

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 – Children of Abraham

Genesis 15:5 *And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Genesis 15:5 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.

"So shall your offspring be."

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. Who are Abraham's seed or children? What do these children have in common with their "father Abraham"?

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