



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Call of Abram

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to trust Jesus and fully live for Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: If you could visit any country, where would you visit?

GAME: Follow the Directions

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 11:8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bible Barn script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD CALLS ABRAM

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God scattered the builders of the tower of Babel.

Today, we will hear how God called Abram to a new land and promised to bless him. Point to Abram (Circa 2100 B.C.). **Abram left his home in Haran and ended up in Bethel, which is in Canaan.** Point out the distance between Haran in Ancient Turkey and Bethel in Canaan. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 12:1-8. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 12:1. Pray. Read.

THE WAY TRUSTING GOD'S PROMISES

What were the seven promises God made? Read Genesis 12:2-3. **Abram trusted God to keep those promises even though they must have seemed impossible. Which promise do you think would have been the most difficult one for Abram to believe? If God made these promises to you, how might you picture them coming true? Which promise would be most important to you?**

The great tree of Moreh (Mō'rē) was a holy place for the town's false god. What did Abram do there? (Built an altar to the Lord.) **What did he do near Bethel?** (Built an altar and called on the Lord.) **How were Abram's choices different from the choices of those who built the tower of Babel?** (The builders followed their own plan for greatness, instead of God's plan. They did not acknowledge or worship Him.)

Abram knew Pharaoh might want Sarai to join his harem. Why did Abram lie and claim Sarai was his sister? (Pharaoh would have killed Abram to get Sarai.) **What did God do to cause Pharaoh to release her?** (He gave serious diseases to Pharaoh, his family, and his workers.) **How might God's actions have strengthened Abram's faith that God would keep His promises?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God called Abram to leave his home and give up his old way of life to go wherever God would lead him. God has called us, too. Reveal Matthew 16:24-25. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How does Jesus describe what any follower must do? (Deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus.) **What does it mean to deny yourself? To take up your cross means to be willing to suffer and die for the Lord's sake.**

What does it mean to lose your life for Jesus? (Not necessarily to physically die but to give up your life as it is and to dedicate yourself to putting Jesus first.) **What promise does Jesus make to those who lose their lives for Him?** (They will find their lives.) **What does Jesus say about those who want to save their lives?** (They will lose their lives.) **Those who do not give their lives to follow Jesus, but instead live just for themselves, will not receive eternal life with God.**

What in your life makes it difficult for you to follow Jesus? Is there anything in your life that you are treating as more important than God? Think about Jesus' call to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him. Ask God to help you trust Him enough to do that.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Toy or novelty compass
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #31
- OFFERING OF ART: Abram and his family traveling to Canaan
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: On the Trail Mix

GAME: Sand Buckets Relay

CRAFT: Canaan Scenes

DISCUSSION: Did You Know?

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Yahweh-Trust in the Lord

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW