



Lesson 9: God blesses Abram

Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 11:27-32; 12; 13

Overview:

Abram, a descendent of Shem (one of Noah's sons), has an encounter with God. And God tells him that He will make Abram's descendents into a great nation. The only problem is Abram doesn't have any children because his wife Sarai can't have children. Yet, Abram had faith, and obeyed God, *even though* obeying meant leaving his country, his people, and even most of his family. Thus began a huge adventure for Abram. From this story, we see: God chose Abram to bless him to be a blessing, and Abram trusted God.

Things to consider:

- God chose Abram to receive a blessing that would bless the entire world.
- Abram had to give up his identity (country, people and family), to obey God
- Abram's adventure was not easy. He had to have faith that God would be true to His promise.
- Even though Abram was a great man of faith, he was by no means, perfect. No one can earn God's favor. But those who are transformed by God's saving grace develop a trust that leads to obedience.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 12. God did not choose the strongest or most capable man and wife team to carry forth His salvation plan. In fact, He chose the most unlikely pair – a 75 year-old man and his barren wife. Consider other examples in the Bible and in your own experience where God uses fleshly weakness to demonstrate His strength, and our need to trust in Him.

Teaching the lesson:

A: Review (Lesson 8: The tower of Babel)

B: Activity – Memory verse hide and seek. Print out words of the memory verse on pages, then hide them. Have students find them, then put the verse in correct order. Finders can be the next hidiers.

C. Story

D. Additional activity