

*Get Ready!*

## Abraham, Man of God

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### Text

Genesis 11:31-13:4

### Key Quest Verse

“By faith, Abraham, when he was called, . . . obeyed” (Hebrews 11:8).

### Bible Background

Ur of the Chaldeans, about 140 miles SE of the site of Babylon, known today as Iraq, is where Abram and his family lived. There in Ur they found clay tablets from a school telling about their education developments. The Persian Gulf was close to Ur, and the Euphrates River came through the town delivering shipments of copper ore, Ivory, hardwoods and gold. Also, diorite and alabaster were shipped to Ur, because they were used for statue making. The business people depended on the commerce of these items so they could make a living selling their idols to the people of Ur and surrounding cities.

Joshua 24:2 – Joshua said to all the people, “this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.’ ”

Terah’s 3 sons were Abram, Nahor and Haran. Abram’s brothers had children, but Abram and Sarai, his wife, had no children. You will find how Abram lived a different life apart from his father, Terah, who didn’t know the God that Abram learned to believe and trust. We can follow that example today!

Later on we notice that God changed Abram’s name to Abraham. Gen. 17:5 says, “no longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

Romans 4:16-24 tells us how Abraham believed God, and credited His faith to Him as righteousness. EL is a name for God. Many names of cities, books of the Bible, and people in the Bible have an EL in them. Israel’s airlines are named “ELAL.” Sometime during your lesson, have your students write an “el” after their first or last name. It means “The ALMIGHTY – God the Omnipotent (all powerful).”

*Get Ready!***Lesson Quest**

**What I want my students to:**

**Know:** Abram was blessed, because he believed and obeyed God.

**Feel:** List the many ways God has blessed you.

**Do:** Honor God by obeying parents and reading your Bible.

**Leader's Devotion**

Just as Abraham obeyed the call from God and was blessed, you too have answered the call from God to teach no matter if you are male, female or you're young or old. God uses every one who is eager to learn and who can be committed to His goal.

Take a moment and read Romans 4:16-24. We modern people are so busy that we forget what the patriarchs went through for all of us. Count the many blessings that have come your way this year.

This lesson will remind you of being faithful to God, home and church, even though our world is changing rapidly, (getting ready for the return of Christ) you can trust in God because He knows what is best for you and your students. This day and age is exciting!

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*Get Set!*

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**Option A****MOVING**

**Materials:** Suitcase, paper bag with clothes in it (include: shoes, socks, a tooth brush, comb, curling iron, etc.)

**Procedure:** Tell the students you are going to move and need a little bit of help. As you and your students pack you can talk about some hardships that you may come upon. Ask the following questions as a review:

**What did Adam and Eve have to pack when God chased them out of the Garden of Eden?**

**How did Noah and his family plan on living for a while on the ark until the waters had gone away?**

**We are going to learn about a man in the Bible today that made an incredible move!**

**GO TO THE BIBLE STORY**

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**Option B****ROLE PLAY**

**Materials:** Pieces of material to make a headdress for yourself

**Procedure:** Pretending you are with Abraham and his tribe on a quest for the new strange land, talking in a soft voice, review the last lesson. **Why did it take so long to leave Haran?** (God told Abram to leave his family and go by himself . . . Abram's father worshiped idols – Gen. 12:1). **What is a promise?** (Something told to another person what they plan to do.)

Then let them role-play or share what they have learned from Abraham and how he learned to listen and obey God. Let them lead you!

Ask the students if they have any questions.

**GO TO THE BIBLE STORY**

**Get Set!****Bible Story**

**Teacher Tip:** Provide markers for students to highlight portions of the story in their Bibles

**Open your Bibles to Genesis 11:31. We will read as soon as everyone has their finger on this verse. Read up to chapter 13:4.**

**One day God spoke to Abram and said, “Abram, I want you to pack your things and move to another place. Get away from this land where people are so sinful. If you will obey and follow me, I will give you a land all your own, and your children and grandchildren will become a great nation.”**

**God did not tell Abram where this land was. He just told him to pack up and follow where He would lead. Abram loved God and he knew God would take care of him, so he obeyed.**

