

# Abraham

## The Story – Part One

Today we are going to learn about the faith of Abraham and some big promises God made to him. First we are going to see how God made some big promises to Abram and Sarai and then led them on a long journey. We'll hear how they trusted God even though they didn't always know where they were going.

Take your family on a walk around your home. Don't tell them where you are going. You can choose the path. As you go along in your journey, you will be reading segments the first portion from today's lesson (Genesis 12:1-9).

Explain: we're going on a trip while I read the Bible passage, but I'm not going to tell you where. You'll just have to follow me. Read verse one. Begin walking. Stop and read verse two, then walk some more and so on until you reach verse 9 and your destination.

Discuss: You didn't know where we were headed at first. Did Abram know where he was going? Print the map from the website. Review and discuss the path marked on the map. Using the key, you can calculate how far it was from Haran to Canaan (300 miles). Assuming Abram and his family could travel 20 miles per day, how long would the journey take? (15 days)

How was Abram able to just pack up and go if he didn't know where to go? Here's a hint: How were you able to go just now when I didn't tell you where we were headed?

## The Story – Part Two

God promised Abram that he would receive land of his own, and he trusted God to keep that promise.

What were the other promises that God gave Abram? Wouldn't you expect that Abram would have many children with a promise like that? How old was Abram when God made these promises? (See Gen. 12:4).

Our story continues many years later. Remember, God promised to make Abram the father of a great nation. However, when we get back to Abraham, he and Sarai still have no children.

Read Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; 18:1-15; and 21:1-7

Discuss: Here is where the promise of Abram's journey yields some miracles, and a bit of hilarity. At the ripe old age of 99, he gets a new name, and a fresh promise that God will build a nation from Abraham's offspring. Then three visitors come with news that Sarah will be a mom. Like her husband, she's up there in years – old enough to be a great-grandma. So when she hears she'll become a mom, how does she react?

Then the boy is born, and he gets the name Isaac, which means "laughter." How do you think it would feel to be a dad or mom for the first time at age 100? How old were your parents when you were

born? How do you think Abraham's faith was tested during this portion of our story? What does the Bible tell us about Abraham's faith?

Read Hebrews 11:8-16. What does this passage tell us about the faith of Abraham? Did he live long enough to see all the rewards of the promises God kept? Where did Abraham keep his focus? How do our stories today about Abraham point to Jesus and God's Big Rescue Plan for His people?