

## 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 – A Father of Many Nations

**Genesis 17:5** *"No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations."*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Genesis 17:5 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.

*"... for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations."*

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. What nations is Abraham the father of? Encourage your students to think spiritually as well as literally.

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