**Abram did not go alone. He took his wife Sarah, his father Terah, and his nephew Lot. He also took his servants and all that he owned. Since there were no stores or motels along the way, they took lots of food and a big tent. This sounds almost like a camping trip, doesn't it? And how do you think they moved? They didn't have big trucks to haul their things. Instead, they used camels. There might have been paths to follow along in the sand and very rugged hills to climb, but no paved roads.**

**Show them the city of Ur on their maps – highlight. Down here is where Abram lived, and over here is where God wanted him to go, (land of Canaan – highlight) but in between was a big desert and land that would be hard to travel across. God told Abram to go up this direction, along a river where he would have water for his sheep and cattle, and shade trees where he could put his tent. This must have been hard for Abram, who was a “city boy.” Day after day they traveled until at last they came to a place called Haran. (Highlight Haran on the map). By this time, Abram's father was quite old and he may not have been able to go any farther, so Abram set up his tent and lived here for a while. Then one day his father died. Not long after this, God spoke to Abram again, and told him to pack his things and move on. The people in Haran were also very sinful, and God did not want Abram to stay there. Again He promised to give Abram a land of his own and make him great if he would obey. Abram still did not know where that land was, but he packed his things again and followed God's leading.**

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**Go!**

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**Bookmarks****ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**Materials:** Poster board (any color) cut in 3x5 pieces, glue sticks, hole punch, ribbon or yarn, Resource Page

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**Quest Connection**

**Who can find in their Bible where our story of Abraham takes place? Help everyone find it. We are going to make a bookmark to help us find this important story about a man we should pattern our own lives after!**

**Procedure:** Have the students cut apart the verses from the Resource Page. Glue the verse on the poster board. Punch a hole at the top of the bookmarks. Thread the ribbon or yarn through the hole. Encourage students to make several to share with others.

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**Close**

**Every time that you look at this bookmark, remind yourself how Abraham obeyed God. Then ask yourself, “am I obeying Him?”**

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**How Much Do You Remember****GAME**

**Materials:** Pencil, Bible, worksheet “God Calls Abram”

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**Quest Connection**

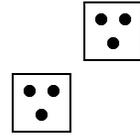
**We are going to do a fun game to see how much you remember about our story.**

**Procedure:** Pass out the worksheet to the students. See how many of the questions they can answer without using their Bibles. After they have tried for awhile let them use their Bibles.

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**Close**

**The most important thing we need to remember, is that God kept His promise to Abram. He will keep the promises that He has made us, too. Do you keep your promises?**

**Go!****Travel to the Promised Land****GAME**

**Materials:** One dice, a different shape or color button for each student (or place marker), Resource Pages, markers

**Quest Connection**

**What kind of transportation do you think that they had back in the time of Abraham?  
We are going to play a game to help us review some facts about our Bible story.**

**Advanced Preparation:** Make a copy of the Resource Page, “Camel Travel to the Promised Land.” Color it with markers or crayons. Laminate it (optional). Make a copy of the game cards from the Teacher Resource page. Cut them apart.

**Procedure:** Place question cards upside down on the game board. Choose a number secretly and write it down. Let the students choose a number to see who is close to your number . . . that person goes first. Have student roll the die and pick a card. If they can answer the question correctly, they can move their place marker that many spaces. First one to the Land of Canaan is the winner!

**Teacher Tip:** Students could also play in teams

**Close**

As the students go through the game, talk to them about how God protected Abraham and his family. There must have been dangers along the way, but having faith and obeying God makes the difference in one’s life!

**Go!****My Family Tree****WORKSHEET**

**Materials:** A copy for each student of “My Family Tree” from Teacher Resource Pages, markers, pencils, crayons, a blank sheet of paper for each student

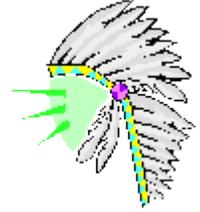
**Quest Connection**

Abraham was known as a “Patriarch” or a “Founding Father” of many generations. He passed his unbelievable faith in God down to his children and their children, who passed it to their children, who passed it to their children . . . you get the idea! We are going to make our own family tree.

**Procedure:** Pass out the worksheet to the students. Have them draw their family members that would fit in the appropriate box. Cut the picture to fit the box and glue it in place with a glue stick.

