

## Lech Lecha “Go forth yourself”

Genesis/B’reisheet 12:1 – 17:27 Isa 40:27 – 41:16 Rom 4:1-25

### “Abram”

#### Objective:

1. The children understand that Abram believed God:
2. Understand that God called Abram when he was 75 years old.
3. Recognize that God didn’t tell Abram where he was going.
4. Learn that God promised Abram a son when he was old.

#### Items Needed:

**Primary Lesson Time:** Bring a little tent or drape a cloth over the table and let the kids sit inside. Bring a sleeping bag, too.

**Object Lesson:** A US dollar bill

#### Welcome/Opening Slide

- Welcome the children & organize as required
- Opening Prayer

#### Please Remember These Rules

**Say:** Here are the rules:

- Please don’t talk when others are talking
- Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Please keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself
- You must ask to leave the room

#### Title Slide

**Question:** Does anyone remember whose life we studied last week? (Wait for or encourage a response)

**Say:** Last week we learned about Noah. God asked Noah to build an ark because He was going to flood the earth. Noah obeyed God. God saved Noah and his family.

**Say:** This week we will learn about another man who obeyed God. His name was Abram.

**Say:** The title of our Torah Portion this week is Lech Lecha “Go forth yourself”

**Say:** Our Torah portion is titled this way because this portion is when the LORD instructed Abram to leave where he was living and move to a different place.

### Genesis/B'reisheet 12:1

**Say:** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you."

### Learning about Abram

**Say:** Abram was named by his parents. Abram in Hebrew means exalted father.

**Say:** Later God changed his name to Abraham.

**Say:** He was a man who loved God. Abram and his family lived in the town of Haran. Back then, people lived with their families. Everyone lived close together and cared for each other.

**Question:** Have you ever been away from your family? Has your family ever moved to another state or another country? (Wait for or encourage a response)

### Moving Day

**Say:** One day God told Abram to do an unusual thing. God asked Abram to leave his family and friends to travel to a new place. God told Abram that He would make his people a great nation.

**Say:** God told Abram that He would bless him and that he would have many children.

**Say:** Abram listened to God and obeyed Him. Abram was 75 years old when God told him to move. (Genesis 12:1-4)

**Say:** Abram took his wife, Sarah, his nephew named Lot, and all his possessions and traveled where God led them.

**Question:** Have you ever had to move? (Wait for or encourage a response)

**Say:** There is always packing and lots to do. You have to leave old friends behind. You have to make new friends.

## God's Promise to Abram

**Say:** Abram was not even sure where God was leading him, but he followed and obeyed God.

**Say:** Abram trusted God and he knew that God would protect them and bless them. He knew that God would keep His promises.

**Say:** Abram traveled through the land to a place where some of their enemies lived. God spoke to him and told him, "I will give you and your children this land." (Genesis 12:5-7)

**Say:** Abram believed God and built an altar in that spot to remind him of God's promise and that God appeared to him.

**Say:** As Abram was traveling, he and his family lived in tents. So every time they moved, they had to take down their tents, roll them up, and travel. Remember that Abram was 75 years old.

**Question:** Have you ever set up a tent? Have you ever slept in a tent? (Wait for or encourage a response)

**Say:** It must have taken lots of patience to travel, especially with so much stuff to carry! (Genesis 12:8-9)

## A Stranger in a Strange Land

**Say:** Abram was faithful to God and followed God.

**Say:** Life was not easy for his family because they were in a strange place away from their family.

**Question:** Have you ever been away from family and friends? Can you think about how Abram probably felt? (Wait for or encourage a response)

**Say:** Abram knew that God promised to bless them and care for them, so he followed Him with his whole heart. (Romans 4:18)

## Looking at the Stars

**Say:** One night later, God again showed Abram that he would have many children.

**Say:** He showed Abram the night sky and asked him to count the stars. Of course, there were too many to count.

**Say:** God told Abram that in the same way he would have more children than all these stars. (Genesis 15:5-6)

**Say:** Remember, Abram was over 75 years old and had no children.

**Say:** He had to believe that God had a plan and was able to help him have children.

**Say:** God helped Abram travel to another country even though Abram was not sure where he was going.

**Question:** Would you follow God even though you were not sure where you would go just like Abram?

**Say:** Now I have an object lesson to help you think about trusting

<b>Object Lesson - In God We Trust (used by permission <a href="http://www.kidssundayschool.com">www.kidssundayschool.com</a>)</b>
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**Materials:** A US dollar bill

**Duration:** Approximately 7 minutes

**Action:** Pass a US dollar bill around the room and ask the kids to take a good look at the back of the dollar bill.

**Question:** Once everyone has had a chance to look at the dollar ask, "How many of you noticed something really neat that is on the back of a dollar bill?"

**Action:** Allow for answers and wait until one of the kids mention that it had "In God We Trust" printed on it. (If none of the kids mention this fact, bring it up yourself.)

