

Father's Day: Abraham

Verses: Genesis 12-17

Story: A New Home page 39 in the Beginner's Bible

Main Points:

- What do I want my kids to know? God is a good father and we are His sons and daughters
- What do I want my kids to do? Trust God
- What do I want my kids to feel? Safe

Verse: ““Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” Luke 24:29

INTRODUCTION

- Introduction question: Who are some “fathers” in your life?
- Introduction Activity:
 - Place stars (stickers or cut out and taped up) around the room and see if the kids can count how many stars there are.

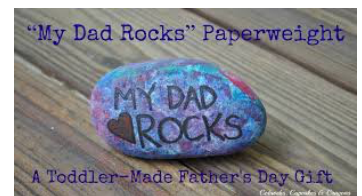
STORY

CRAFTS

- My “Dad/Grandpa/Uncle/Other Father Figure” Rocks
 - Have the kids decorate rocks with paint or markers.
- Star Craft
 - Have the kids decorate a star or decorate with star stickers. They can also list things they are trusting God for or what they are praying for on their star.

ACTIVITIES AND GAMES (Pick one, two, or all!)

- Father, May I?
 - This game is a retake of an old favorite, “Mother, May I?” Kids line up on one side of the room while the “father” stands on the other. The “father” gives instructions to each individual, leading them across the finish line, slowly. Before the kid can step (crab walk, bunny hop or skip) forward, he must



say, “Father, May I?” If he doesn’t he goes all the way back to the finish line. The child that crosses is first is the winner and becomes the new “father.”

- Steps of Faith/Travel with Abraham

- If you want you can take time to trace each child’s foot and then cut out the pieces to put around the house for the kids to follow.
- Remind the children that having faith in God, and obeying God, sometimes means stepping out in faith, just like Abraham did. “We step with our feet. Abraham and his family walked a long way to the Promised Land. Let’s trace our feet on to this paper to remind us that sometimes having faith means stepping out and doing something new.”

- Star Memory Verse

- Write out the verse on stars and then have the kids put them in the correct order.

- Map It

- Show the kids a map and let them see where Abraham traveled.

SNACK

- Star Shapes

- Make cookies in the shape of stars or use a star cookie cutter to cut anything else into the shape. Talk about how God promised Abraham that his descendants would be more than the stars.



- Graham cracker tents

- Use Graham crackers and frosting to make “tents” like Abraham would have traveled with on his journey.



CHALLENGE

- Say thank-you to someone in your life who has shown you how God is a good father. This could be your own father, an uncle, a grandpa, your pastor, or anyone else in your life.

SONGS

Father Abraham had many sons... Many sons had Father Abraham!

And I am one of them, and so are you... So, let's just praise the LORD!

Right arm!

(With each of following, repeat chorus and add one movement as described below.)

Right Arm, Left Arm!

Right Arm, Left Arm, Right Foot!

Right Arm, Left Arm, Right Foot, Left Foot!

Right Arm, Left Arm, Right Foot, Left Foot, Chin Up!

Right Arm, Left Arm, Right Foot, Left Foot, Chin Up, Turn Around!

Right Arm, Left Arm, Right Foot, Left Foot, Chin Up, Turn Around, Sit Down!!!

Right Arm – wave right arm

Left Arm – wave left arm

Right Foot – tap or step with right foot

Left Foot – tap or step with left foot

Chin Up – nod head up and down

Turn Around – turn around in circles

Sit Down – sit down in place... (Carefully!)

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Where was Abraham living when God asked him to leave? *Haran*
2. Did Abraham trust God? *Yes*
3. God told Abraham that he would have more descendants than what? *The stars in the sky*
4. Why can we trust God? *Because He is good and He loves us*
5. What did Abraham do in response to God's faithfulness? *He built an altar and said thank you*
6. What can you thank God for?
7. When you are abiding with God, does that make it easier to trust Him?



Map Details:

