## Early Childhood – Level 2



**CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY** 

# #35 - The Call of Abram Genesis 11:27-12:9

## **PICTURES NEEDED**

35-1 Abraham and Sarah

## REVIEW

• **<u>Big Question</u>**: What is the problem with pride?

Proud people don't seek after God

• Lesson Rhyme: Review the lesson rhyme.

В—В	Make sign of "B"
Babel	Open & close fingers in front of mouth
Speech could	Move index fingers out from & back to mouth
not understand	Point to head and shake it "no"
B—B—Babel	Same as above
Sent to a	R index finger point straight out & circle to right
different land	L index finger point straight out & circle to left

#### LESSON CONTENT

• Introduction: Show visual (picture 35-1) What is this a picture of?

When God scattered all the people over the earth and gave them new languages to speak, they all started worshipping other gods. We call these gods idols. An idol is anything people worship other than the one, true God.

God wanted to show all people on the earth who he really is so he chose one faithful man, Abraham, to be the father of his people, Israel. God told Abraham to move to a different land that he would give to Abraham's children. Abraham believed God and took his wife and all his belongings and moved.

As we read more of the Bible we are going to see what God did for his people Israel, who came from Abraham, and how through God's people all people of the world have been blessed.

What is the greatest blessing God has given to all people? The greatest blessing God has given to us is the gift of his Son Jesus. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin so we can be made right and live with God forever.

Jesus came from the line of Abraham. He was a descendant of Abraham. It is through Jesus all people are truly blessed.

<u>The big question for this week is:</u> What was God's promise to Abraham? Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

• <u>Lesson Book:</u> Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions. Title: Who is Abraham?

Page 1—Hebrews 11:11-12 (picture of Abraham) God chose the Jewish people to reveal himself to men. The Jews all came from Abraham, they're known as his kin. Abraham was chosen; he loved God with all his heart. So God said from his descendants, he would never, ever part.

Page 3—Genesis 12:2-3

(picture of Abraham looking at the land)
God's promise made to Abraham was to bless and make him great.
But it took faith to believe as Abraham had to wait.
God showed the land to Abraham that eventually he'd give.
But many hundred years would pass before the people there could live. Page 2—Genesis 12:1 (picture of Abraham packing his tent) One day God said to Abraham that he must leave his home. And move to a new land that by God he would be shown. Because he trusted God, Abraham packed up all his things. He knew he'd be protected in the safety of God's wings.

#### Page 4—Genesis 12:6-7

(picture of Abraham building an altar)
Abraham built an altar to show God that he believed.
Even though much time would pass before the promise was received.
Abraham's wife was Sarah, no children she had born,
But one day he'd have descendants, just as God to him had sworn. Page 5—Matthew 6:9-10 (picture of people arguing) God is the Lord of all; there is nothing he can't do So all men should acknowledge him and what he says is true. Instead people tend to follow after things that are not good. Then they fail to honor God and listen as they should. Page 6—Mathew 6:12-13 (picture of Jesus) God he is long suf-fer-ing. His love will never end. To deal with sin and make men right to earth his Son did send. Don't follow what is evil and chase after what's not right. Instead believe in Jesus and live in his good light.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

<u>Day 1:</u> Who are the Jewish people? What has God done through the Jewish people? Why did God choose Abraham?

<u>Day 2:</u> What did God tell Abraham to do? What did Abraham do in response? Why was Abraham able to do that? Does God really have wings? Thinking of what a mother hen does for her chicks, what does it mean to be protected in the safety of God's wings?

<u>Day 3:</u> What was God's promise to Abraham? Why did it take faith for Abraham to believe God's promise?

Day 4: What did Abraham do to show God that he believed? How did that show faith?

<u>Day 5:</u> How have all people of all nations been blessed through Abraham? Why is Jesus a blessing to all people?

<u>Day 6:</u> What does it mean to be a son of Abraham? What is the result of being a son of Abraham?

<u>Review:</u> Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- <u>Prayer:</u> Thank God that he has revealed himself to all people through the Jewish people. Thank God that he blessed Abraham and all people because of Abraham's faith. Pray that your faith would grow and you would put your trust completely in God as Abraham did.
- <u>The Big Question:</u> What was God's promise to Abraham? Abraham was blessed by God to be a blessing to all people.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

A—A	Make sign of "A"
Abraham	Make "A" with both hands and shake
God he did	Lift arms up above head
Believe	Touch sides of head
A—A—Abraham	Same as above
Blessing did	Wiggle fingers down like rain
Receive	Hands out palms up, bring in to body



#### ★ <u>Activity:</u> Drawing

Draw a picture of the people living together.

- ★ Letter/Sound Recognition: Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which sound does Abraham begin?
- ★ <u>Coloring:</u> Color in the lesson picture.
- Song: Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many sons, Many sons had Father Abraham I am one of them and so are you, So let's all praise the Lord.

Right arm! Right arm: Clench fist, bend and extend arm upward repeatedly throughout song

Right arm, left arm! Left arm: Add left arm in same motion as right

Right arm, left arm, right foot! Right foot: Add right foot stepping up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot! Left foot: Add left foot stepping up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up! Chin up: Add head nodding up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around! Turn around: Add turning in place while continuing other motions

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down!

## • Craft: Make an Altar

As a reminder that Abraham believed and trusted God, make an altar either following the instructions below or out of small stones held together with clay.

Materials: Cover stock paper, gray construction paper, glue sticks, crayons

<u>Preparation:</u> Run off craft 35 on cover stock paper. Cut gray construction paper into four pieces so each student will have his own piece to work with.

<u>Instructions:</u> Color the tree and background. Tear up pieces of gray paper to make "stones". Use them to build an altar in front of the tree.

### JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.