

Bible Story 6: ABRAHAM, A FRIEND OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 12:1-10; 13; 17:1-8,15; 21:1-8; 22:1-18; 25:7-8

MEMORY VERSE: “BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN CALLED TO GO TO A PLACE..., OBEYED AND WENT, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING.” HEBREUS 11:8 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

Many, many years have passed since the people tried to build a tower in the city of Babel. Because God had confused their language, the people scattered to different parts of the earth.

One day God spoke to a man named Abram. He asked Abram to leave his country, his family and his father’s home. He was to go to a place that He would show him. Abram had faith in God and trusted Him. Abram obeyed God. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and everything that he had. They left his home in Ur and traveled a long distance. They arrived in the Promised Land, Canaan. There Abram built an altar and worshiped God.

After awhile the shepherds of Lot began to fight with his uncle Abram’s servants. Abram said that they should separate. He let Lot choose where to go. Lot chose the fertile land on the plain of Jordan. Abram moved in the other direction, living in mountainous and less fertile areas. God again promised to be with him. In Hebron, Abram built an altar and worshiped the Lord.

Later God changed Abram’s name to Abraham and Sarai’s name to Sarah.

Even though Abraham and Sarah were very old, God blessed them with a son. They called him Isaac.

Abraham had faith in God. He obeyed God, moving to the land of Canaan. He trusted God to take care of him. He worshiped God, thanking Him for His blessings and protection. Abraham was known as God’s friend (JAMES 2:23).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.