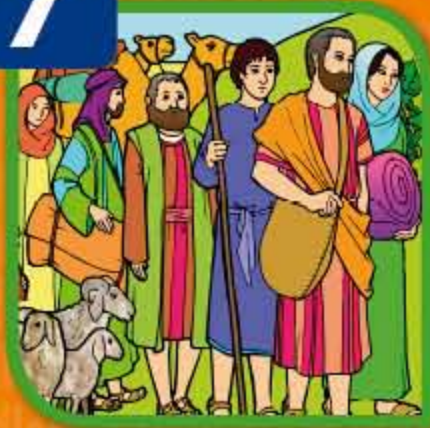


FINDING OUT ABOUT GOD

Abram Goes on a Journey

Genesis 12:1-8

God tells Abram to move to a new home.



Teaching Point

God is everywhere.

**FREE
Sample**

Before you begin

Read Genesis 12:1-8.

Abram was 75 years old, had lived in a pagan city all his life and his wife was unable to have children. Does he seem a very likely person for God to choose to become the father of a great nation?

Yet Abram had faith and obeyed God's command to leave everything he knew and travel to a new land. There can be no doubt that God was

with Abraham. It's perhaps easier for us to see as we are able to read the whole story about the birth of Isaac, than it was for Abram at this point. The same God who was with Abram is with us. It won't always be easy to obey him and live for him but it should give us hope and strength. Just as Abram gave thanks, so should we.

Teaching the children

Resources needed for this story:

Rucksack, some clothes, toy pots and pans.

Pictures of place the children go to e.g. home, in the car, the supermarket, the place where you have your group. Choose some that suit the children in your group but not too many.

This story is true. It comes from the Bible which is the special book God has given to tell us about himself.

God said to Abram, "Pack up all your things and go to a different place to live." Abram had not heard God speak to him before but he packed his things. He packed up all his clothes, his pots and pans (*pack the rucksack as you tell this – get the children to name the items*). He bought a tent to live in and got ready for the long walk to the new place. He took all his animals, the sheep and the donkeys, with him too. God is everywhere. Wherever we go God is there. We can't see him, but he is there.

Abram did not know where to go but it was a long way. He had to trust God to show him where he wanted him to live. They walked when the sun was out in the day. They stopped and put the tents up when the moon and the stars came out at night. Wherever they walked and wherever they stopped to sleep, God was there. God is everywhere.

Then one day they arrived at the new place where they were to live. "I will give all this land to your family," God said to Abram. God was at the new place. God is everywhere.

Abram built up a pile of stones to remind him that God was with him and to say thank you to God.

Wherever we go God is there. He is with us at home, in the car, at grandmas and when we go shopping. (*Show your pictures to illustrate this.*) God is everywhere all the time.



**Visual
Aid**

Activities

Cut out large simple car / bus shapes. On one side write *Wherever I go, God is there*. On the other side the children can decorate with crayons and sticky shapes.



Use pictures from catalogues / magazines to make collages of different types of transport and places. When a child has finished their collage, add a sticky label with *God is everywhere*.

Play with a train set or toy cars and a garage.

Song

Who made the twinkling stars?
(Junior Praise 619)

He's got the whole world
in his hands
(Junior Praise 78)



Do you have a parachute? If so why not get some adults to hold it and gently wave it up and down while the children stand underneath. The children will love it, but it will need careful supervision.

Put out some children's play tents and tunnel tents, or let the children make dens, maybe with a big table and a sheet.

Prayer

"Thank you God that you are with us wherever we are."

