



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Call of Abram

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to trust Jesus and follow 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 GOD CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM

What did God call Abram to do? (Leave his family's home and follow God to a strange new land.) **How old was Abram?** (75 years old.) **God did not tell Abram where he was to go or how to get there. Abram trusted and obeyed God before he knew the details. Is God calling you to go somewhere or to do something you have never done before? Is there an area in your life in which it is hard for you to trust God? How might our Bible Memory Verse help you be more like Abram?**

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.) **Who did Abram take with**

him? (His wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the people who worked for him.)

What did God promise He would do for Abram? (Bless him, make him into a great nation, make his name great, and cause him to be a blessing to others.) **God promised to make Abram's name great. Many of you may know Abram by the name God gave him several years later. Do you know what his new name would be?** (Abraham.)

The great tree of Moreh (Mō'rē) was a holy place for the town's false god. What did Abram do there? (He built an altar there to the Lord.)

What did he do when he pitched his tent 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 we read about last time?** (The builders followed their own plan for greatness, instead of trusting God's plan. They did not acknowledge or worship Him.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God called Abram to leave his home and give up his old way of life to go wherever He would lead him. God has called us, too. Let's read about it. Reveal Matthew 16:24. 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.**

Is there anything in your life that you treat 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
- 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

DISCUSSION: Did You Know?

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW