

Call of Abram/The Promise of Isaac

Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18; 15 - 18:15

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

The Call of Abram

The LORD had said to Abram, "Get out of your country and away from your family and go to a land that I will show you. Many children will come from your family and I will make them into a great nation. In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed because Jesus, the Savior of the world, will come from your family."

So Abram left his home and his family as the LORD had asked him to do. Lot, his nephew, and Sarai, his wife, went with him. They went to the land of Canaan.

Again the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your family I will give this land." There Abram built an altar to the LORD and worshiped the LORD.

Abram was very rich in servants, animals, silver, and gold. Lot also was rich. Abram and Lot had to live in different parts of Canaan because they had many servants and animals.

Abram worshiped the LORD God.

God's Promises a Son to Abram

The LORD again came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Abram said, "Lord GOD, I have no children."

Then the LORD brought Abram outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and try to count the stars. You will have this many in your family." Abram believed in the LORD and His promise.

Another time the LORD came to Abram when he was ninety-nine years old. The LORD said, "Your name shall now be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. Your family will be as many as the sand in the sea. From your family the Savior of all people will be born. Your wife's name will be Sarah and she will have a son and you shall call his name Isaac."

Strangers Visit and a Son Is Promised

Abraham was sitting in the tent door one day and saw that three men were standing near him. He ran to meet them and invited them for a meal. These men were angels, but Abraham did not know that.

So Abraham hurried and had a meal prepared and then served it to them. As the men were sitting there they promised Abraham that in one year he and Sarah would have a son. Abraham would be one hundred and Sarah would be ninety. Sarah was listening in the tent door and when she heard this she laughed.

God keeps all His promises.

Our faith is strengthened by God's repeated promises in His Word.

Passage

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance."

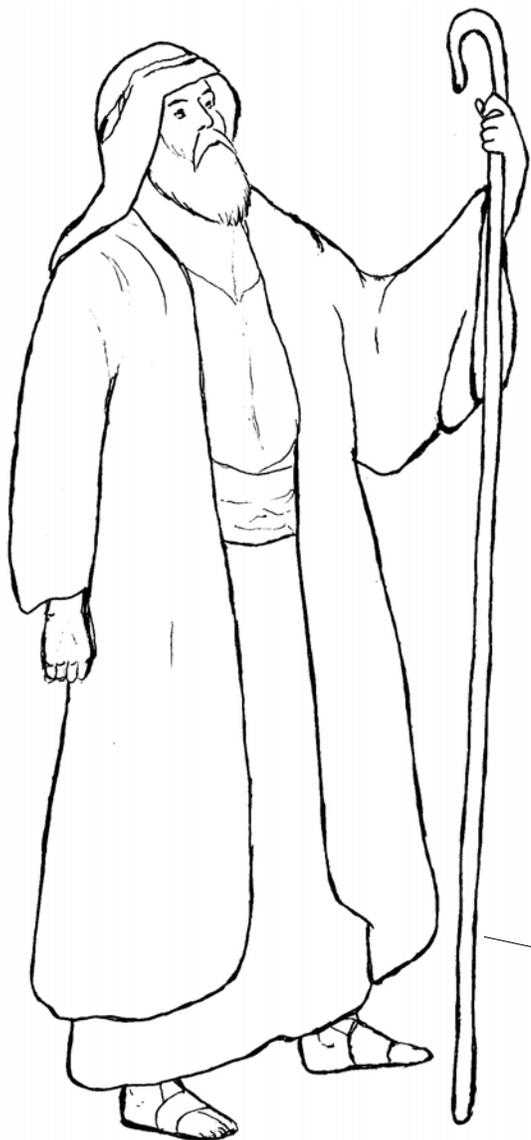
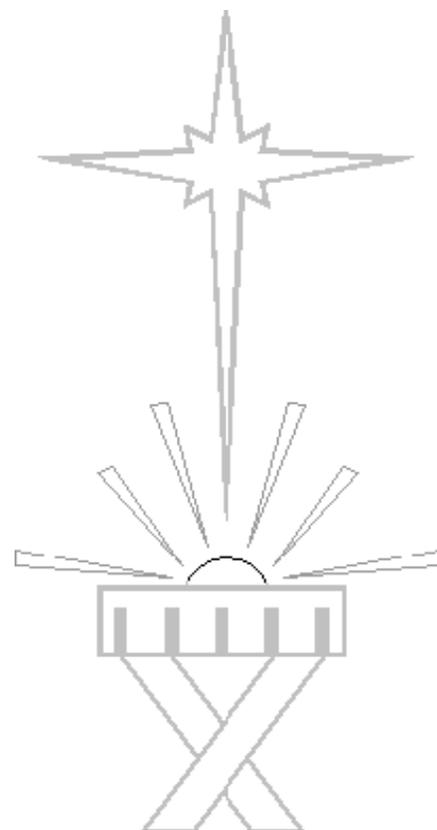
Hymn - TLH 428, v. 1

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.



Classroom Activity - Stars in the Sky & Sand on the Ground

Have the children stick many sticker stars or make glitter glue dots in the sky and color or glue sand on the ground to remind them of the promises the LORD gave Abraham. Color the special star and Baby Jesus, Who would also come from Abraham's family.



Circle Activity

Have the children circle Abraham with a BLUE crayon; circle Sarah with a RED crayon; circle the angels with a GREEN crayon.



Discuss these questions:

What is Abraham doing? (*Giving them food.*)

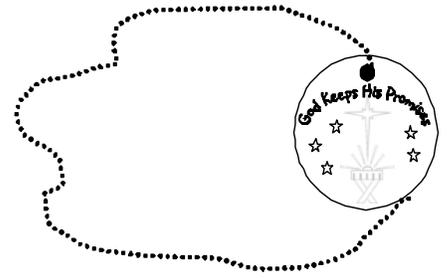
Who are the three men sitting down? (*Angels*)

What did they tell Abraham? (*In 1 year he and Sarah will have a son named Isaac.*)

What is Sarah doing? (*Laughing*)

Classroom Art Activity - God's Promises Necklace

Color the circle with the message. Glue it to stiff paper or cardboard and cut out. Punch a hole and string it on a ribbon or yarn to make a necklace. You may want to decorate with glitter glue also.



Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for taking care of Abraham in his new home. Help me to remember that You promise to take care of me, too. Thank You for promising and sending Jesus to save all people. Amen.