

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Call of Abram

Lesson Aim: To know we can trust and obey God's direction.

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. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM

What did God call Abram to do? (Leave his family's home and follow God to a new land.) How do you think Abram may have felt about leaving his home to follow God to a place he had never been? (Sad, afraid, concerned the trip would be too hard because he was old.) God told Abram "all the people on earth will be blessed through you." God also promised to give the new land to Abram's children. What did Abram do? (He trusted and obeyed God's directions.)

Abram trusted and obeyed God, even though he did not know where He was leading him. In this story, Abram shows us an example of our Bible Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways

acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Let's say it together. Repeat Proverbs 3:5-6 together.

How did Abram trust in the Lord with all his heart? (He obeyed God and went to a new place.) **How do you need to trust the Lord this week?**

How did Abram lean not on his own understanding? (He trusted God knew best even though it didn't make sense for an old man to pack up his family and move to a new land.)

To acknowledge God is to show He deserves the credit. How did Abram acknowledge God at the great tree and near Bethel? (He built altars to worship Him. He called upon the Lord.) On a straight path, one can see the next step. How did God make Abram's paths straight? (He led Abram to Bethel.) Has God ever made your path straight by showing you what to do or where to go?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God called Abram and he followed. Thousands of years later, Jesus called His followers. Reveal Matthew 4:19. Read.

What did Jesus call the men to do? (Follow Him.) To follow Jesus is to put Him first in everything you do. It also means to follow His way of loving God and others. How did Jesus promise to bless them if they followed Him? (He would make them fishers of men.) A fisher of men spreads the word about Jesus to all people.

Jesus also calls us to follow Him. How can we follow Jesus even though we can't see Him? Just as Abram followed God without knowing where he was going, we can follow Jesus without seeing Him. Even though we may not know the future, we can follow Jesus in all our ways by obeying His words in the Bible, doing things His way, and showing others how much Jesus loves them.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Toy or novelty compass
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Yahweh–Trust in the Lord **BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**