

Romans 4:1-25
The Righteousness of Faith

Eschewing every boast ...

II Father Abraham

- A. Premier Example
 1. Called by Grace
 2. Justified by Faith
 3. Confirmed by Works
- B. Substantial Assurances
 1. Promises
 2. Circumcision
 3. Sacrifice
- C. Significance of Timing
 1. Pre-circumcision
 2. The Birth of God's Nation

II. A Faith that Counts

- A. The Law
- B. The Faith of Righteousness
- C. The Seen and Unseen

III. And His Many Sons (and daughters of Sarah)

1. God's Sovereign Choice
2. One Central Figure
 - a. Delivered for Transgressions
 - b. Raised for Justification
3. Call of Sinners
4. Following in His Footsteps

... convinced that God is able.

Children, Listen ...

1. When God gave Abraham promises, did he believe Him?
2. Can you name one thing for which Abraham had to trust God?
3. What is a word that means trusting and believing in God?
4. Abraham is called father of our _____.
_____.
5. Must we have faith in the one who raised Jesus from the dead to be God's children?

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let's all praise the Lord.**

You can picture children singing this song while thrusting their right arm out after the first round, the right and left out the next, then the feet and so on. It is fun and great little chorus, but if you think about it the content is profoundly biblical and actually contains a profession of faith as well. It may be a light chorus, but it should not be taken lightly. Abraham was called by God, trusted His promises and walked in His ways. The promises were all fulfilled in Jesus our Lord and the substance of them is received with the very same kind of faith that Abraham had. Believers are "sons of Abraham" and (daughters of Sarah!) – and only true believers can make such an amazing claim. If we sing "I am one of them" we declare salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Only to other true believers can we say "and so are you." And such is the antiphonal (in this case) childlike chorus of the redeemed! You don't need to march around the room doing the motions, but if you are a child of God through faith you should rejoice with inexpressible joy and filled with glory -- So let's just praise the Lord!