



Unit 3 | Session 1

# GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

## Genesis 12-20

Abram and his wife Sarai were part of Noah's family who had spread out on the earth after the great flood. God chose Abram for a special plan. God promised to give Abram a large family and land for his family. "All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you," God said.

Abram obeyed God. He went to the land of Canaan. One night, God led Abram outside. "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you can," God said. "Your family will be that numerous," God promised. Abram believed God, and God was pleased.

God did something to show Abram that He would keep His covenant, or promise. First, God told Abram to bring five animals. He brought the animals, cut them in half, and laid the pieces across from each other. Then, when the sun was setting, Abram fell fast asleep.

While Abram slept, God told him what would happen in the future. When it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between the animals. This showed that God would be responsible for keeping His promise.

When Abram was 99 years old, God talked to him again. "You will be the father of many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They will become many nations, and I will be their God."

God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "Father of Many."

*Christ Connection:* God promised to bless all the world through Abraham. God sent Jesus from His home in heaven to be born on earth into Abraham's family. Through Jesus, all the nations of the earth are blessed because Jesus saves people from their sins.



**LEARN**

## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Choose one of the references and draw a picture to represent that part of the story.

Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15:4-5; Genesis 15:9-18; Genesis 18:9-13

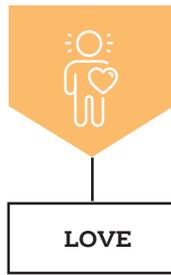
» What does this story teach us about God?

» What is faith? How did Abraham show his faith in God?

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## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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» What are some things God might call us to leave behind in order to follow Him?

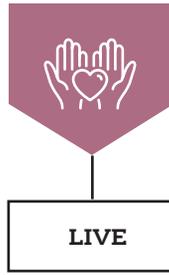
» How does God's blessing to Abraham extend to us?

» Are you quick to obey your parents when they give you a command? Why? Are you quick to obey God? Why?

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Psalm 135:5-6 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His promises and blessings. Ask Him for boldness and opportunities to be a blessing to the world by sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Romans 6:4

James 2:23

James 1:12

Hebrews 11:8

Proverbs 7:2

Romans 4:13