

# Old Testament

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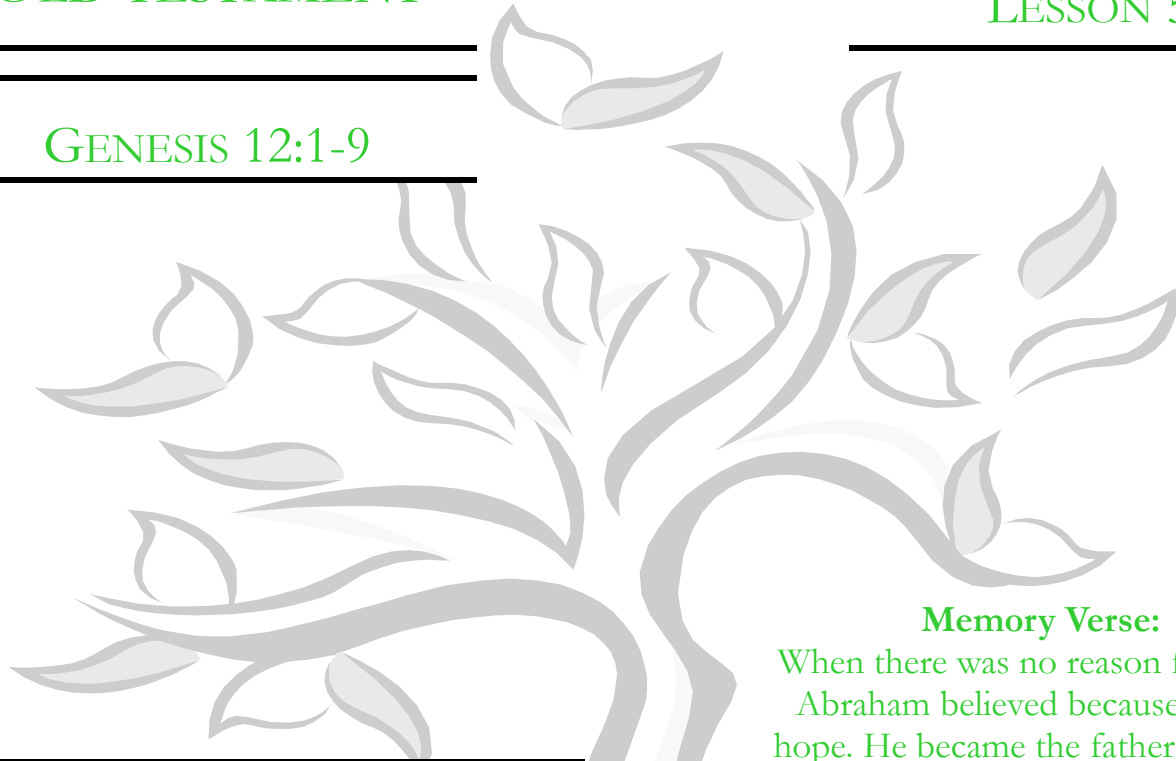
## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

GENESIS 12:1-9



ABRAHAM

**Memory Verse:**

When there was no reason for hope,  
Abraham believed because he had  
hope. He became the father of many  
nations, exactly as God had promised.  
**(Romans 4:18 NVI)**

**Lesson Goals**

1. Understand that Abraham believed God.
2. Understand that God called Abraham when he was 75 years old.
3. Recognize that God didn't tell Abraham where he was going.
4. Learn that God promised Abraham a son when he was old.

**Prayer Time**

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to get to heaven.
3. Ask God to help you follow Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God.

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## Abraham

Read Genesis 12:1-9 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

### Do You Know Jesus?

God promised that He would make a way for us to get to Heaven one day. Jesus died and came back to life three days later. If you ask Him to come into your life, God will take away all your sins and make a way for you to go to Heaven. If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher.

### Application

God called Abraham when he was 75 years old. God told him to go to a land that He would show him. But, God didn't tell Abraham where he was going. God also promised Abraham a son even though he was old. Abraham believed God and followed Him. God kept His promises.

### Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned about Noah. God asked Noah to build an ark because He was going to flood the earth. Noah obeyed God. God saved Noah and his family.

This week we will learn about another man who obeyed God. His name was Abraham. He was a man who loved God. Abraham and his family lived in the town of Haran. Back then, people lived with their families. Everyone lived close together and cared for each other. Have you ever been away from your family? Has your family ever moved to another state or another country? One day God told Abraham to do an unusual thing. God asked Abraham to leave his family and friends to travel to a new place. God told Abraham that He would make his people a great nation. God told Abraham that He would bless him and he would have many children.

Abraham listened to God and obeyed Him. Abraham was 75 years old when God told him to move. (Genesis 12:1-4)

Abraham took his wife, Sarah, his nephew named Lot, and all his possessions and traveled where God led them. Have you ever had to move? There is always packing and lots to do. You have to leave old friends behind. You have to make new friends. Abraham was not even sure where God was leading him, but he followed and obeyed God. Abraham trusted God and he knew that God would protect them and bless them. He knew that God would keep His promises. Abraham traveled through the land to a place where some of their enemies lived. God spoke to him and told him, "I will give you and your children this land." (Genesis 12:5-7) Abraham believed God and built an altar in that spot to remind him of God's promise and that God appeared to him.