**Question:** Ask if they knew that "In God We Trust" is the official motto of the United States of America and that this motto is printed on all USA currency; paper currency, as well as coins.

**Say:** In November 1861, Secretary Chase stated "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense."

**Say:** Early Americans knew the importance of trusting God, the wisdom in this should be considered by each and every one of us today as well.

**Say:** A nation or a people that trusts in God is wise indeed. This is just like Abram. He trusted God to keep the promises He made.

## Let's Learn Hebrew!

**Say:** Our Hebrew word this week is “Av”. This is the Hebrew word for “Father”

אָב  
אַבְרָם

**Say:** It is the first two letters of Abram’s name.

## Memory Verse

**Say:** This verse of Scripture is also today's memory verse.

**Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Romans 4:3**

**Note:** Each click will hide part of the verse. Practice with the children until they know the verse. Use the word cards to teach the verse. Each review remove one of the cards until all the cards are removed and the children know the verse. Make a game jumbling the cards and time a few children to see who puts the cards in the correct order the quickest.

## What Did We Learn Today?

- Abram was a man that loved God and wanted to obey Him
- Abram moved from Ur to the Promised Land
- God gave Abram a promise of a son when he was 75 years old.

## Small Group Time

Break the children into two groups:

- Primary – Ages 4-7
- Elementary Ages 8-12

Distribute the self-directed learning handout to each child and let them work together or alone.

## Primary Handout Answer Sheet

### Classroom Activity: - Share the Story of Abram

- Teacher: Bring a little tent or drape a cloth over the table and let the kids sit inside. Bring a sleeping bag, too.

**Say:** One day God talked to a man named Abram. He loved God and listened to Him. (Have the kids put their hands behind their ears.) God told Abram to move away from his family and friends. Abram loved God and listened to Him. God also told Abram that He would have lots of children and be a great people. He told Abram that He would bless him.

**Say:** Abram obeyed God and traveled where God told him to go. (Wave goodbye.) Abram took his wife Sarah, his nephew Lot, and all his stuff and traveled.

**Say:** Abram and his family lived in tents. So, every time God told them to move, they had to roll up their tents and travel. (Roll up the sleeping bag.) It was lots of work, but they obeyed God and did what He said.

**Say:** God kept His promise and helped Abram. We need to love God and obey Him. Thank God for loving us and always keeping His promises.

**The Remember Verse:** Abraham believed God. Romans 14:8 (see attachment)

## Handout

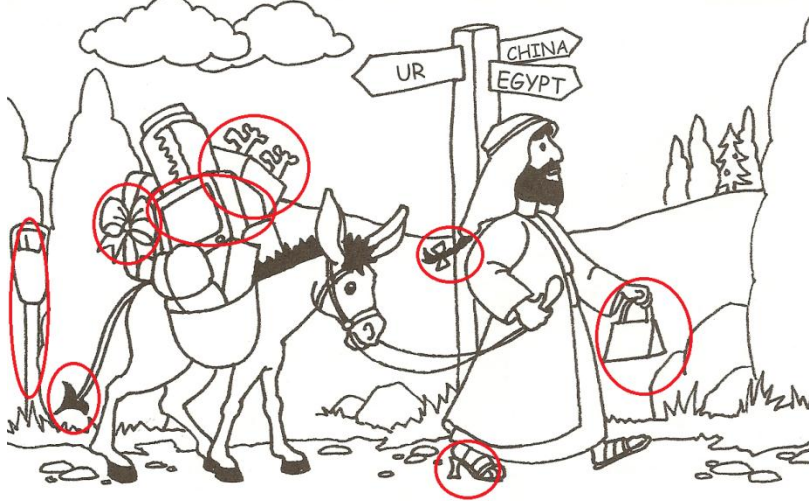
### The Story – Page 1

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Abram obeyed God and traveled where God told him to go. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his stuff and traveled. Abram and his family lived in tents. So, every time God told them to move, they had to roll up their tents and travel. It was lots of work, but they obeyed God and did what He said. God kept His promise and helped Abram. We need to love God and obey Him. Thank God for loving us and always keeping His promises.

