

*Get Ready!*

## God Calls Abraham

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### Text

Genesis 12:1-20

### Key Quest Verse

“We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

### Bible Background

It was about one hundred years after the flood that God scattered the people who were building the tower of Babel. Asshur, Noah’s grandson traveled north about 250 miles and founded the city of Nineveh. Another group went south and built the town of Ur.

Archaeologists have discovered evidence of a flourishing civilization in Ur during Abraham’s days. There were extensive libraries there and Abraham was probably well educated. Boat builders were busy making ships to carry cargo to different areas. The city was a very important location in the ancient world because of its extension markets and trade ability. Tools were developed for building and farming. Goldsmiths and silversmiths were making beautiful ornamental jewelry that can be seen in museums today. The busier people got, the more they forgot God. Some people made idols, sold them, and worshipped them. Even Abraham’s father, Terah worshipped idols. This was hard to understand. Noah lived 350 years after the flood and his son Shem lived 500 years after the flood. The world conditions were almost as bad as before the flood. God wanted someone that would follow Him. Abraham decided that he would serve God all of his life. The future of God’s plan laid in Abraham’s decision to do as God asked.

*Get Ready!***Lesson Quest**

**What I want my students to:**

**Know:** Abraham had faith and followed God.

**Feel:** Content that God knows what is best for you.

**Do:** Trust God and follow Him.

**Leader's Devotion**

Abraham made a lifetime commitment to serve the Lord. He regularly built altars to praise God and worship. By building an altar, he remembered that God was the center of his life. Regular worship helps us show others and helps remind us that God is the center of our life. We need spiritual renewal to survive and can achieve this rejuvenation by worshipping and praising God. Abraham left behind a legacy of altars across the countryside that was a symbol to all that God was number one. What kinds of legacy are you leaving that will motivate people to follow God?

# Get Set!



## Option A

### FAITH DROP

**Materials:** One smaller child and one taller child

**Procedure:** Ask one small child and one taller child to come help you. Today we're doing an experiment on faith. We're going to have (name of smaller child) stand 1 foot behind (name of larger child). In a little while, I am going to ask (name of taller child) to keep their feet flat on the floor and drop their body backwards. (Name of smaller child) will then catch them. Is that okay with you, (name of taller child)? Just have faith that (name of smaller child) will catch you and you won't hit the floor. We're just about ready, are you ready? Let taller child respond, as you trade places with the smaller child. **Get ready, Get set, and drop!** Catch the child as they drop. Depending on the response of the child, say: **You had great faith just like Abraham did when God called him.** Or . . . **Were you afraid you would fall on the floor? In today's story we're going to learn about a man who had great faith and trusted God would take care of him no matter what.**

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

## Option B

### RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

**Materials:** None



**Advanced Preparation:** Before the class begins to use this option, explain what toe to heel means. Place one foot's toe at the back of the other foot's heel and walk forward in tiny baby steps

**Procedure:** Have the children form a line against the wall. The teacher should stand at the opposite end of the room. When the teacher's back is turned and she says green light, everyone can move forward with steps, toe to heel. When the teacher turns around and says red light, each student must stop immediately. If a student is caught proceeding forward, they must go back to the starting point. The first student to touch the teacher without getting caught moving is the winner. That game reminds me of a man in the Bible called Abram. Whenever or wherever God told him to go he went. He followed God's directions. Let's learn more about Abram in our story today.

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

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

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

**Materials:** Sheet, (Make a table tent by tossing a sheet across the table. Sit in your tent with your students as you share the story.) Sign “WELCOME TO HARAN,” a yellow towel or sheet in the middle of the floor with a sign “HOT, DRY, DESERT”

**Advanced Preparation:** Before class, cut 3 X 6 inch strips of black construction paper and attach to the edge of the table with masking tape. Children will need 2 shadows to follow them on their shoes.

