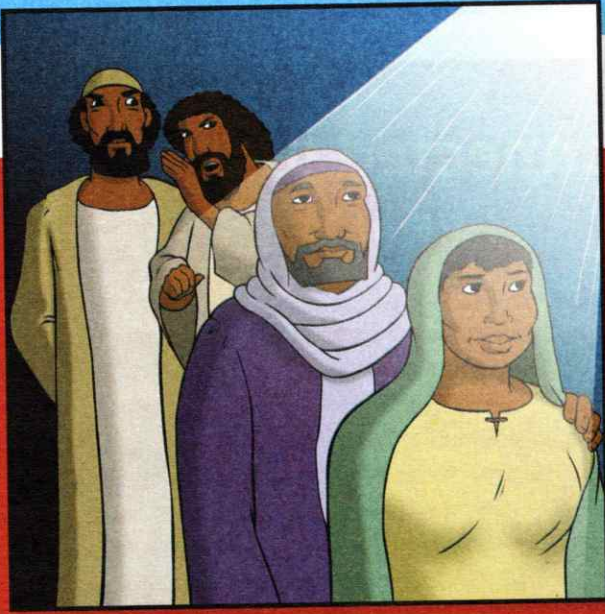


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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: [God said,] "My salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail." (Isaiah 51:6c)

Freedom!

Lesson Scripture: [Isaiah 51:1-8](#)

God's Word

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; **2** look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. **3** The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. **4** Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. **5** My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. **7** Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults. **8** For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations."

Bible Story

Freedom!

Isaiah 51:1-8

In today's Scripture text, Isaiah called to God's people. He told them to remember that they came from Abraham. God had made a covenant or promise with Abraham. It was called the Abrahamic Covenant. In God's promise to Abraham, God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a new land that God would give him. God promised Abraham a new land; He promised to increase the number of people in his family, through his offspring or children, and bless his family—giving them good things.

God blessed Abraham with many *descendants*, or future family members. Isaiah called to listen to him the people who followed God. He reminded them that Abraham was their father and Sarah, Abraham's wife, was their mother. Because of God's promise to Abraham, God would care for and bless His children. God would provide for them and make rough places enjoyable and better. Isaiah told God's children that those places would be like Eden, God's garden. In the garden, God's children could spend time with God and be protected. Only God's children could be in the garden. Isaiah called God's children to hear and know that they are lights to the world. The destroyed lands in Jerusalem would be restored (or made new). Isaiah told them that they would have justice or righteousness in their future. God's children should not be afraid of being chastised by others. God's children, who are righteous or good, will last forever—while material things will wear out and get old.

Connected to Grow

(Part 1)

Olivia loved to help her mom in the garden because she always learned more about God.

One morning, Olivia asked, "Mom, what are we doing today, and what's today's lesson?"

Olivia's mom said, "We're going to take cuttings, or parts of a parent plant, and put it in a container of water so it will grow roots and become strong. We'll also learn how we grow with God as God's children."

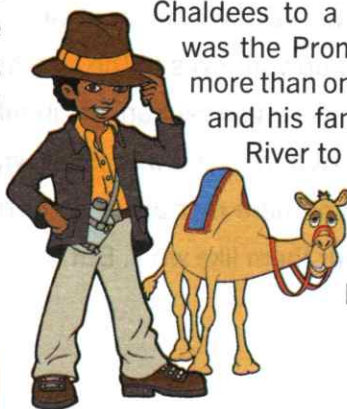
"Don't we grow with God when we pray and read our Bible?" Olivia inquired.

"Yes, you're right," Olivia's mom said. "But we also grow by obeying God's commandments, or instructions, and trusting that God is always with us because we are His children."

After they took the cuttings and placed them in separate containers, Olivia said, "I really hope they grow. They don't even have roots."

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! As background information for today's Bible lesson, God called Abram when he was in Ur. Later, God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Let's look at a biblical map to see the journey of Abram. He travelled from Ur of the Chaldees to a land that God promised, which was the Promised Land. The two places were more than one thousand miles apart. Abraham and his family traveled from the Euphrates River to Haran. Next, Abraham journeyed around the Fertile Crescent to the land of Canaan—where he built an altar to God. It was the land that God had promised.



Connected to Grow

(Part 2)

Olivia's mom said, "They have water and plenty of light to help them grow."

"That should work," Olivia commented.

Soon one morning, when tending the garden, Olivia said, "I see roots. They are growing! Look, Mom, they are growing!"

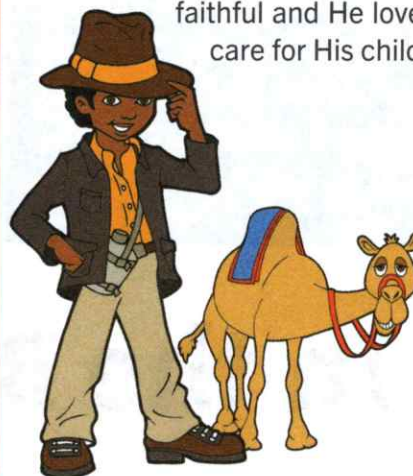
Olivia's mom said, "Just like the plants, when we stay connected to God, who is our light, we can grow. God will always take care of us like He is taking care of these plants."

Olivia said, "I believe that God loves me and will always take care of me as well."

"You're right. When you believe, God will always care for you—because you are His child," Olivia's mom explained.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Those who accept Jesus as their Savior are God's children. They are connected to God. Because God loves us, He will always care for us. Because we are connected to God, He is our Light. Do you believe that God cares for you as His child? Because God is faithful and He loves us, He will always care for His children.



Decode the Message

Decode (figure out) the message related to today's lesson by writing on each line the letter that comes between the combination of letters (found under each line) in the alphabet. (For example, l-n=m; z-b=a.)

f-h n-p c-e b-d z-b q-s d-f r-t

e-g n-p q-s g-i h-j r-t

b-d g-i h-j k-m c-e q-s d-f m-o

