

Roots

WBS Kids' Lesson #09

Genesis 11:10-12:20

Hook: *(Show the kids a picture of a world map.)* Point to the state where you live. Say, "We live in _____, but what if, when you're older, God spoke to you and told you to leave your home and travel to another state or country and serve Him there? How do you think you would feel? Would you be scared or sad? Or, would you trust God, obey Him and go?"

Book: In the book of Genesis we're introduced to a man named Abram. God had special plans for him so He told Abram to leave his home with his wife Sarai, and go to a land that God would guide him to. Then God said, ***"If you do, I will cause you to become the father of a great nation; I will bless you and make your name famous, and you will be a blessing to many others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and the entire world will be blessed because of you."*** Wow! What amazing promises!

Look: It couldn't have been easy for Abram to leave the home and country where he had always lived and go to a place he had never been before. He may have been tempted to say, "No thanks, God. I think I'll just stay put, I'm fine where I am." But instead Abram said, "Yes, Lord, I'll do it." He had faith in God so He trusted and obeyed Him. As a result, God did what He said He'd do—God kept His promises to Abram. We will learn more about those promises in the next couple weeks.

Took: Abram wasn't a perfect man (only God is perfect), but the Bible tells us that he was a man of great faith. Abram didn't understand all God was going to do, but he trusted that God would keep His promises. That's why Abram was able to leave his home and go to a new land. You can trust God, too. You can have faith that He is with you. And, when You know He wants you to do something that is difficult (like share your things, obey your parents, forgive someone), ask Him to help you to have faith and obey.

Bible Verse: **"So Abram went, as the Lord had told him..."** Genesis 12:4a

Prayer: "Dear Lord, Thank You for the example of Abram in the Bible. Help us to have strong faith like he did and obey You. Thank You, too, for being a God who keeps His promises. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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**what we
learned**

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**memory
verse**

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**parent/child
activity**

Take out a map of the world or look up one on the Internet. Take a few minutes to look at it together. Then, point to some of the countries you see on the map and say their names. Ask your child, “What if God told you to go to one of these countries some day and serve Him when you’re older, do you think you would go?” Talk about the story of Abram and how God was with Him. Talk about Abram’s faith and our trustworthy God.



daily prayer

“Dear Lord, Thank You for the example of Abram in the Bible. Help us to have strong faith like he did and obey You. Thank You, too, for being a God who keeps His promises. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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