE SEED OF ABRAHAM?

- The seed of Abraham and Sarah have grown and multiplied among the nations of the earth, as the Lord promised.
- Jesus Christ Himself was born of Abraham’s seed.
- The promises and covenants made to Abraham are obtained only by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We become the seed of Abraham by faithfulness to our covenants, whether we are literal descendants of Abraham or adopted as his descendants through obedience to the gospel.



Abraham and Sarah lived and died thousands of years ago, but just as the Lord promised, their posterity have grown and multiplied among the nations of the earth. The Savior himself was born through their family line. All that the Lord said would happen regarding Abraham’s family has happened. But why does their family story matter to us today?

Joseph Smith shed light on our connection to Abraham in 1835 when he translated some ancient Egyptian papyri (a writing material). Among the papyri, Joseph Smith discovered the Book of Abraham, a first-person narrative of Abraham’s relationship with Jehovah that clarifies doctrines from the book of Genesis in the Bible. Among other things, it teaches us about God, our relationship with Him, our premortal life, and our purpose on earth. We find the truth of the book of Abraham—just as with the Book of Mormon—by studying its teachings, through heartfelt prayer, and with confirmation from the Holy Ghost.

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Along with the covenants, Abraham received great promises concerning his family. Some of these promises include:

- His posterity would be numerous (see Genesis 17:5–6; Abraham 2:9; 3:14).
- His descendants would receive the gospel and hold the priesthood (see Abraham 2:9).
- Through the ministry of his seed, all the families of the earth would be blessed (see Abraham 2:11).

We also learn from the Book of Abraham that all those who receive this gospel will be counted as Abraham’s seed, not just his biological descendants. These faithful are also promised that they will inherit the earth after it is sanctified and receives its celestial glory (see Matthew 5:5 and D&C 130:9). These sacred promises—known as the “Abrahamic covenant”—give the faithful a direct connection to Abraham and the promises God made to his family.

Today, we may enter into the same covenants with God that Abraham did in his day. We enter into these covenants when we are baptized, ordained to the priesthood, and receive ordinances in the temple (see Bible Dictionary, “Abraham, covenant of”). The Lord is eager to bless us, just as He blessed Abraham.

Discuss: How has your life been blessed by the covenant of Abraham?



4. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SEED OF ABRAHAM?

- Heirs of the Abrahamic covenant have the sacred responsibility to carry the gospel to the world so that others can receive the blessings of the gospel and the priesthood. obedience to the gospel.

Abraham's seed have been involved in missionary work since Abraham's day. "To fulfill the covenant God made with Abraham . . . a number of specific and particular things must take place in the last days. The gospel must be restored, the priesthood must be conferred again upon man, the keys of the sealing power must be given again to mortals, Israel must be gathered, and the Holy Ghost must be poured out upon the Gentiles. All this has already taken place or is in process of fulfillment" (see Bible Dictionary, "Abraham, covenant of").



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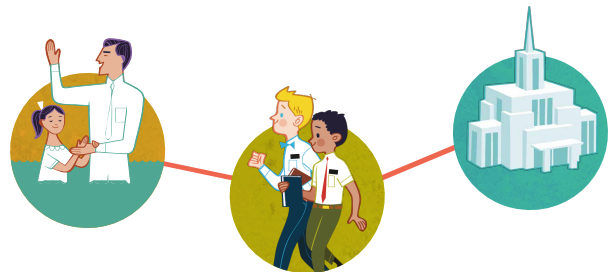
President Henry B. Eyring has encouraged keeping the sacred covenants we have made with our Heavenly Father by doing all we can to help gather His family (see "Gathering the Family of God," Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 19). As an heir to the Abrahamic covenant, you can receive blessings and bless others by becoming a gatherer of the family of God. Here are some things you can do:

- Regularly renew and fulfill your baptismal covenants.
- Share your testimony of the gospel.
- Participate in temple and family history work.

Discuss: How do we gather God's family on both sides of the veil?

Watch the video: Gathering God's Family.

Discuss: What can we do as a family to help gather the family of God?



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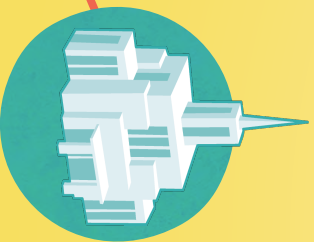
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