**Procedure:** Have you ever been invited to spend the night at your grandma’s house? Was it hard to decide what to take? It’s exciting to get to spend the night somewhere new. Did you ever get to your grandparent’s house and discover you forgot something at home? Today, we’re learning a lesson from God’s word. God told a man named Abram it was time to go somewhere else. He didn’t ask Abram if he wanted to go spend the night somewhere new, **GOD TOLD HIM!** God probably said something like, “Abram, its time to pack up and follow me. Get your wife and everything you can pack and I’ll show you where I want you to go. If you forget to pack something, don’t worry about it, because you’ll probably never be back here and you’ll never see it again. Don’t worry about anything Abe, just trust me and follow me.” Would you like to be in Abram’s tent when God was talking to him? What would you say? What do you think Abram said?

It didn’t matter that Abram was seventy-five years old! That’s probably about as old as some of your grand parents or great-grand parents. Abram did just what God told him. He packed up his things and loaded his camels and they went where God told them. Let’s pretend we have our bags packed and we’ll go where God leads us. Let’s climb out of our tent and place these shadows on the back of your heels . . . and we’ll be kind of like Abram traveling. Walk around the room and continue to tell the story. Abram knew God would take care of him and his family. They followed the Euphrates River (look there’s the sign that says Haran) and Abram went to a place called Haran. It was much farther to go this direction, but if they didn’t follow the rivers they would have to travel across the dry, hot desert. We don’t want to go that way or we’ll burn our feet and we won’t be able to find anything to drink. The trip must have been very slow, since there weren’t any cars or planes or trains. Abram and his wife, Sarai, and all his servants and animals must have traveled for months. They had to take their food with them, but they were able to find water as they traveled. There were no nice hotels to stay in, they slept on the ground or maybe in a tent. Let’s get back in our tent and rest.

All this happened because one man named Abram heard God and he obeyed. Wherever Abram traveled, he built an altar to God. It helped Abram remember that God was at the center of his life, and it was a place to talk to God. As Abram traveled through Canaan, he continued to worship God and build altars. Canaan was dotted with altars Abram built to God. This was a witness to others of his faith. Abram worshipped God regularly and showed his respect and love to God and was a great example to everyone, including us today.

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**Go!**

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**Snail****ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**Materials:** 1 pipe cleaner, 1” pom-pom, 2 wiggle eyes, pencil, tacky glue

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**Quest Connection**

**Abraham and his entourage must have traveled at a snail’s pace.**

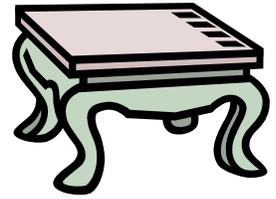
**Procedure:** Form a small loop at one end of the pipe cleaner. Glue the pom-pom to the top of the loop to make the head. Glue on the wiggle eyes. Wind the other end of the pipe cleaner around the pencil tightly.

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**Close**

**Inch along with your snail just as Abraham and his large group traveled. Abraham had faith and depended on God to take care of him.**

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**Go!**

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**Abraham's Table****CONSTRUCTION**

**Materials:** 24" circle of fabric, 1" plastic curtain rings, 3 feet of cord, hot glue gun

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**Quest Connection**

**There was very little furniture in Abraham's tent. The table was made of animal's skin or leather, cut into a circle with rings sewed on the outside edge and a cord put through the rings. When it was time to move on, the cord was drawn up to make a bag and the kitchen utensils were stored packed. How would you like to eat at a table like Abraham's?**

**Procedure:** Give each child a circle of fabric. Hot glue the curtain rings at 8-inch intervals along the outside edge. Have the children thread the cord through the rings. Abraham's table can be laid flat for eating, and the cord can be drawn up and used for carrying during travel.

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**Close**

Serve your snack on the table with paper plates.

**Go!****Sarah's Sandy Snack****FOOD**

**Materials:** Sugar cookies, icing, yellow colored sugar sprinkles, napkin, pop-sickle stick for spreading icing

**Quest Connection**

When your family takes a trip do you ever stop to eat? Where do you eat? Have you ever wondered what people like Abraham ate? There were no restaurants during Bible times. Can you imagine what Abraham would think if you offered him your cookie? He would probably think the sugar on top looked like sand. Do you think he would eat it? Abraham had faith in God and God took care of Abraham.

