

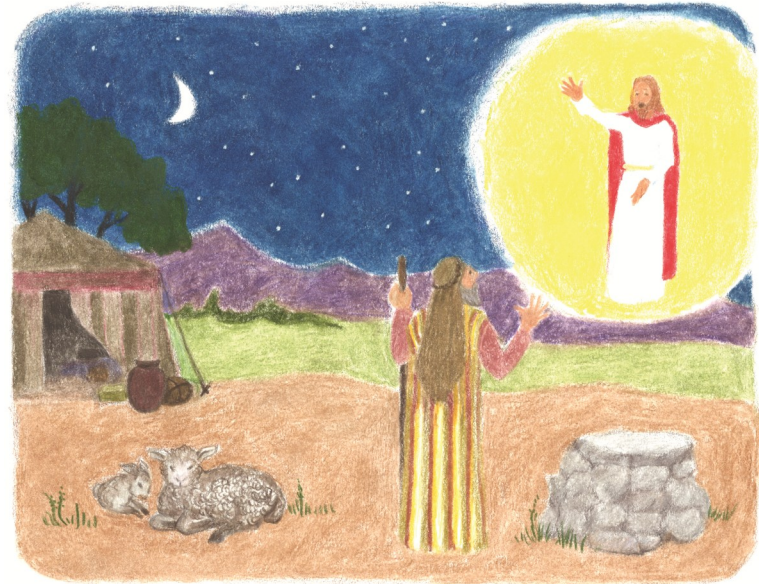
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- a. Note how brave Abram was, leaving his own land and going to some other land, just because the Lord said to.
- b. He trusted that the Lord was leading him to a happier life, and that in this new land he would have children.
- c. Abram had no children, but the Lord promised that lots of people would come from his children when he had them.



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The Lord Makes a Promise to Abram

A long time later when there were many people on the earth, there was a good man called Abram. He was married to a woman whose name was Sarai. They were both very old and had no children.

One day the Lord appeared to Abram and told him to leave the land where they were born and go to a land called Canaan which the Lord would give to his children and their children. And Abram listened to the Lord. He was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. And he took his wife and Lot his brother's son and all his goods and cattle.

And Abram went to live in the land of Canaan. There the Lord spoke to him and said, "Lift up your eyes and look all ways. All you see I will give to you and your family's family. Your family shall be as the dust of the earth, they will be so many. Then Abram journeyed on a long way until he came to a place called Mamre. There he pitched his tent under the oak trees and built an altar to the Lord.

Then the Lord brought Abram outside and said, "Look up towards heaven and count the stars if you are able to." And the Lord said to Abram. "This shall be the size of the nation I will make from you."

And Abram believed in the Lord.

Genesis 12-15

