Activity tie-in: Astronomy
Object- Binoculars
Bible Verse- Genesis 15:5 He took him outside and said, ¨Look up at the heavens and count the stars-if indeed you can count them.¨ Then he said to him, ¨So shall your offspring be.¨
Lesson- God will always stay true to his Word and keep his promises.

Introduction Ideas

- You could look up at the stars and ask the students who can count the most.
- You could ask the students to identify all the constellations that they know.
- You could have the students form a constellation by holding hands with each other and have them explain it to you.

Lesson Suggestions

- Move from the introduction to how it may seem how some things are unbelievable at first. Look at the stars in the sky. It may seem unreal that they were created by just the words of God. Look at the amount of grass on the ground. Show how it may seem unreal that all that grass could have came from one seed. In that same way it is unreal that God created the Israelite nation from Abraham.
- Object Lesson: Have the students look through the binoculars at the stars at ask them if they know how many are up there.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Genesis 15:5 He took him outside and said, ¨Look up at the heavens and count the stars-if indeed you can count them.¨ Then he said to him, ¨So shall your offspring be.¨

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- When you quote the Bible verse, you could ask students to make the application:
    - ¨Has someone ever made you a promise and kept it even though you thought they would not?¨
        - The Lord always is true to his promises as there are over 350 prophecies that Jesus fulfilled that were written in the Old Testament.
- ¨How does God still keep his promises today?¨
    - Some answers may include:
    - God will always listen to our prayers.
    - God will always be with us.
    - God will always forgive a repentant sinner
- How did Jesus fulfill promises in the Old Testament.
    - Prophecies on the cross (spear in the side, no broken bones)
    - Born of a virgin
    - Killed by his own people

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the promise that you have fulfilled. Be with us as we live for you and continue to spread your Word. If we ever need a reminder that you keep your Word, let us look up to the night sky and see the vast array of stars to remember all the believers there are now through Abraham. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.