

Read Genesis 15:1-6

**1** After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

**2** But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

**3** And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so, a servant in my household will be my heir."

**4** Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir."

**5** He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

**6** Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

**How did God speak to Abram next (v. 1)?** God appeared to Abram in a vision.

**What did God tell Abram not to do?** Do not be afraid. **What does that indicate?** God knew Abram was afraid. **What might Abram have been afraid of?** The kings he just defeated in battle may come after him.

**What did God promise to be for Abram?** His shield and his reward.

**How is God like a shield?** He protects us. He absorbs the incoming fiery darts from Satan.

**How is God his reward?** If he believes in God, he gets to be a child of God as his reward.

**What was Abram worried about (v. 2-3)?** He and Sarai were getting old and they didn't have any children. God had promised Abram that he would have lots of family descendants.

**What did God promise Abram (v. 4)?** That he and his wife Sarai would have a baby of their own.

**What did God do next with Abram (v. 5)?** God took Abram outside and promised he would have as many descendants as the stars in the sky.

**How did Abram respond to what God said (v. 6)?** He believed what God said even though he couldn't understand how he could have so many descendants. He trusted God.

**How could Abram have so many descendants?** God was not talking about physical descendants like children and grandchildren but God was talking about spiritual descendants. Abram was the first person to believe in God. All other people who believed in God would be Abram's spiritual descendants (Galatians 3:6-7).