**Close**

Why do you think it is so important for parents to be sure their children read their Bibles, attend church and often talk to God through prayer?

**Go!****Headdress****DRAMA**

**Materials:** Pieces of material to make a headdress for yourself and each of your students, plus a narrow strip of material to wrap around their heads

**Quest Connection**

**Why do you think people wear these on their heads?** (To protect themselves from the wind, sun and sand.) **When they would come to a well or river they would dip their headdresses in the water and cool their faces. Why did it take so long to leave Haran?** (God told Abram to leave his family and go by himself . . . Abram’s father worshiped idols – Gen. 12:1). **What is a promise?** (Something told to another person what they plan to do).

**Procedure:** Then let them role-play or share what they have learned from Abraham and how he learned to listen and obey God. Let them lead you!

**Close**

**God made a promise to Abraham. Can you remember other promises that God has made that are in the Bible?** (Rainbow – never flood the earth again, He would never leave us, to give us everything that we need, answer our prayers.)

**Go!****Read All About It!****CREATIVE WRITING**

**Materials:** One sheet of poster board (any color), lined paper – cut in half lengthwise to write their stories on, glue sticks, pencils, Resource Page

**Quest Connection**

**Can you imagine what the newspaper headlines would read after Abraham decided to obey God? Write a few of these on the board or just read them aloud: “Flash! Abraham Following Unseen God!,” “Terah and Tribe Leave Ur,” “Obedience Is The Best Policy,” “Land Of Canaan Visitors”**

**Procedure:** Pass out the half sheets of lined paper. Have students decide on the name of their newspaper “The Alabaster Daily,” “The Haran Courier,” “Land of Canaan Tribune,” “The Jubilee Times,” etc. Have them each write the Bible story in their own words. Have them glue the story under the title on poster board or they can make individual newspapers. (See sample in Teacher Resources.)

**Close**

**Why do you think this was such big news? What are some ways that people follow God’s calling today? How can you be obedient to God?**

## Book Marks

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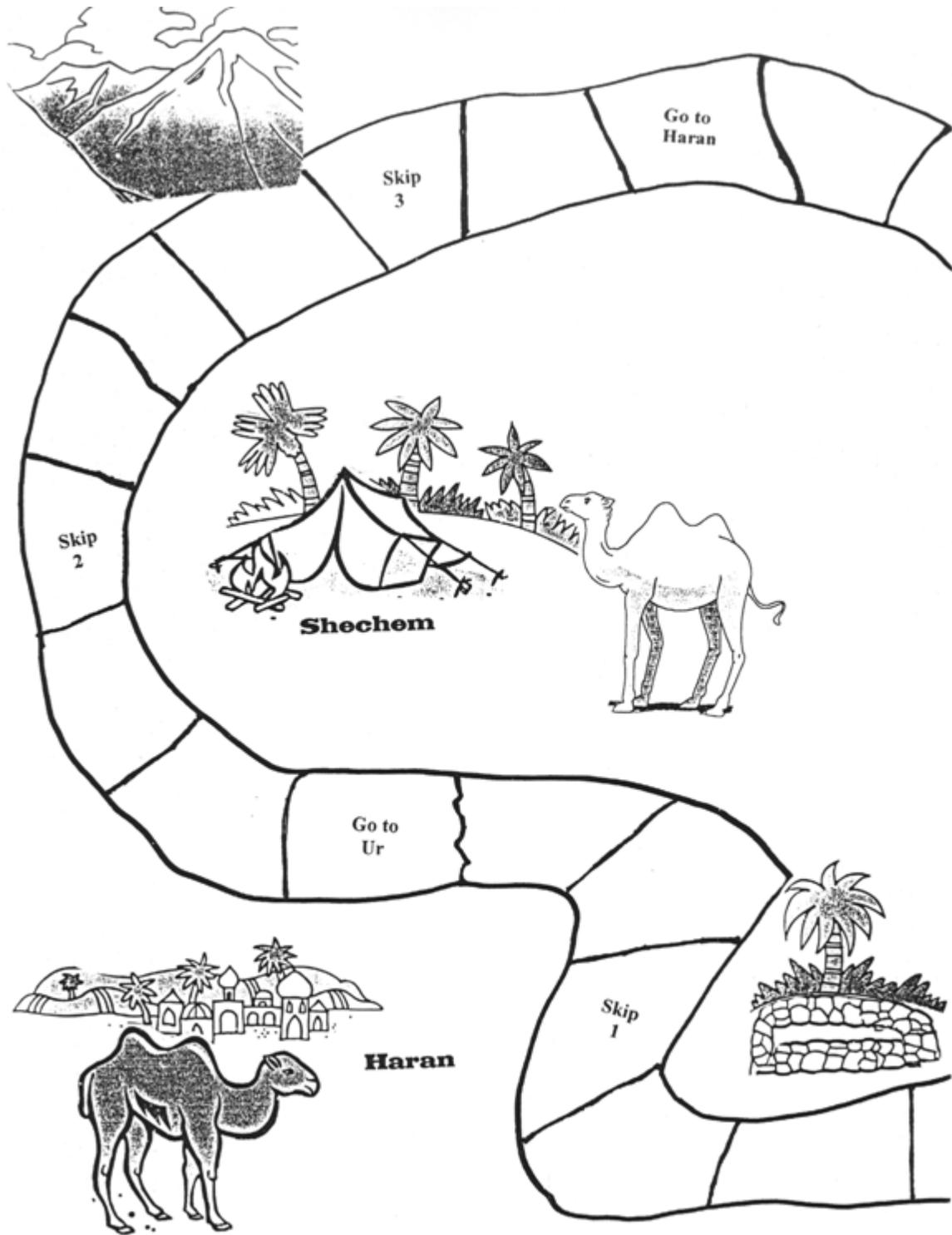
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**Resource Page—Travel  
to the Promised Land**