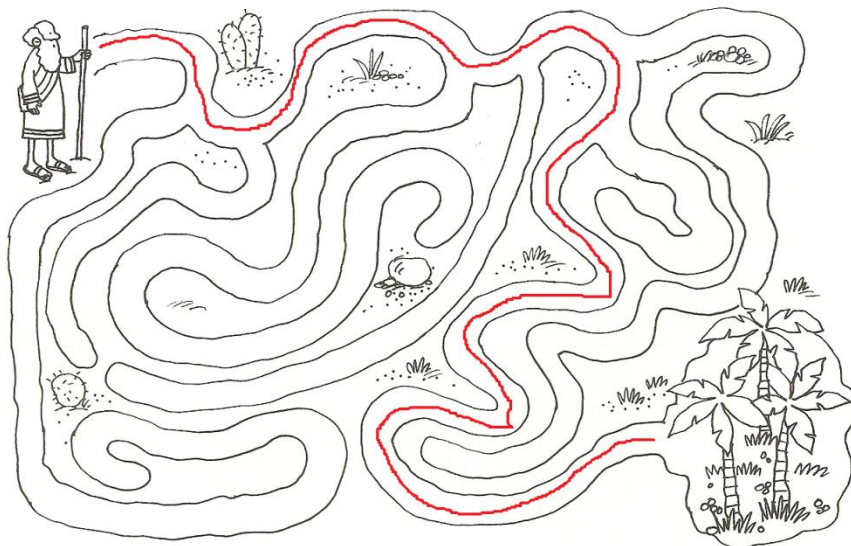
## God Called Abram Puzzle – Page 1

God called Abram to travel from his home in Ur to the Promised Land. Find the mistakes in this picture of Abram traveling to the Promised Land. Color the picture when finished.



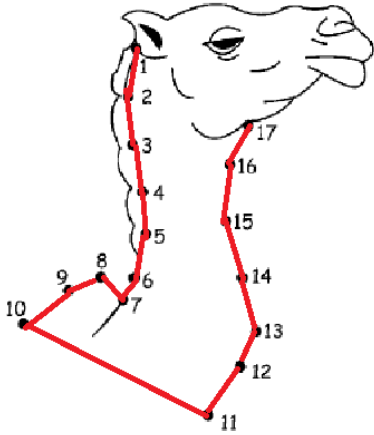
## The Amazing Maze – Page 2

Abram's wife, Sarai, and his nephew, Lot, went with him on his journey to the Promised Land. Help Abram find the right way from Ur to the Promised Land.



### Connect the Dots Puzzle – page 2

Abram probably used camels on his journey from Ur to the Promised Land. Connect the dots and color the picture.



### God's Promise to Abram – Page 3

God told Abram to count the stars. Because that is how many descendants he would have. He would have so many they could not be counted! Can you find Sarai hidden in the picture?



### Abram and Lot – Page 3

Abram and Lot went their separate ways some time after they arrived in the Promised Land. How many jugs can you find hidden here? Color the picture when you have found the jugs.



### The Color Page and Remember Verse – Page 4

Abraham believed God. Romans 14:8



## Elementary Handout Answer Sheet

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## Questions – Page 2

1. What did God ask Abram to do?

- A. Learn how to play baseball.
- B. Build a new house in Ur.
- C. Go to a land He would show him.

**Answer:** C. Go to a land He would show him.

2. What did Abram do when God asked him to leave his home?

- A. Abram obeyed God.
- B. Abram went to Egypt.
- C. Abram decided to stay home.

**Answer:** A. Abram obeyed God.

3. What did God say to Abram when he saw the stars?

- A. Abram needed to buy a telescope.
- B. Abram would have children as numerous as the stars.
- C. Abram would name his sons after the constellations

**Answer:** B. Abram would have children as numerous as the stars.

4. TRUE OR FALSE: 3. "Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the oak tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land." (Genesis 12:6)

### TRUE OR FALSE

**Answer:** True

6. Is this statement true or false, "Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, To your descendants I will give this land." (Genesis 12:7)

**TRUE OR FALSE**

**Answer:** True

7. Fill in the blanks for this verse, "Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ God, and it was \_\_\_\_\_ to him as \_\_\_\_\_ ." (Romans 4:3)

**Answer:** Believed, Credited, Righteousness

8. Circle The Correct Words: "Then Abram took (SANDRA, SARAI) his wife and (LOT, LOOT) his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in (HAIRLAND, HARAN), and they departed to go to the land of (CANDY, CANAAN)." (Genesis 12:5)

**Answer:** SARAI, LOT, HARAN, CANAAN



### Word Find Puzzle – Page 3

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

G I X N S A S O Q B L D A D I  
 I I F Q B I N D M H E R A T L A  
 Z K A R A U A J X T H D Y N  
 C W A R U J T E S H B A E K I  
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 J M O Y T W A U M Z E T S R Z  
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Abram	Bethel	Chaldeans	Lot	Show
Altar	Blessing	Descendants	Nation	Terah
Barren	Canaan	Lord	Sarai	Ur

### Cryptogram – Page 4

Decode the message by finding each substitute letter or symbol.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
W	F	H	B	Z	G	D	P	X	U	C	Y	O	I	Q	T	A	N	S	L	V	R	M	E	J	K

A B R A H A M B E L I E V E D G O D , A N D  
W F N W P W O F Z Y X Z R Z B D Q B W I B  
I T W A S C R E D I T E D T O H I M A S  
X L M W S H N Z B X L Z B L Q P X O W S  
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N X D P L Z Q V S I Z S S

