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Abraham Begins a Journey

Genesis 12:1-9



YOUR BIBLE READING

Abram responded to God's call by beginning the journey.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Leaving Haran for Canaan

Genesis 12:1-9



God called a man named Abram to leave his country, his relatives, and his father's household. Abram would later be known as Abraham. God told him to go to a land he would show him, and gave him a remarkable promise about the future. The call does not give Abram a map of every later event. It gives a direction and a promise, asking him to begin a journey with his household.

God would bless Abram and make a great nation from him. Through him, all the families of the earth would receive blessing. Abram was seventy-five when he left Haran. His wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and their household traveled with him. They took their belongings and went toward Canaan. The blessing is not described as something only Abram may enjoy. Its reach includes families beyond his household, linking his own future with the good of many others.

When they reached Canaan, other people already lived there. Abram traveled as far as Shechem, near the great tree of Moreh. God appeared to him and promised that this land would belong to his descendants. Abram built an altar there to worship God. The text names people already living in Canaan, so this is not an empty country. Abram is a traveler receiving a promise that looks toward generations still to come.

Then he moved to the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai. He built another altar and called on God's name. Abram kept traveling southward. He had begun a journey shaped by God's call and a promise still waiting to unfold. Tents and altars appear together along his route. His household moves onward, and worship becomes part of the journey rather than something limited to the place he left behind.

Remember: A faithful journey can begin before every step is clear.

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A Journey Larger Than One Person

Genesis 12:1-9



Abram is the name used at the beginning of this journey; Abraham is the name by which he is better known later. Sarai is likewise the earlier name of Sarah. Knowing this keeps a reader from imagining four different people where the Bible is following one couple. The story is introducing a family whose life will stretch across many chapters, places, difficulties, and generations.

Notice how many people the journey involves. Lot goes with Abram, Sarai travels with him, and the household moves with its possessions. A call directed to one person affects a whole traveling community. The account does not tell us the contents of every bundle or the words spoken along the road. We can follow the named companions and destinations without filling those spaces with invented adventures.

The promise reaches in two directions. It concerns Abram's descendants, yet it also speaks of blessing for all the families of the earth. That wide view matters. The story does not encourage readers to think that another family's worth is smaller than their own. Abram receives a particular role in a much larger purpose, one that he cannot complete or even see unfold during this opening journey.

At Shechem and near Bethel, Abram builds altars and calls on God. These are acts of worship within the journey. He does not settle every question before taking the next stage, and he does not already possess every promised thing. The chapter lets readers recognize a beginning as a beginning. A promise, a response, and a series of steps have opened a story whose later events are still ahead. At the end of the passage, Abram is still traveling southward.

Pause and think: How could something good you receive become helpful to someone outside your closest circle?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

A Beginning Can Involve Other People



Imagine your class starting a garden. One person may suggest it, but many people will be involved: someone finds a suitable place, someone brings tools, and others learn how to care for seedlings. This is an ordinary example of a beginning that affects a community. What would you need to learn before accepting your own small part in such a project?

Abram's blessing points beyond his own household. Think about something good you have received that you can use for another person's benefit: time, a skill, a book to share with permission, or a kind welcome. Sharing does not mean ignoring your own needs. It means noticing that a gift can sometimes reach farther than the first person who receives it.

Children should make travel decisions with their caregivers. Following this adult's journey is not an instruction to leave home alone. You can practice thoughtful new beginnings in safer, smaller ways, such as joining a group with an adult's help or learning an unfamiliar task. Talk about what information, support, and companionship would help you take that first step.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Abram begins a journey whose promised blessing reaches beyond his own family.

How could something good you receive become helpful to someone outside your closest circle?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Who traveled with Abram?

_____

2. What did Abram build as he traveled?

_____

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Abram built altars and continued his journey.
- ☐ Abram and his household traveled to Canaan.
- ☐ God called Abram to a new land.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Abram's tent beside a path through hills.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

A faithful journey can begin before every step is clear.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 12:1-4

A thoughtful conversation

At this point the names are Abram and Sarai; Abraham and Sarah come later. God's call to this adult is not an instruction for children to travel away from their caregivers.

Activity answers

1. Sarai, Lot, and their household.
2. Altars where he worshiped God.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me take thoughtful steps and be a blessing to others.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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