



Lesson Three

God Calls Abraham

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

Abraham responded to the call of God by trusting God's promise.

Scripture

*Genesis 12:1–5; 15:1–6
Genesis 17:1–22
Hebrews 11:8–12*



Lesson Focus

The Lord gives us faith to follow him.

Goals for the Children

- Tell what command and what promise God gave Abraham.
- Tell how Abraham responded to God's call.
- Learn that God helps us respond to his commands with faith and obedience.



Memory Minute

*By faith Abraham obeyed.
Hebrews 11:8a, NKJV*

In Genesis 12:1–5, we learn that God called Abram to leave his home and go to another land that God would show him. With the call came a promise: God said he would bless Abram and make him a great nation.

In obedience to God, Abram started out on an amazing journey. At the age of 75, he took his family and left behind all that was familiar to follow the path God directed him to take. It was a giant step of faith, but Abram's trust was firmly in God and in his promises.

Through Abram, a descendant of Noah, God continued to work out his great plan of redemption first revealed in Genesis 3:15. Abram would become the father of the line of promise, continuing through Isaac and Jacob all the way to Jesus Christ, the promised Savior.

God promised to make Abram a great nation, yet he and his wife, Sarai, were without children and were too old to have any. Years passed and the elderly couple remained childless. However, Abram held fast to God's promise and brought the matter before the Lord. God reassured and comforted Abram, and gave him a profound object lesson. The Lord showed Abram the night sky and told him that his offspring would be numberless—like the stars in the sky (Genesis 15:1–5).

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord changed his name to Abraham, meaning “father of many nations,” and Sarai became Sarah, meaning “princess.” In that encounter, the Lord revealed that Isaac would be born to Abraham and Sarah the following year (Genesis 17:21). How joyful Abraham must have been with the news that the covenant promise would be fulfilled shortly, and in such a miraculous way.

The story of Abraham reveals the grace and goodness of God. The Lord called Abraham, blessed him and promised to make him a blessing. Abraham did not always respond with trust and obedience, but God's continuing mercy, despite Abraham's failures, caused Abraham to grow in faith and trust in God.

Make it the prayer of your heart that you will take the path of faith in God and obedience to him. And pray the same in the lives of your preschoolers.