As Abraham was traveling, he and his family lived in tents. So every time they moved, they had to take down their tents, roll them up, and travel. Remember that Abraham was 75 years old. Have you ever set up a tent? Have you ever slept in a tent? It must have taken lots of patience to travel, especially with so much stuff to carry! (Genesis 12:8-9)

Abraham was faithful to God and followed God. Life was not easy for his family because they were in a strange place away from their family. Have you ever been away from family and friends? Abraham knew that God promised to bless them and care for them, so he followed Him with his whole heart. (Romans 4:18)

One night later, God again showed Abraham that he would have many children. He showed Abraham the night sky and asked him to count the stars. Of course, there were too many to count. God told Abraham that in the same way he would have more children than all these stars. (Genesis 15:5-6) Remember, Abraham was over 75 years old and had no children. He had to believe that God had a plan and was able to help him have children.

God helped Abraham travel to another country even though Abraham was not sure where he was going. Do you believe in God and trust Him? Would you follow God even though you were not sure where you would go?

### Review Questions

1. What did God ask Abraham to do? (to go to a land He would show him)
2. What did Abraham do? (Abraham obeyed God.)
3. What did God say to Abraham? (Abraham would have children as numerous as the stars.)
4. Did Abraham believe God? (Abraham believed God.)

Next Week: Abraham and Lot ; Genesis 13:1-18

## Memory Verse

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no reason for hope,  
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Romans 4:18

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# Preschool Lesson

Read Genesis 12:1-9 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

Abraham believed God. Romans 14:8

**Teacher:** Bring a little tent or drape cloth over the table and let the kids sit inside. Bring a sleeping bag, too.

One day God talked to a man named Abraham. He loved God and listened to Him. (Let the kids put their hand behind their ears.) God told Abraham to move away from his family and friends. Abraham loved God and listened to Him. God also told Abraham that He would have lots of children and be a great people. He told Abraham that He would bless him.

Abraham obeyed God and traveled where God told him to go. (Wave goodbye.) Abraham took his wife Sarah, his nephew Lot, and all his stuff and traveled.

Abraham and his family lived in tents. So, every time God told them to move, they had to roll up their tents and travel. (Roll up the sleeping bag.) It was lots of work, but they obeyed God and did what He said.

God kept His promise and helped Abraham. We need to love God and obey Him. Thank God for loving us and always keeping His promises.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for keeping His promises.
3. Ask God to help you love and obey Him.

**Memory Verse**

**Abraham  
believed  
God.**

**Romans 14:8**

**GOD'S WORD**

Word Art

Trace the letters.

Abraham

believed

God

GOD'S WORD

# Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Cut out a picture of a suitcase. Write the memory verse. Decorate the suitcase.

Cut out stars. Write the memory verse. Decorate the stars.

•**Test your memory**— Bring a small toy tent. Put the tent together as you tell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Bring dried fruits and nuts for a snack. (Make sure no one has allergies.)

•**Think about it** — Abraham was old. He had always lived with family, but he was willing to leave everything for God. Talk about the importance of giving everything to God.

God told Abraham to go to a place that He would show Him. Abraham didn't even know where he was going, but he trusted God. Talk about the importance of trusting God even when we don't know all the details.

•**Touch activity**— If possible, set up a tent. Tell the story in the tent. You may create a tent with a bed sheet.

Bring a suitcase and items you might put in a suitcase. Be sure to include a Bible. Allow the children to pack the suitcase, or you may create a suitcase and items out of paper.

God told Abraham that He would give him descendants as numerous as the stars. Make stars and color them with glitter. Make several so the children can hang them to remind them that God is faithful to His promises.

Bring a map that shows Abraham's travel. See the internet for ideas.

•**Run and play**— Create an area that represents Abraham's travel. Start at Ur and go to Canaan. Create two teams and let the children take turns running from Ur to Canaan.

Act out the story. Bring suitcases, sleeping bags, etc. Let the children take turns being Abraham, Sara, and Lot.

•**Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to follow Him even if we don't know all the details.

• **Sing** — Take time to sing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," "Only Believe," "Faith, Faith, Faith," or sing a song related to the story.

• **Reach out** — During class, schedule a time for some of the older kids to go visiting with you—let them lead you to new people in the complex. Pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Take several of the children with you and deliver memory verse. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.



# Rooted and Grounded



## Pray

Ask God to help you hear His voice. Ask Him to help you obey.  
Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from sin.  
Pray for persons you know who need to hear God's voice.  
Pray for Bible study leaders who are teaching others about listening to God's voice.

## Read the Bible Daily

This week read Genesis 12.  
You may want to choose a reading plan that allows you to read through the Bible in a year. Begin today. Check the internet for ideas.

## Think About It

Think about what you read. Abraham had to leave his family and his country. Think about what this kind of change would mean for you.

The Bible tells us that Abraham heard God speak to him, but Abraham's family worshipped idols. What Abraham was doing was very different from what he learned. Think about what it means to choose to follow God.

