

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 12:1-9

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and 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 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



LESSON 35



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What was God's promise to Abraham?

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 12:2-3

2 "[I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.]
3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

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

Day 2: 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?

Day 3: 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?

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

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

Concluding Lesson

Review: Who are the Jewish people? What has God done through the Jewish people? What did God tell Abraham to do? What did Abraham do in response? What was God's promise to Abraham? Why did it take faith for Abraham to believe God's promise? How have all people of all nations been blessed through Abraham?

Prayer: 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.

Application: Discuss the many ways in which God blesses you. Discuss why Jesus is the greatest blessing one can ever receive.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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What was God's promise to Abraham?



Abraham was blessed by God to
be a blessing to all people.

Day 1 Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Hebrews 11:11-12: ¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Day 6 Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

Through the sacrifice of Jesus,
all people can be blessed.
He paid the penalty for sin
and death he put to rest.
We are sons of Abraham
when in Jesus we believe.
The forgiveness of our sin
is the blessing we receive.

What does the verse mean?

Romans 4:23-25: ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Abraham's descendants.

And through Abraham's descendants
all nations have been blessed.
Because Abraham was faithful
when God put him to the test.
Jesus was a Jew
from the line of Abraham.
He took our sin upon him
as our sacrificial lamb.

What does the verse mean?

Romans 4:20-22: ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Day 2

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 12:1: ¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."

Day 3 Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 12:2-3: .² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Day 4 Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 12:6-7: ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.