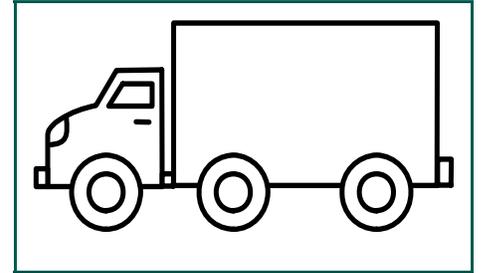


Call of Abram/Abram & Lot

Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18

For what could this truck be used?

Has your family ever had to move to a new location? If you moved, how would people treat you; what might they think of you and your family?



When we arrive at a new location, we are faced with situations that can be scary.

In our story today God tells Abram to move. Abram trusted God and went as directed. From Abram's move, we will learn how we are to treat others, both family and strangers, as we sojourn here on earth.

Prayer

God of Abram and my heavenly Father, guide me as I study Your Word. Help me to understand and learn from the lessons that You used to guide my forefathers. Show me the truths that You shared with them so that I may pattern my life to know the way to You, through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Promises to Abram: Genesis 12:1-9 and 13:1-18

Now the LORD had said to Abram:
"Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father's house, To a land
that I will show you. {2} I will make you a
great nation; I will bless you And make your
name great; And you shall be a blessing.
{3} I will bless those who bless you, And I will
curse him who curses you; And in you all
the families of the earth shall be blessed."

{4} So Abram departed as the LORD
had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.
And Abram was seventy-five years old
when he departed from Haran. {5} Then
Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his
brother's son, and all their possessions that
they had gathered, and the people whom
they had acquired in Haran, and they

departed to go to the land of Canaan. So
they came to the land of Canaan.

{6} Abram passed through the land
to the place of Shechem, as far as the
terebinth tree of Moreh. And the
Canaanites were then in the land. {7} Then
the LORD appeared to Abram and said,
"To your descendants I will give this land."
And there he built an altar to the LORD,
who had appeared to him.

{8} And he moved from there to the
mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched
his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on
the east; there he built an altar to the
LORD and called on the name of the
LORD. {9} So Abram journeyed, going on
still toward the South.



Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. {2} Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

{3} And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, {4} to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

{5} Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. {6} Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. {7} And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

{8} So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. {9} "Is not the whole land before you? Please

separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

{10} And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. {11} Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. {12} Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. {13} But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

{14} And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are; northward, southward, eastward, and westward; {15} "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. {16} "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. {17} "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

{18} Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

Outer Aim - God's hand in Abram's life led him to earthly and eternal treasures.

What the Story Tells Us – (T)true or (F)alse. Circle the correct answer.

1. T or F God told Abram to travel alone to the a land that God would give him.
2. T or F Abram was seventy-five years old when God told him to move.

3. T or F God promised Abram great riches and honor in the land of promise.
4. T or F Abram settled in the area between Bethel and Ai.
5. T or F The first thing Abram did was build an altar.
6. T or F The Lord blessed Abram with much wealth because of Abram's faith.
7. T or F A strife between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot was over pasture land for the flocks.
8. T or F Abram put Lot first and offered him the choice of land to settle in.
9. T or F Lot settled in Shechem because the pasture land was very rich there.
10. T or F God scolded Abram for not keeping the best for himself.

Inner Aim - God's hand supports and saves those who put their faith and trust in Him.

What God Tells Us - Some thoughts to consider.

1. Leaving home and going away to school or moving to a new location is not easy. Letting the Lord guide you while you live here on earth is very rewarding. Give some examples.
2. Satan looks for opportunities of broken family ties and selfish separations. As Christians we must make sure that wherever we live here on earth we trust in the Lord to protect us. We are never alone. What are some of the things we can do to stay strong in the Lord?
3. As we wander through this life we must remember that we are children of God. How we behave, treat others, dress, and talk tells those around us about us and about our faith in God. We must make sure that we live and function as children of God. Give some examples of how dress and speech can be offensive to the Lord and what we can do about this problem.
4. A child of God lets people know that God is first in his life, always, everywhere. We will want to call on God's name for help and live not in a careless, non-respectful way. What are some ways in which individuals can relieve stress without taking the name of the Lord in vain?

5. Abram allowed Lot to choose where he wanted to live even though it all was promised to Abram. We need to remember that everything on earth belongs to our heavenly Father and He is allowing us to be part of it. List several ways in which we can share with others the things that we have.
6. As a child of God we want to share the great news of our Savior from sin. Everywhere Abram went he built an altar to the Lord and called upon Him name. What are some things that we can do to help spread the great news of salvation for all men?

Passages

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."

Luke 18:29-30 "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

1 Peter 2:11-12 "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Hymn - Read over hymn 586 verses 1, 4, and 7. Remember we are only sojourners here on earth. Our home is heaven. While we live here may we always live lives pleasing to our heavenly Father.

A pilgrim and a stranger,
I journey here below;
Far distant is my country,
The home to which I go,
Here I must toil and travail,
Oft weary and opprest;
But there my God shall lead me
To everlasting rest.

Who would share Abraham's blessing
Must Abraham's path pursue,
A stranger and a pilgrim,
Like him, must journey thro'.
The foes must be encountered,
The dangers must be passed;
A faithful soldier only
Receives the crown at last.

There I shall dwell forever,
No more a parting guest,
With all Thy blood-bought children

In everlasting rest,
The pilgrim conflicts o'er,
All earthly griefs behind me,
Eternal joys before.

Prayer

God of Abram and my God in Jesus, I thank You for introducing me today to Abram, one of my wonderful grandfathers whom I will get to know better in our heavenly Canaan. Thank You for leading him onward and forward in his life so that he could stay close to You and learn to depend on You always. Do so for me, too, please, in Jesus' name. Amen.