

# Melchizedek Blessed Abraham

Genesis 14; Hebrews 5; 7

## Key Passage:

Psalm 135:5-6

## Big Picture Question:

*Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.*

## Christ Connection:

Melchizedek means “king of righteousness.” Melchizedek reminds us of Jesus, an even greater priest and king who lives forever. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to bless all who trust in Him by providing forgiveness

## Glibbity flibbit

Instruct the family to stand up facing you. Read the following gibberish phrases in a random order. Do the corresponding actions to show kids what to do.

*Glibbity flibbit:* jump up and down

*Floosh flosch flish:* flop and wiggle

*Whacking flunks:* spin three times

*Bopple swish:* stand on one leg

*Huzzap twil:* waddle in circles

**SAY** *It was hard to know what I was expecting you to do wasn't it? Some things in the Bible are hard to understand, but the Bible comes from God so everything in it has something to teach us about who God is and what He is like. The same is true for the story we will hear today. We may have a lot of questions about who exactly Melchizedek is, but we can look to the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom to understand.*

## Foodie fun

Instruct the family to sit in a circle. Explain that they must come up with a food item that starts with the same letter as their names. The first person will say her name and the food she chose. The second person will repeat what the first person said, then add his own. Continue around the circle until you have worked through the alphabet.

**SAY** *Was it hard to remember everyone's name and food? Some of us forgot one or two of them! It's easy to forget things, but we'll learn in our story that God helped Abraham remember the important promise God had made to him. We'll talk more about what that promise was in just a minute.*

## Who's Got it?

Position a chair at the front of the room facing away from the group. Instruct a volunteer to sit in the chair with his back to the rest of the family. Put a small ball or object under the chair. Explain that one of the family member will sneak up to the chair and retrieve the object.

When he has returned to his seat, ask the volunteer to turn around and guess who has the object. If the volunteer guesses correctly within three guesses, the volunteer may choose someone to take her place. If she does not guess correctly, the player who took the object takes a turn in the chair.

Play additional rounds as time allows.

*SAY In the Bible story we will hear today, Abraham took a small army with him to take back what was important to him. We'll find out what happened.*

### **Lopsided Bop**

Inflate 12–20 balloons. Form two teams but make one team significantly smaller than the other. Instruct each team to line up on different sides of the room. Place a piece of masking tape down the center of the room. Explain that the goal of the game is to keep all the balloons in the air. If a balloon touches the ground on one team's side, one of their players must sit out. The team with the last person standing wins.

**SAY** *The smaller team didn't really stand a chance did they? Usually when one team has more people it's likely that they will win. But in our story Abraham went out to fight with only 318 men. He went up against the armies of 4 kings and he won! Why do you think Abraham was able to win? God was with him and controlled the battle. **Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.***

### **Hey, what's that? game**

Instruct the family to form pairs. To begin, one player will be the pointer. She will pound her fist twice into her other hand as she says, "Hey, what's ..." and then she will point somewhere and finish, "... that?"

The partner must look in the opposite direction to earn a point. If the partner looks in the direction the pointer is pointing, he loses a point. Play additional rounds as time allows, switching roles between rounds.

*Say We point to things we want others to see. Today's Bible story is a bit unusual. Melchizedek comes out of nowhere—this priest and king who blesses Abraham. We hear about Melchizedek again later in the Bible because he ultimately points us to Jesus. Jesus is an even greater priest and king who lives forever. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to bless all who trust in Him by providing forgiveness and eternal life.*