

Bible Discovery

Supplies

- Bible
- “God Calls Abram” Bible Story poster

We can trust God! (*Trust God!*) Hold up the Bible. **Our story from the Bible tells about a man named Abram. Abram lived in a place called Haran.**

- Tell the name of your church’s town.
- **Abram knew where he lived really well. Let’s talk in our Crews about where we live.**
- **Get comfy and sit in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.**
- **What’s it like where you live?** Briefly tell about where you live. Perhaps there are farms with cows or there’s a park close to your house.
- Invite Crew Guides to share first, then invite kids to tell about where they live.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

Thanks for telling us about where you live. Imagine leaving where you live to go somewhere new! That’s what God told Abram to do. Let’s read what God said to Abram.

 Read aloud Genesis 12:1-2.

God told Abram that he would bless him. That means God liked Abram and he had special plans for him and his whole family. God promised that Abram would have a big family someday and God would use that family to bless lots of people.

- Explain that sometimes we say “Bless you!” when people sneeze.
- Have everyone pretend to sneeze and tell each other “Bless you!”
- Pretend to blow your noses and stop sneezing.

God didn’t bless Abram because he sneezed; that’s silly. God blessed Abram because he wanted good things for Abram. God would make those good things happen. So Abram trusted God and moved to a new place.

Let’s pretend we’re Abram and his family, and let’s follow God’s instructions and go to a new place. I’m not sure where we’ll go, but I know **we can trust God.** (*Trust God!*)

- Form a line. As the line leader, lead everyone around the room. Point out different imaginary things you see along the way like hills, sheep, and trees.
- Walk around for about one minute. If you’re able to, wander outside your classroom for a bit.
- Have everyone sit down in a new place.

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!



Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Abram stopped in a town called Shechem (Sheh-kum). And he camped beside a tree. God told Abram that his camping spot would be his home someday. God would give him that land as a place for his family to live. Let's read what God said.



Read aloud Genesis 12:7.

Abram built an altar. An *altar* was a special table made of rocks and was where people gave gifts to God. Let's build a pretend altar here in our new place.

- Gather pretend rocks into a pile.
- Pray, and thank God for helping you find a new place.

After he built an altar, Abram kept traveling. He stayed in different places, trusting that God's promise would come true. God would bless him with land and a family someday. Let's travel to another new place.

- Form a line. As the line leader, lead everyone around the room again. Point out different imaginary things you see along the way like tents, palaces, and streams.
- Walk around for about one minute. If you're outside, you could wander back to your classroom.
- Have everyone sit down in a new place.

Sometime later, God talked to Abram again. Let's read what he said.



Read aloud Genesis 15:1.

God reminded Abram of his promise to bless and protect Abram, but Abram wasn't sure he believed God. It had been a while, and Abram and his wife didn't even have children yet. Abram asked, "What good are your blessings if I don't have a son?" Abram wondered if God's promise would come true.

- Invite Crews to get cozy in knee-to-knee circles.
- **? When have you wondered if someone would keep a promise to you? Maybe someone promised to give you ice cream after supper or play with you later.**
- Invite Crew Guides to share first and then give time for each child to talk.

We may wonder if people will keep their promises. But *we can trust God.* (Trust God!) God always keeps his promises. God wanted to show Abram something, so they went outside and looked up at the stars.

- Show the Bible Story poster.
- Have kids look up and imagine a sky full of stars.
- Pretend to see stars and point out really bright ones; mention pictures the stars make, such as the Big Dipper.
- Pretend to count the stars you see. Count really fast to 10, then start over at 1 and count to 10 again really fast. Repeat several times as if counting a lot.



Wow! There are too many stars in the sky. We can't begin to count them all! Let's see why God wanted Abram to look at the stars.



Read aloud Genesis 15:5.

Descendants are family members! God said Abram would have a big family. That's a big promise! Abram believed God. Abram trusted that what God said would come true.

We can trust God! (*Trust God!*) God always keeps his promises. God made a promise to Abram, and God makes promises to us. What God says is true. Do these actions with me.

- **God says he loves us a lot, and he'll love us forever.** Hug yourself.
- **God says he has a plan for our lives, and he'll guide us and help us.** March in place.
- **God says he'll always be with us, and we're never alone.** Hug a friend.

We don't usually build altars with rocks today to thank God, but we can make a thank-you huddle and praise God for keeping his promises. Let's make one now!

- Gather everyone, and put your hands together in a huddle.
- **Thank you, God, for blessing us and keeping your promises to us. Even though we don't know all your plans for us, we trust you. In Jesus' name, amen.**
- Count to three, then shout, **"We can trust God!"** and have kids lift their arms as they say, *"Trust God!"*

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.

