

## Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

### Focus Point – Blessed with Faithful Abraham

***Genesis 12:3*** "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Here is an activity to use with older students when you are studying God's promises to Abraham. It provides an excellent lead in to any consideration of how the promises of God are explained in the New Testament.

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Genesis 12:3 and write the verse on their cards. Be sure they understand who the pronouns refer to in this verse.

Challenge them to (1) find where the last part of this verse is cited in the New Testament, and (2) find out why it is cited there.

*"... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. What blessings do faithful believers receive with Abraham?

If necessary, remind your students that they need to use cross-references.