

## **Genesis 12 God promises and Abraham trusts**

### **Game Quick pack ... We're moving!!**

Kids have to pick up as much as they can in the count of 10

(Options available - clothes, pillow, blankets, books, toys, food, ... make sure it's too much to carry.)

Talk about their choices ... what they packed, what they left behind.

### **Bible time**

Who's ever had to move house? (Discuss)

Imagine having to move and not knowing where you were going?

"When are we going to get there!!!" ... "I don't know"

That's what happened to Abram. God came and spoke to him ...

God told Abram along with his wife and nephew to go - leaving behind his other relatives, his house, his land ... and go to a new place God would show him.

And God gave him a promise that would have been very special to him.

Let's read from the bible to find out what that promise was and what happened!

### **Read Genesis 12:1-9**

#### **Discuss**

##### **What did God promise Abram?**

(God promised to make Abram into a great nation. That meant God would give Abram children)

##### **What did God ask Abram to do?**

(Leave his country and his relatives behind and move to a place God would show him)

##### **What did Abram do?**

(Abram trusted God and obeyed him, following God to a new place)

##### **Who did God say would be blessed by Abram?**

(God said that all nations of the earth would be blessed by Abram)

### **Connect it to Jesus**

Read Galatians 3:26-29

#### **How does God's promise to Abram connect to Jesus?**

*Or break it down with these questions ...*

Who is the great far-off grandson of Abram that brought the blessing God promised to all the nations?

(Jesus v.29)

How can people today become children of Abraham and share in his blessing that God promised?

(Trust in Jesus! ... 'in Christ' / 'clothed in Christ' / 'belong to Christ' are all that same way of saying someone has trusted Jesus to forgive sins and make them right [righteous] before God. We trust Jesus to do for us what we can't do for ourselves)

## **Extension**

**(Can be done together as family to keep discussing what we're learning together about God's faithfulness while studying Genesis ... kind of like homework but way more special!)**

Abram believed God and followed his call to leave his family, but he did not trust the Lord in everything. When he got to Egypt, Abram was afraid the Egyptians might kill him so they could have his wife - because she was very beautiful. So - he told the Egyptians leaders that Sarai was his sister, not his wife.

But even though Abram did not trust God, he protected Abram and Sarai anyway!

God is always faithful.

Even when we sin God always keeps his promises.

God's plan was bigger than Abram's sin.

## **Read Genesis 12:10-20**

### **Discuss**

**What did Abram do that was wrong?**

(Abram didn't tell the full truth that Sarai was his wife)

**What did God do to protect Abram from the Egyptians?**

(God made the Egyptians sick until they let Abram go)

**What does this story teach us about God?**

(God always keeps his promises. When God said Abram was going to have children, then God protected him and Sarai so that they could have children)

**Talk together about a time when you've had to trust God in a difficult situation.**

**How did you go trusting God?**

### **Pray**

Thank God for giving Abram faith to obey and follow God

Thank God for being faithful to his promises

**Colouring in and word find attached below.**

### **Finish with a game!**

**'Pack up competition'**

20 items ... ranging from big to small to a bit tricky to carry!

Collect items and carry them somehow ... using hands, pockets ... wrapped up in your jumper.

Make your way around a set route ...

Take turns and see who can do it the fastest.

If you drop something you have to pick it up and continue.

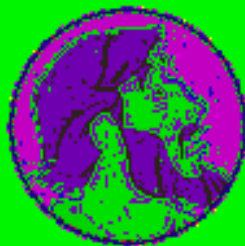
You must cross the finish line with all the items!

Abraham went, as the Lord told him.  
Genesis 12:4



# God Made a Promise to Abraham

## Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.  
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally

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ABRAHAM  
BELIEVED  
CANAAN  
COVENANT

FATHER  
GREAT  
REWARD  
SARAH

OFFSPRING  
STARS