**Procedure:** Give each student a sugar cookie on a napkin and a pop-sickle stick with a big scoop of icing. Have children spread the icing on the cookie. Sprinkle the sand (yellow sugar sprinkles on the cookie).

**Close**

Prayer: Thank You, God, for protecting us and leading us. In Jesus name, amen.

**Go!****Abraham Follows God****PAINTING**

**Materials:** Construction paper, tempera paint, marbles, plastic spoons, paper cups, tape, and a box

**Quest Connection**

**God called Abraham to follow Him.**

**Advanced Preparation:** Cover the table with newspaper, wear paint shirts, and have a bucket of water for clean up. Pour tempera paint into the paper cups and place a marble in each cup with a spoon

**Procedure:** Place construction paper in the center of the box and tape down. Students use the spoon to scoop the marble from the paint and place the marble on the paper. Tip the box from side to side so the marble rolls the paint onto the paper. Let students use a variety of colors to make a beautiful path

**Close**

**Wasn't it interesting the way the paint followed the marble and left a trail? Abraham did the same thing when God called him. He left a trail of altars as he traveled to show that he trusted in God. What are you doing to show you trust in God?**

**Go!****Pajama Bag****OBJECT LESSON**

**Materials:** Pillow case, ½ x 36” ribbon, permanent marker, fabric paint, sponge stamps

**Quest Connection**

**Abraham had to pack his clothes and everything he owned to follow God. He didn’t even know where he was going, but he trusted and had faith in God. God knew what was the best for Abraham and He protected him.**

**Advanced Preparation:** Sew the middle of the piece of ribbon to the outside of the pillow case, twelve inches down from the opening. Write children’s name on his or her bag in permanent marker. Line the pillowcase with wax paper so the paint won’t bleed through

**Procedure:** Give students their pajama bag, sponge stamps, and a paper plate with various colors of paint. When the bag dries, (approximately 15 minutes) use as an overnight pajama bag

**Close**

**Use your pajama bag to pack your clothes in to spend the night with your grandparents or a friend. Don’t forget to pack you Bible and before you go to sleep, find the story of Abraham in your Bible. Show your friend the pictures or tell them the story of how Abraham had faith in God.**

**Go!****Blind Faith Walk****GAME****Materials:** Blindfolds**Quest Connection**

**God told Abraham to leave his home and his friends. Abraham didn't know where God wanted him to go, but Abraham trusted God. We should learn from Abraham to have faith that God knows what is best for us!**

**Procedure:** Have the class form pairs of two and give each pair a blindfold. Have the partners take turns leading the other around the room blindfolded. The blind folded partner must not peek. The object of the game is to see how much the partners trust each other.

