

When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



# Faith at Home

**Theme of the Sunday:** God's Promise to Abraham

**Verse of the Sunday:** "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you." (Genesis 17:1-7)

**Message/Moral of the day:** God wants us to trust Him and believe that He is a powerful God who loves us and ALWAYS fulfills His promises to us. Sometimes we have to wait for His promises to be fulfilled, just like Abraham and Sarah had to wait, but that just makes the gift that much more wonderful! I hope we will each learn to be confident in God and wait patiently for Him to do what He promised He would do.

**Faith at Home:**

- Discuss with your kid/s what does it mean to make a promise to someone
- Describe a time when you have made a promise, or someone else has made a promise to you
- Promise to help someone, or do something nice for someone and keep your promise

**Prayer & Worship:** Dear Heavenly Father, help us, like Abraham, to put our trust in you and have the confidence that you will keep your promises. Amen

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**Liturgical Calendar: Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross.**

In 327 AD Heghineh, the Mother of the Byzantine King Kostandianos, visits Jerusalem with the aim to search the holy Cross of the Lord. A Jew, named Judas, helps the King's mother to search the site where Christ was crucified – Golgotha. In the result of searches the wooden crosses of Christ and the two criminals crucified together with him are found. For recognizing the Lord's Cross, the remains of a young man are put on the crosses in turn. On one of the crosses the young man rises to life and thus the Lord's Cross is identified. After that miracle, Judas the Jew converts to Christianity and later becomes the Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. After the discovery of the Holy Cross Heghineh renovates the Holy Places of Jerusalem and builds the Church of Holy Resurrection of Golgotha, where later the Lord's cross is installed.