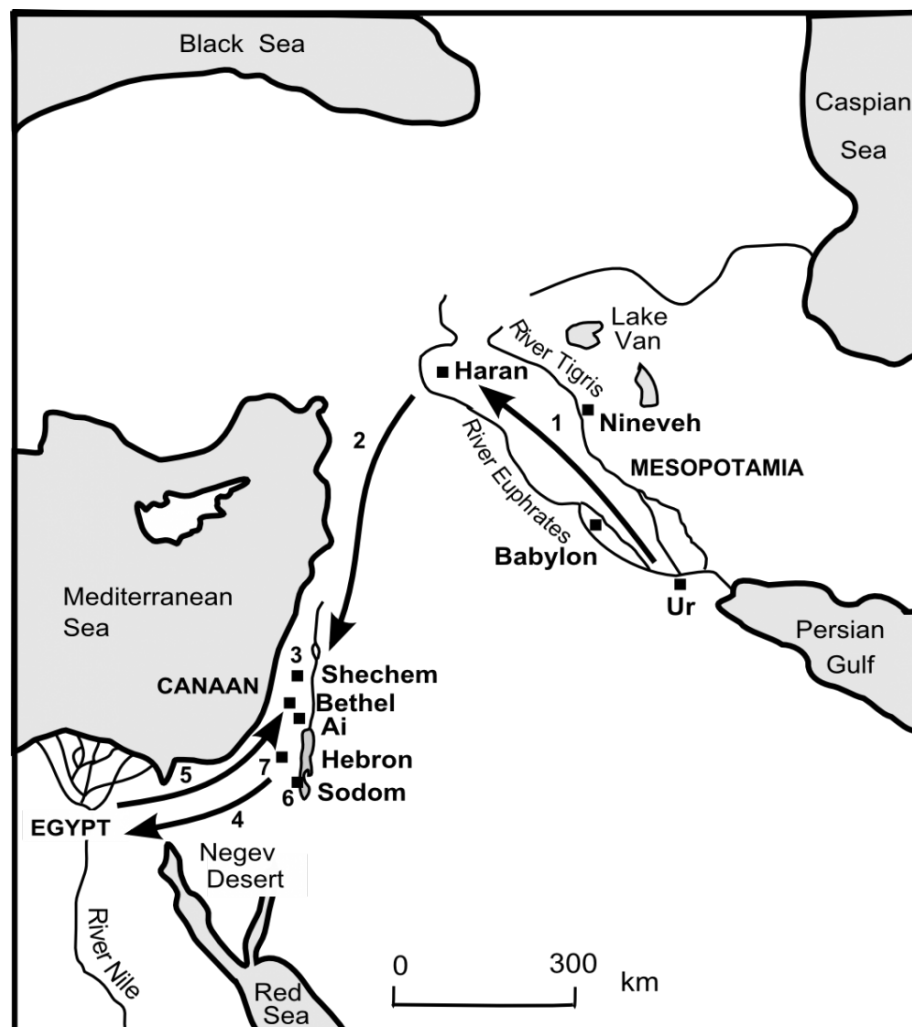
Genesis 11:31 Leaves Ur

Genesis 12:1-3 Called by God

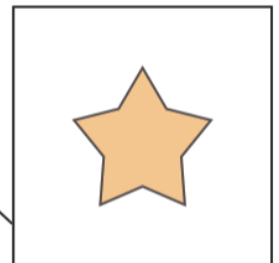
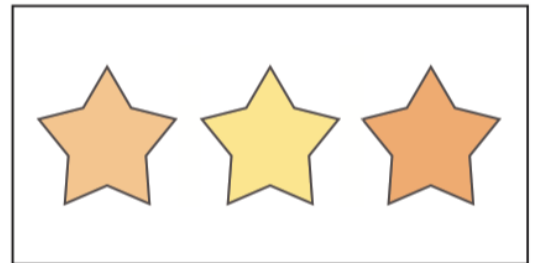
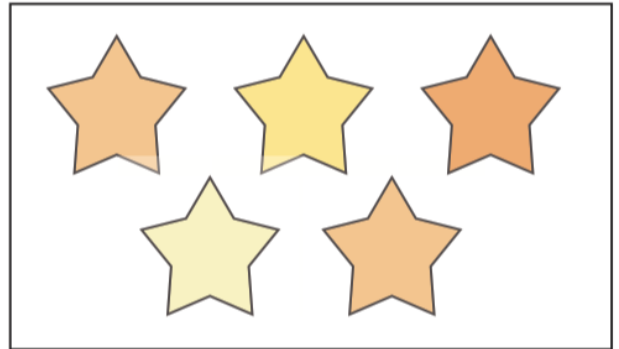
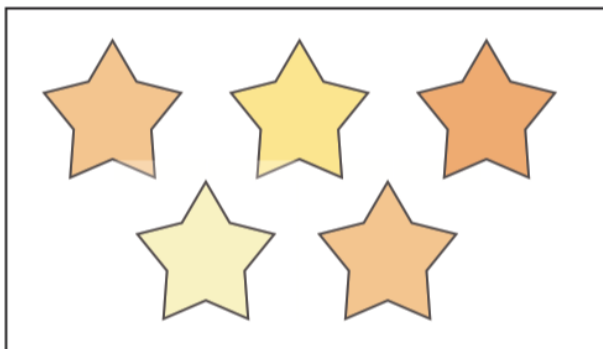
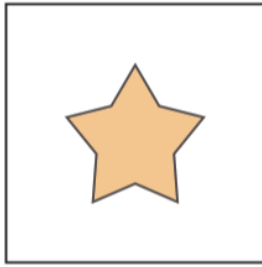
Genesis 12:5 Arrives in Promised Land

Genesis 12:10-20 Moves to Egypt

Genesis 13:1 Returns to Promised Land



Match the Stars



Abraham believed God. Genesis 15:6

Activity Page: "Match the Stars"

Instructions: One copy per child. Use a crayon or marker to draw a line from a set of stars on the left to the matching number of stars on the right.



A black and white line drawing of a man with a beard and a woman holding hands, walking towards a large, stylized cow with a human-like face and torso. The man is on the left, wearing a long robe and sandals. The woman is next to him, also in a robe and sandals. They are both smiling. The cow is on the right, with a large, rounded body, a human-like face with a wide smile, and a small tuft of hair on its head. It has long, thin legs and a small tail. The cow is holding the man's hand.



Promises for Abraham