**Close**

**Was it hard to trust your partner as they led you around when you couldn't see where they were taking you?**

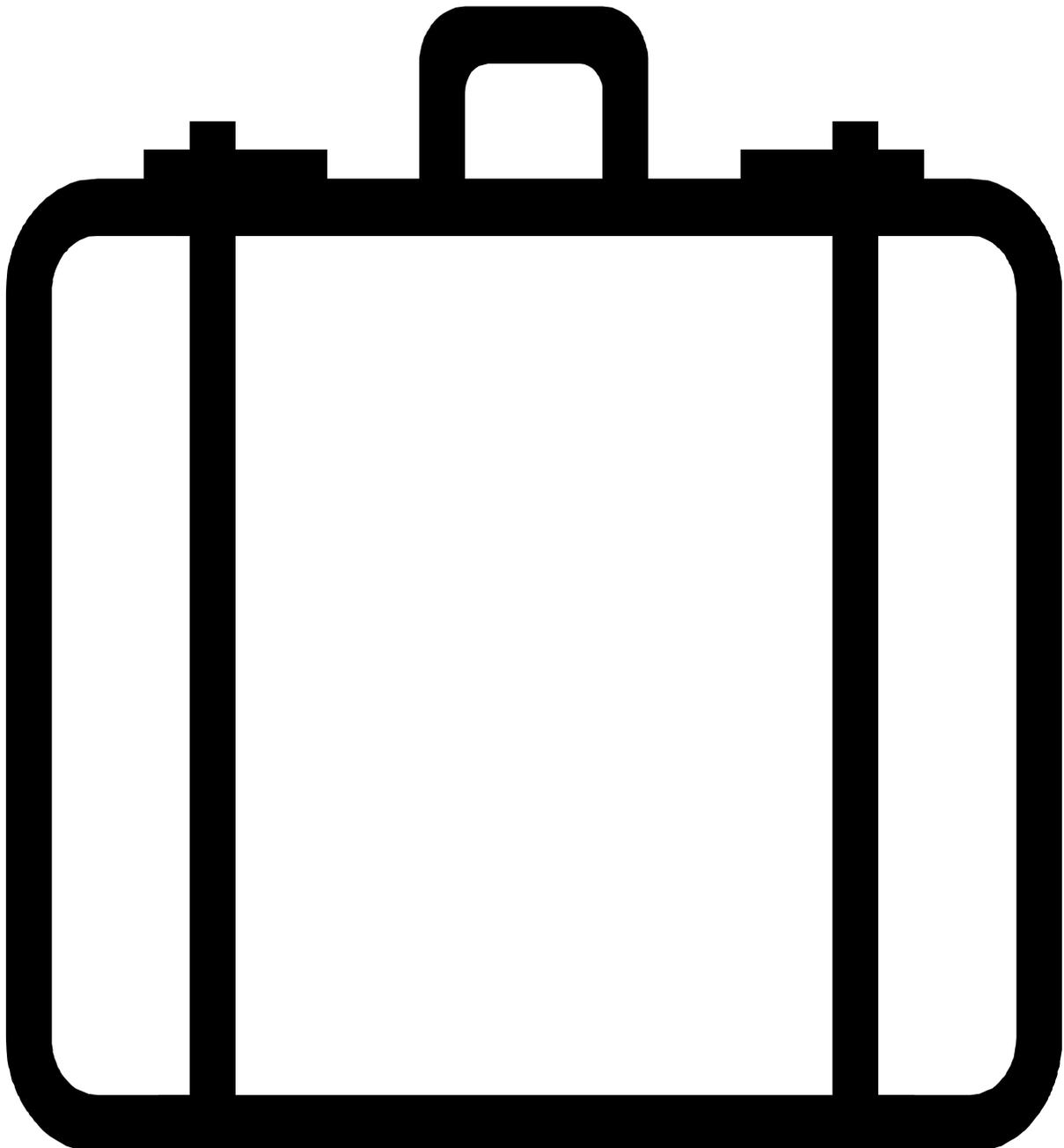
**Prayer:** Thank You God, for taking care of me. Help me follow wherever You lead me! In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

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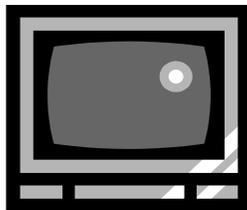
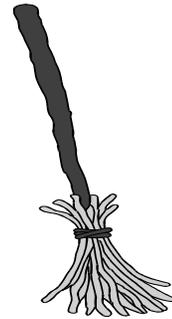
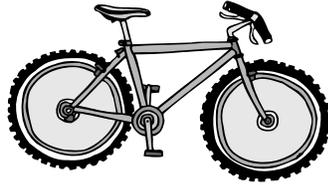
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Abraham packed his bag and followed God. Draw something he would pack in the suitcase. If you are willing to follow God draw a heart in the suitcase handle.



