



Date: 9/10 & 9/14

Small Group Guide: Middle

Unit:	Unit 1: God Provides Blessings "Promises"
The Point:	God Blesses Us
Memory Verse:	'May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.' Numbers 6:24-26
Scripture:	In My First Hands on Bible: Isaac is born Genesis 15:17 Pg 42
Observation Questions:	See attached page
Application/Activity:	<p>Promise bracelets</p> <p>1. Hand out one chenille stem and three different colored beads to each student. The leader should have a stem and beads as well. 2. God made three promises to Abraham. One was for a special place to live, one was for a baby and a big family, and one was that God would always love him. Our bracelets will remind us of God's promises to us. 3. Pick up the first bead and the chenille stem. The first bead reminds us that God promises us a home, someplace to belong. We belong in the places where we live, we belong here at church, and we belong where we have friends and family. But most of all, we belong with God. Thread the first bead onto the chenille stem. 4. Pick up the second bead. The second bead reminds us that God promises us a family to love us. That family can include parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and it can also include our friends and the people who love us at church. But most of all, God promises to be a parent to us, to love us even more than our parent can. Thread the</p>

	<p>second bead onto the chenille stem. Note:</p> <p>Not all students will have stable living situations or families. Please be sensitive to this and, as appropriate, emphasize that a home is bigger than a house or apartment and a family includes everyone who loves us. God's love for each of us is bigger than all of the problems we may face. 5. Pick up the third bead. The third bead reminds us that</p> <p>God promises to always be with us. No matter where you are or what you do, God will always be with you and love you more than you can ever understand. Thread the third bead onto the chenille stem. 6. Point to each bead in turn. Just like God made promises to Abraham, God makes promises to you. God promises you a home. God promises you a family. God promises to always love you. 7. Have students twist the ends of the chenille stem to form a bracelet and put them on. 8. So what are God's promises to you? Have students point to each bead and repeat the promises of home, family, and God's love.</p>
Prayer:	<p>Explain that its wonderful to get to pray for you each week.</p> <p>Prayer is a powerful thing. Its how we talk to God. God wants to hear what is on your heart and I want to hear it too. (Ask the kids for prayer requests)</p> <p>Pray for the kids</p>
<p>Please collect lanyards and return the table signs to the materials table along with your marker bags. Please make sure the tables are clean and the chairs are pushed back in.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do for Hope Kids.</p>	
Next week Lesson: Jacob Steals a Blessing Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17	

