

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

Genesis 2:18



Night 1

The First Family

When God created the world, he created a man named Adam and placed him in a beautiful garden called Eden. God knew Adam needed a friend, so he created a woman named Eve. Adam and Eve were the first husband and wife to live on earth. When they had children, they became the very first family.

From the very beginning, families were important to God. He wants us to be surrounded by people who love us.

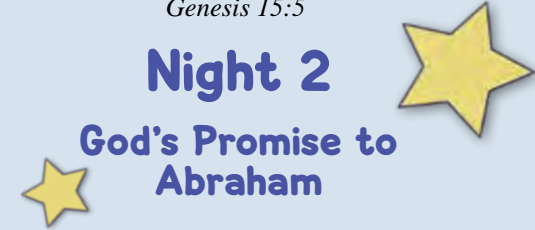


My Bedtime Prayer

Thank you, God, tonight and every night for making families.

The LORD took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can.” Then he said to him, “That’s how many children will be born into your family.”

Genesis 15:5

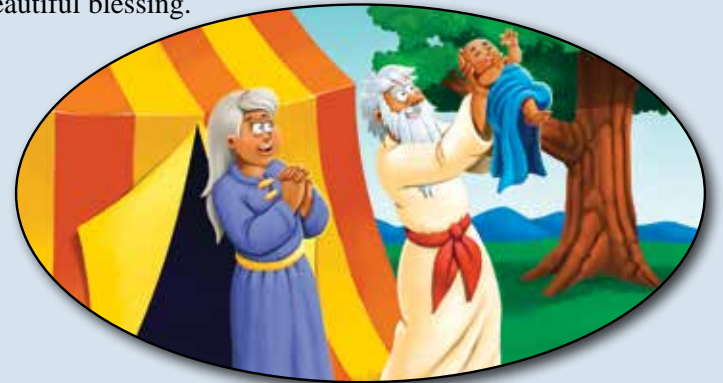


Night 2

God's Promise to Abraham

Abraham and Sarah were sad because they didn't have any children. But God promised, “I will bless you with many children. Your great-great grandchildren will be like the stars—too many to count!” Even though Abraham and Sarah were old, God gave them a baby boy, and many years later, God's promise came true. Abraham's family had too many people to count!

God promises us wonderful things. A loving family is a beautiful blessing.



My Bedtime Prayer

Thank you, God, for always keeping your promises.

“Promise me that you will go to my country and to my own relatives. Get a wife for my son Isaac from there.”

Genesis 24:4



Night 3

A Wife for Isaac



Abraham sent his servant to their hometown to find a girl for his son Isaac to marry. The servant knew this was an important job, so he asked God to help him. God answered his prayer and sent Rebekah to meet him at a well. Because of her kindness, the servant knew she was the right one.

God cares about who joins our family, and he cares about who we choose as friends. We can ask him to bring the right people into our lives.



My Bedtime Prayer

Lord, thank you for the friends and family you bring into my life.

But Ruth replied, “Don’t try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I’ll go. Where you stay I’ll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.”

Ruth 1:16

Night 4

Ruth and Naomi



Naomi was sad because her husband and two sons had died. Her daughter-in-law Ruth loved Naomi and wanted to take care of her. When Naomi planned to go back to her home in Israel, she told Ruth to stay in her own land. But Ruth said, “I will go where you go.” God blessed Ruth for being a good daughter-in-law to Naomi.

When we are kind to the people in our family and show them love, God will bless us too.



My Bedtime Prayer

Lord, help me to care about and be kind to the people in my family, tomorrow and always.

*God said, "I will be with you. I will give you a sign.
It will prove that I have sent you."
Exodus 3:12*



Night 11

God Speaks to Moses



Moses grew up in Egypt, but then he became a shepherd in Midian. One day he saw a bush that was on fire. God spoke to Moses from the bush and said, "I'm sending you to Egypt to rescue my people from Pharaoh." Moses was afraid and didn't want to go. But God promised to be with him and help him.

If you are afraid to do something, remember that God is with you. He will help you too.



My Bedtime Prayer

Thank you, Lord, that you help me when I am afraid.

*Moses answered the people. He said, "Don't be afraid.
Stand firm. You will see how the LORD will save you today."
Exodus 14:13*

Night 12

A Scary Night



The Israelites escaped from Egypt during the night. When they made it to the Red Sea, they thought they were trapped and cried out to Moses. Pharaoh's army was chasing them and would soon catch up with them. God told Moses, "Raise your staff over the sea!" Suddenly the sea parted, and the people walked on a path to the other side.

When things seem impossible, call out to God and see what he can do.



My Bedtime Prayer

Lord, you can do impossible things! I trust in you.

The LORD said to Moses, “Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the Israelites.

Send one leader from each of Israel’s tribes.”

Numbers 13:1–2



Night 13

Two Brave Spies



When the Israelites were getting closer to the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 spies to see what it was like. Ten spies came back afraid and said, “The people are big and strong, and the city has tall walls around it.” But Joshua and Caleb were brave and said, “The land is beautiful and filled with delicious food. God will give us the land he promised.”

When we believe God’s promises like Joshua and Caleb, we don’t have to be afraid.



My Bedtime Prayer

Help me remember your promises, Lord, especially when I feel scared.

“Pardon me, sir,” Gideon replied, “but how can I possibly save Israel? My family group is the weakest in the tribe of Manasseh. And I’m the least important member of my family.”

Judges 6:15

Night 14

A Mighty Warrior



God sent an angel to a man named Gideon. “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior,” the angel said. “God wants you to save his people from the Midianites.” Gideon didn’t feel like a warrior. His family was not important. But God told Gideon what to do and he helped Gideon rescue the Israelites.

You don’t need to be important for God to use you. If you listen to God and trust him, he can help you do amazing things.



My Bedtime Prayer

Lord, I am glad you can use me to do important things today, tomorrow, and every day.