

Living as Children of Promise (11/3/24)

Main Verses: Galatians 4:21-31

Key Verse: Galatians 4:28

'Takeaway': Followers of Jesus are "children of promise", & God wants us to remember this identity as we walk in the freedom of his grace.



Getting Started: What, if anything, do you know about Abraham & his two sons?

READ: Galatians 4:21-31 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- One of Abraham's sons, Ishmael, was also the son of Abraham's slave, Hagar.
- Abraham's other son, Isaac, the son of his wife, Sarah, was the "child of promise."
- Like the Galatians, when we trust in Jesus as our only hope, we can become "children of promise" thru God's gracious & miraculous power, not thru any effort of our own.
- God wants us to remember our identity as "children of promise" in him, & to walk in his grace & freedom each day.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

Toddler: Talk to God. Thank him that he reigns over all & provides for us. Ask him to help you remember that King Jesus will return & reign as King of Kings one day. Ask him to teach you to live in light of those promises.

Elementary: Talk to God. Thank him that he reigns over all & provides for us. Talk to him about a time in your life, perhaps during this past week, when you tried to rule your own life instead of looking to & trusting in him for all things. Thank him that he always keeps his promises. Ask him to help you remember that King Jesus will return & reign as King of Kings one day. Ask him to teach you to live in light of those promises.