Abraham had to tell his family he was moving. He didn't know where he was going. Can you imagine the reaction of his family?

## Do It

Sin is not just doing wrong. Sin is also not doing what is right. As far as we know, Abraham was the first in his family to follow God. His family worshipped idols. Abraham learned to worship God. If there is something that you need to stop doing, ask God to help you. If there is something that you need to do, ask God to help you. Ask God to help you hear His voice.

## Tell About It

Talk to a friend or family member this week about how Abraham obeyed God.

Tell a friend about something you are doing to obey God. (Praying, reading Bible, etc.) Tell them about your love for God.

## Change it

Ask yourself about what needs to change in your life, your attitude, your actions. (If there is sin in your life, ask God to help you stop.)

## Study it

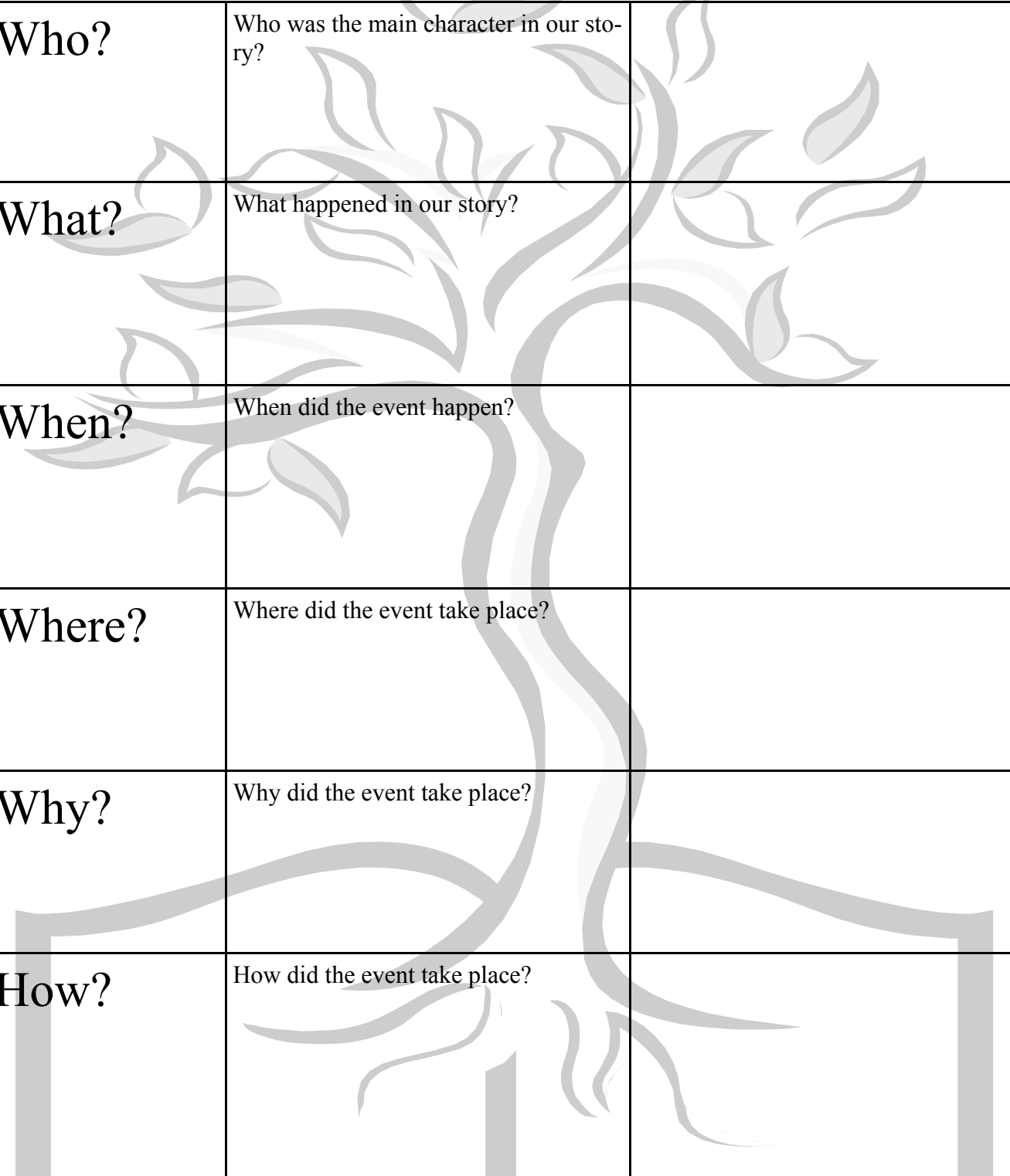
Attend Bible study this week with a friend who may be attending church without family.

Write verses that relate to your situation on index cards. (Find verses about hearing God's voice, obedience, following, etc.) Place the verses on your bathroom mirror or in places where you can see them daily. Memorize the verse/s.

## Record It

Create a spiritual journal, write about what God is teaching you about salvation. Put a date on each entry.

# Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

# Word Search

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PROMISE

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# Anagram

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# Anagram

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