# <u>Lesson Passage—Genesis 12:1-9</u>

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. 2I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3I 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."

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

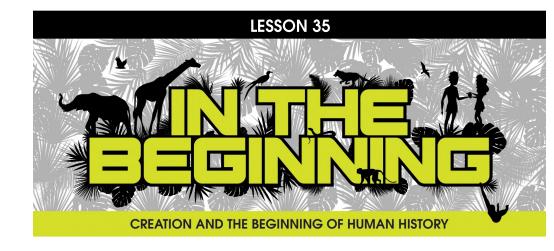
Through God's word we discover what is right and true.

Then we live it out in all we say and do.



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LOWER ELEMENTARY
LEVEL 3
HOME JOURNAL



#### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

# What was God's promise to Abraham?

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

# **Genesis 12:2-3**

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."

# **Level 3—Parent Notes:**

- <u>Daily Reading</u>: 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.
- <u>Completion</u>: 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, And let us not grow weary while doing
  good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

# **Thinking It Through**

The important truth I learned this week is:
I can apply that truth by:
My prayer to God is:

# **Daily Reading 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?

<u>Day 4</u>: 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?

# **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?

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

<u>Thinking It Through</u>: 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.

# #35 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.

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Hebrews 11:11-12: <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by 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.

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Romans 4:23-25: <sup>23</sup> Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of 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.

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Romans 4:20-22: <sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup> And therefore "it was accounted to him for 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.


Genesis 12:1: 1 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.

# 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?	

<u>Genesis 12:2-3</u>: . <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> 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."

#### 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.

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<u>Genesis 12:6-7</u>: <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.