

# Lesson 1

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Kids

## Who is Abraham?

Abraham is the father of the faithful ones of God.

*Read aloud: Genesis 17:1-5*

### **Recommended Illustration**

Take a moment or two to share YOUR answer to this question: What's the best gift you have ever received from your parents? Don't over-spiritualize your answer. Stick with a material item here so that the kids can immediately relate.

We receive many things from our parents don't we! Presents, allowances, food, somewhere to live. Most parents work very hard to be sure we don't receive anything bad from them. With Adam, unfortunately, all of his children have received one thing more than any other, sin.

Because we are born of Adam, we want to do things our way rather than God's way. It's a family tradition. From our first father, Adam, we receive a problem. From this different kind of father, Abraham, we receive a promise.

God makes a very special promise to Abraham. God promises that Abraham will be the father of a great nation, the father of "multitudes" —a multitude is a lot of people. Because of God's

promise to Abraham, all of his children can be defined by God's promise rather than their own sin problem!

### **Helpful Insights**

Starting with Adam, the human race is lost, perishing under the weight of sin and its consequences. The first victim, Abel, is killed by his brother. Later genealogies are marked by bloodshed as well, as the human race continues to pass the problem of sin from generation to generation.

God intervenes directly, first with a flood and later with the destruction of the Tower of Babel. Humanity is off to a problematic start.

With Abraham, God begins to set things back in order. This time, God does not speak a word of command, but instead speaks a word of promise. Abraham will be the father of multitudes, the father of all of those who are faithful to God.

Abraham can scarcely comprehend the magnitude of the promise, but we who believe in Christ are the proof that God always keeps his word.

### **The Point**

From our first parent, Adam, we receive a problem, but from this father, Abraham, we inherit a promise. Those who trust Jesus are the true children of Abraham.