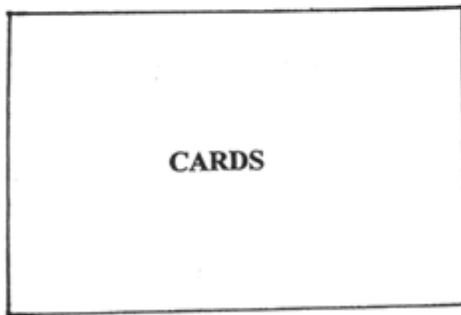
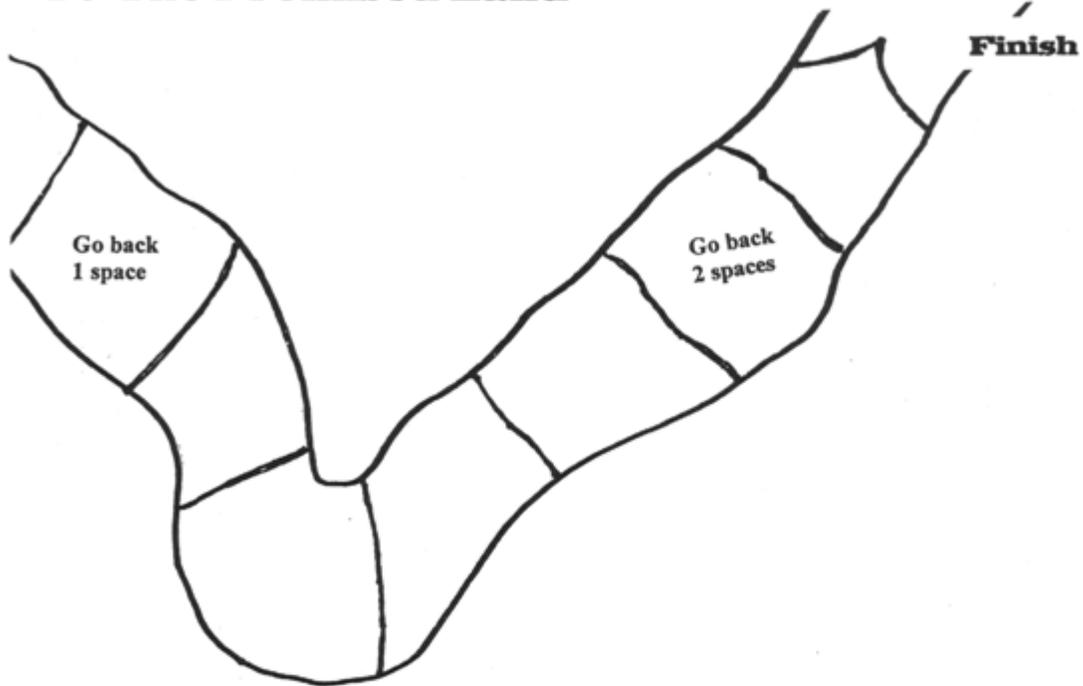
Resource Page—Travel to the Promised Land (cont.)

