

ABRAM AND GOD'S PROMISE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 12-13



The STORY

Read "A New Land" from The Beginners Bible (pages 41-47).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

NOTE: Please remember to use the name "Abram" instead of Abraham for this lesson, and change the use of the name in the Beginner's Bible story.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Who did God talk to in this story? (Abram)
- What did God ask Abram to do? (Leave his country, his people, and his father's house and go to where God told him to go.)
- Did Abram obey God? (Yes) How do we know? (The Bible tells us that he left with his wife and his nephew, Lot.)

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CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Abram on his knees praying to God at an altar that he built. Engage the children by asking:

- What is Abram doing? (Praying to God.)
- What is the pile of stones for in the picture? (The pile of stones is the altar Abram made for the Lord. It was a way to say thank you to God.)
- Draw something on your coloring sheet that you want to thank God for.
Feel free to share some examples to get them started – clothes, food, Mom and Dad, etc.
When they are finished, ask some of the children to share what they drew on their coloring sheets.
Spend a short time praying a prayer of thanks to God for these things.

SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Has anyone in our class ever moved into a new house? What did your family need to do to move? (Pack everything in boxes. Rent a truck. Throw a lot of things away.)
- Why is moving both exciting and sad? (It is exciting because of all the new things you will see and do. It is sad because you miss the family and friends you leave behind.)
- Do you think it was exciting and sad for Abram to move? How? (God made Abram an exciting promise that He would bless him, but it was also sad for Abram because he had to leave his family and his home.)



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

God made a promise to Abram that through him all nations would be blessed. Abram himself was not the one to bless all nations. The one who fulfills that promise is a descendant of Abraham, Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us in Galatians 3:28-29,

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

