

## FATHER OF NATIONS

### LESSON 1: GOD CALLS ABRAHAM ☆

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*In this lesson, the children will learn about Abraham and how God promises many blessings when you are obedient and trust in Him with all of your heart.*

#### TOPICS

Abraham, Blessings, Following God, Obedience, Promises

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

**Land of Want (Activity/Coloring Page)** [Click here](#)

#### WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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#### BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

**Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." Psalm 40:4 NIV**

Explain to the kids that we all need to trust God all the time. Whether we are playing, at school, at church, or at home. God is always there to guide us and bless us when we learn to trust Him.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story about Abraham right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

In our story today, God calls on a very special man who He loves very much. His name was Abram, and he had a wife named Sarai. They were later given new names by God, of Abraham and Sarah. At the time of this story, they were already quite old. Abram was about 75-years-old. He also had a very large family living with him, including a nephew named Lot.

#### Read Genesis 12:1-9 (God Calls Abraham)

#### Discussions Questions:

1. What did God tell Abraham to do? (*leave his country with his family and go to a land God chose for him.*)
2. What did God say to him? Did he say:
  - He will make Abram into a great nation? (*yes*)
  - He will make his name great? (*yes*)
  - He will be a blessing? (*yes*)
  - He should go all by himself? (*no*)
  - All peoples on earth will be blessed through him? (*yes*)
3. How did Abram show his faith? (*He obeyed Him by leaving his country.*)
4. Who promised to give Abram land to live in at the new place? (*God*)
5. When Abram got to the new land, why did he build an altar? (*to worship God*)
6. Can you think of any blessing that God gave you? (*house, warm bed, parents, toys*)
7. How can we thank God for His blessings? (*sing, praise, pray*)

#### FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Moving Day (Game)** [Click here](#)

#### ALTERNATE FUN TIME (5 MINUTES)

**Father Abraham Revised (Song)** [Click here](#)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Begin by thanking God for all the blessings He gives us, especially for a place we can call home. Animal Crackers would make a nice treat. You can talk about how circus animals move from town to town, or how wild animals migrate to new homes during different seasons of the year.

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

As the children wait to be picked up, have them finish the coloring of their "Land of Want" page. They can also draw pictures of family members and pets that they will be taking with them.

#### NEXT WEEK

What do the children of Abraham and the stars in the sky have in common? Come back next week to find out.

#### TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)



## LAND OF WANT ☆

*Kids have fun coloring and connecting the dots to go to where they would like to live.*

### TOPICS:

Choices, Provision

### MATERIALS:

Coloring page [PDF] [Click here](#)  
Crayons or colored markers

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Before class, print out one copy of the coloring page for each child.

Discuss with them that sometimes families move to a different place. The places they move to may be someplace they have never been before. Sometime, they may not like some of the things at the new place. But as they settle in and become familiar with their new home, they will discover that the place may not have everything they want, but really has everything they need.

Tell the children to choose a path by connecting the dots to go to one of the three places that they would like to live. There is the big city, with lots of toy stores and candy stores. There is the beach where they can have fun playing in the sand all day long, and there is a jungle, where they can walk with lots of friendly animals.

After choosing their path by connecting the dots, have the children color their page, and share why they picked the place they did.

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## MOVING DAY ☆

*Teams race to get packed so they can move to their new destination.*

### TOPICS:

Abraham, Following God

### MATERIALS:

A roll of masking tape, 2 small suitcases  
Old Clothes and shoes, Books, Toys  
Candy for prizes

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### PREPARATION:

Find lots of old clothes, shoes and other heavy object to fill the suitcases, so that each suitcase will be heavy enough that it will take 3 or 4 kids to haul it across the room. Use masking tape to form a starting and destination line at opposite ends of the room.

### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Form two teams, and have the children of each team gather around one of the suitcases at the starting line. Have piles of clothes, shoes, books, etc. next to each of the suitcases. The children will pack the suitcases with all of the items, then push, pull, or carry the full suitcase to the destination line. Once at their destination, they must open the suitcase and empty out all the contents. The first team to do so wins, or you can reward each team once they complete the move. You can mix up the teams and play again as time allows.

### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Let's pretend God tells us to move to a different town, like He told father Abraham to move to a new land. We need to pack everything we have and take our friends with us. So when I say "Pack Up" your team needs to open the suitcase and fill it as fast as possible. Then move the suitcase to the destination at the other end of the room. Once there, you must unpack.

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