**Camel Travel**



**To The Promised Land**

**Land of Canaan**



# Resource Page—Game Cards for Travel to the Promised Land

16)How many books in the New Testament?	18)What book in the Bible talks about today's lesson?	3)The Bible is called Our r____ map to God	12)Abraham _____ d God
4)What land was Promised to Abraham?	20)In today lesson, how many children did Sarah and Abraham have?		
8)Abraham's wife was (Amy, Sarah, Beth)	17)How many books in the Old Testament?	2)Who lived in Ur?	11)Who went with Abraham (Lot, Joe, Haran)
9)God told Abraham to l_____ e Ur.	19)Who traveled with Abraham up to Haran and then died?		
6)Where did Terah die?	FREE CARD Go to the Mountain	1)Who was called a 'man of faith'?	13)God always keeps His _____ m_____.
7)Our Church is called	21)Say your memory verse – skip 2 places		
10)Abraham was (young, old,) when called by God	5)Who was Terah?	15)Ur was a city that worshiped _____ o_____	14)Canaan was a _____ ways from Ur

## Resource Page— Questions for Travel to the Promised Land

### Questions

1)Who was called a 'man of faith'?

2)Who lived in Ur?

3)The Bible is called Our r\_\_\_\_\_ map to God

4)What land was Promised to Abraham?

5)Who was Terah?

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### Answers:

1)Abraham

2)Abraham

3)road map

4)Land of Canaan

5)Abraham's father

6)Haran

7)Church of God Of the Faith of Abraham

8)Sarah

9)leave

10)old

11)nephew Lot

12)obeyed

13)promises

14)long

15)idols

**Resource Page—  
Questions for Travel to  
the Promised Land (cont.)**

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**Answers:**

**16)27 books N.T.**

**17)39 books O.T.**

**18)Genesis**

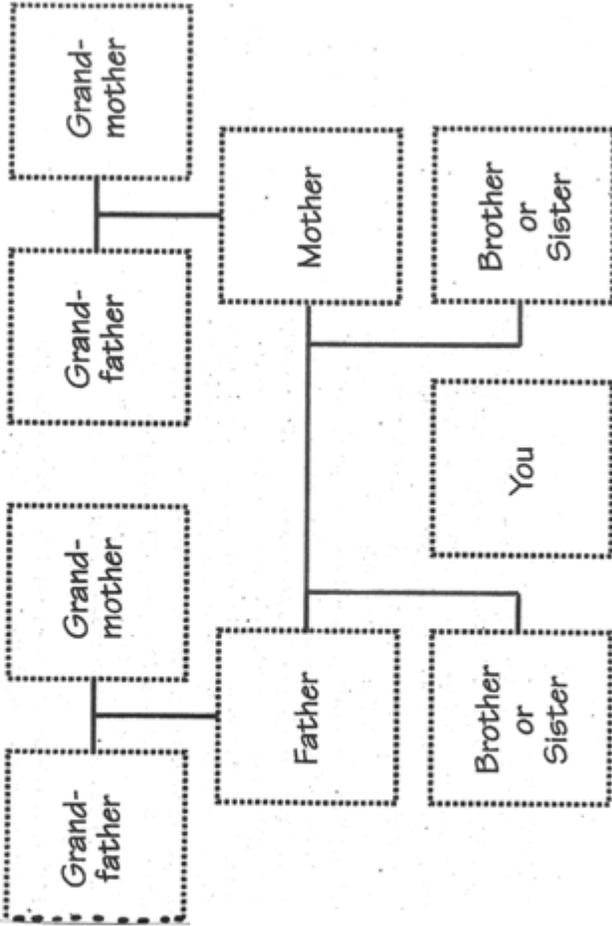
**19)Terah, Abraham's  
father**

**20)none**

# Worksheet—Family Tree

## Family Tree Worksheet

Make your own family tree in the space below.  
Label with names and relationships!



