

"Abraham, it's a promise"

- We've been learning over the past few weeks about:
 - how God wants to be our friends
 - but he is holy, and can't stand all the ways we've hurt other people and let him down
 - But in the passage we've just read, God makes a promise to Abraham:
 - various bits to it but core is "I will be your God" (v.7)
 - ie allowing Abraham to become God's friend, his follower, and to get loads of good things as a result!
 - Reliability of the promise depends on the person making the promise
 - Sweets as a promise...
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"Abraham, it's a gift"

- Who's ever earned any money?
 - children and grown-ups...
- Christmas, birthday's, Saturday jobs...
- Could I get someone to "do a job" for me, for payment?
 - compare sweets as a gift....
 - are there maybe jobs some people couldn't do - they'd never have the chance to earn any sweets?
 - sweets as gifts...
- *Implications of it being a gift, how we live - secure, not insecure*

Conclusion

- God has promised - and he is utterly reliable
- What God offers is a gift - we don't have to earn it
- But a gift needs to be received