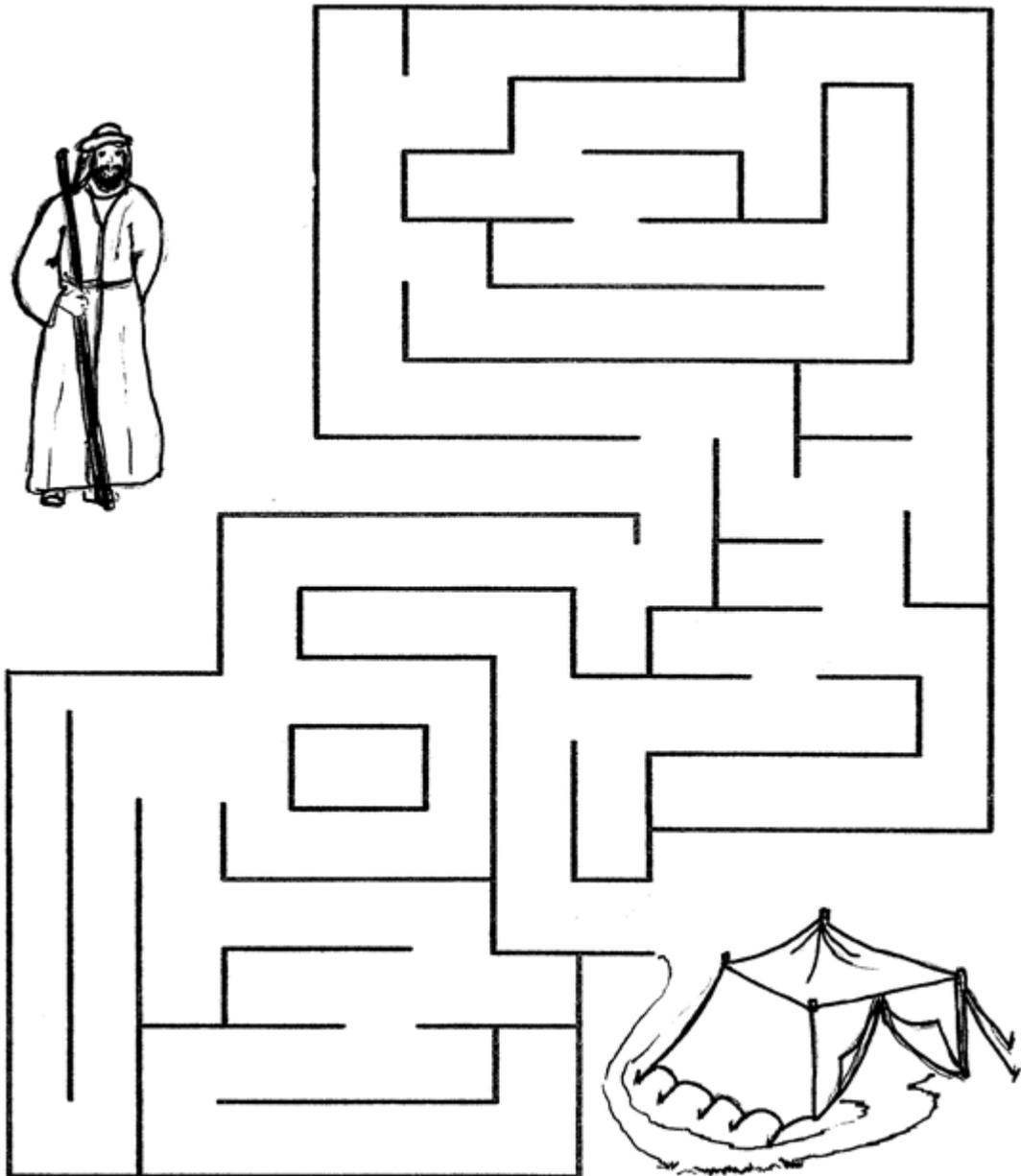
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Circle the items you think Abraham and his family took when they moved. Mark an X on the items that you know they didn't pack.



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Abraham and his people lived in Ur and then moved to Haran. Then God called Abraham to follow Him. He was leading Abraham to the Promised Land of Canaan. Abraham and his family took their flock and obeyed God. Can you help Abraham find his tent?



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God called Abraham to follow Him. In Bible times, a wealthy man like Abraham had many tents and animals. The main tent was set up in the center of the camp and was divided into two areas. The back was where the cooking was done and the women and children stayed. Everyone sat on straw mats and they also used mats to sleep on. A circular piece of leather was used as a table. Abraham and his family took their flock and obeyed God. Can you draw the straw mats Abraham and his family sat on to eat and then color the picture.



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“We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Connect the dots to see what Abraham took on his trip.