# Worksheet—God Calls Abram

## GOD CALLS ABRAM

Genesis 11:31 to 13:4

Print the name of our church in this space. Do it neatly.

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### How Much Do You Remember?

Put the letter of the right answer in the space after each question.

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|---|---|
| 1. Who was the man of faith? ____       | a. A land of his own, and he and his children and grandchildren would become great.           |
| 2. What did God tell him to do? ____    | b. His wife Sarah, his father Terah, and his nephew Lot                                       |
| 3. What did God promise Abram? ____     | c. Abram.   |
| 4. Who did Abram take with him? ____    | d. Canaan   |
| 5. To what land did they go? ____       | e. Pack his things and move to another place.   |
| 6. How did Abram know where to go? ____ | f. A beautiful land, with lots of water and grass for sheep, and hills and valleys and trees. |
| 7. What kind of land was Canaan? ____   | g. God showed him the way   |

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### Use Your Bible

Turn to Matthew 1:1-2 Fill in the blanks

A \_\_\_\_\_ of the genealogy of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ the son of \_\_\_\_\_, the son of \_\_\_\_\_: Abraham was the father of \_\_\_\_\_, Isaac the father of Jacob, \_\_\_\_\_ the father of J \_\_\_\_\_ and his brothers....

In the word of God we find that Abraham is an ancestor of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Worksheet

If you were going to move, name 10 things that you would pack:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

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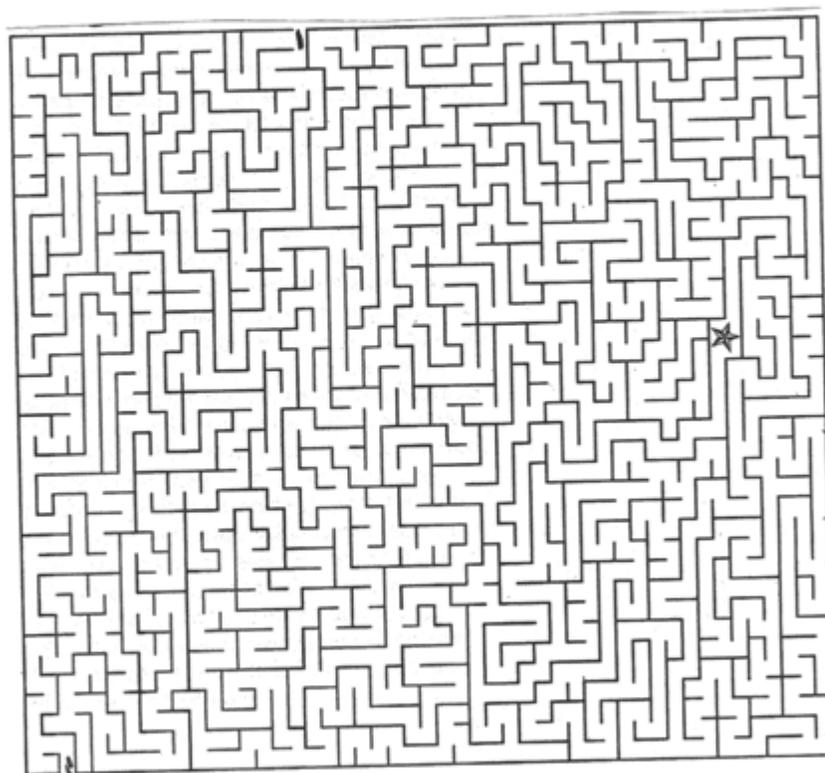
10. \_\_\_\_\_

# Worksheet—Maze

## Abram Is On the Move

Help Abram find his way from Haran to Canaan!

Start Here



End Here

# Journal Page

**FLASH! ABRAHAM FOLLOWING UNSEEN GOD!**

Paste story here

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*"By faith, Abraham, when he was called, . . . obeyed" (Hebrews 11:8).*