

General Church Education



# Abram's Journey

Genesis 12:1-10

## Lesson 5

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Introductory Level: The Lord Is Our  
Heavenly Father

For ages 5-6 years

## ABRAM'S JOURNEY

### Genesis 12:1-10

### OVERVIEW OF THE STORY

When the descendants of Noah became selfish and turned away from the Lord, they could not live in peace and were scattered over the earth. Abram was a good man. The Lord led him and his family to a new land called Canaan and began a new era of the church on earth with him.

### CONCEPTS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

- ❖ When people become proud and selfish, the Lord looks within to find something good to build on. As the people in the church represented by Noah became more selfish, the Lord called another family to begin a new church or connection with Him. This was Abram's family.
- ❖ Because Abram was humble and obedient, he could be led by the Lord. Abram's life represents the journey of all who wish to obey the Lord. Life is a journey towards Canaan or heaven. The land left behind represents a selfish and natural state.
- ❖ As we obey the Lord in our daily lives, He blesses us with new heavenly states that fill us with gratitude, as when Abram built altars and worshiped the Lord.
- ❖ A spiritual famine is a time of hungering to learn more from the Lord. Egypt represents the knowledge stored up in the letter of the Word.
- ❖ It is important to go to the Word to learn new truths and then bring them into our daily life.

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### IMPORTANT IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

A long time after Noah, people became selfish again.  
The Lord found a good man named Abram.  
Because Abram was good, the Lord made a covenant with him.

### LET'S REMEMBER:

- ♦ **What did the Lord tell Noah to build?** (An ark.)
- ♦ **What was it made of?** (Gopherwood covered with pitch.)
- ♦ **Who went into the ark to be saved from the flood?** (Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives.)
- ♦ **How many of each animal went into the ark?** (Two of each, male and female.)



### OUR STORY FOR TODAY:

Noah was a good man but the people who came after Noah did not obey the Lord. They became selfish again. They did not worship the Lord and began to fight with each other.



Once again the Lord found one family that was still willing to obey Him. They lived in a place called Ur in the land of Chaldea. The Lord told them to leave that land and go to a new one. Do you think they obeyed the Lord? (Yes, because they were good people.)

Now the journey was long and hot. They had to go around the edges of a large desert. They did not have cars or trains. They had to walk there. They had to take all their belongings

with them, including their animals. They had sheep that had to graze each day and at night they had to put up tents to sleep in.

Some of the family went only half way. They stopped at a certain place and named it Haran. Only Abram, his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot continued on with all their belongings. The Lord spoke to Abram there. He told Abram to leave Haran and keep going to another land, to a land that the Lord would show him. The Lord said He would make a great nation of Abram and would bless him. In other words, Abram would have many children and grandchildren. This was a wonderful promise. Do you think it made Abram happy? (Yes.) Let's read from Genesis and hear what the Lord said to Abram.



Read **Genesis 12:1-3**.

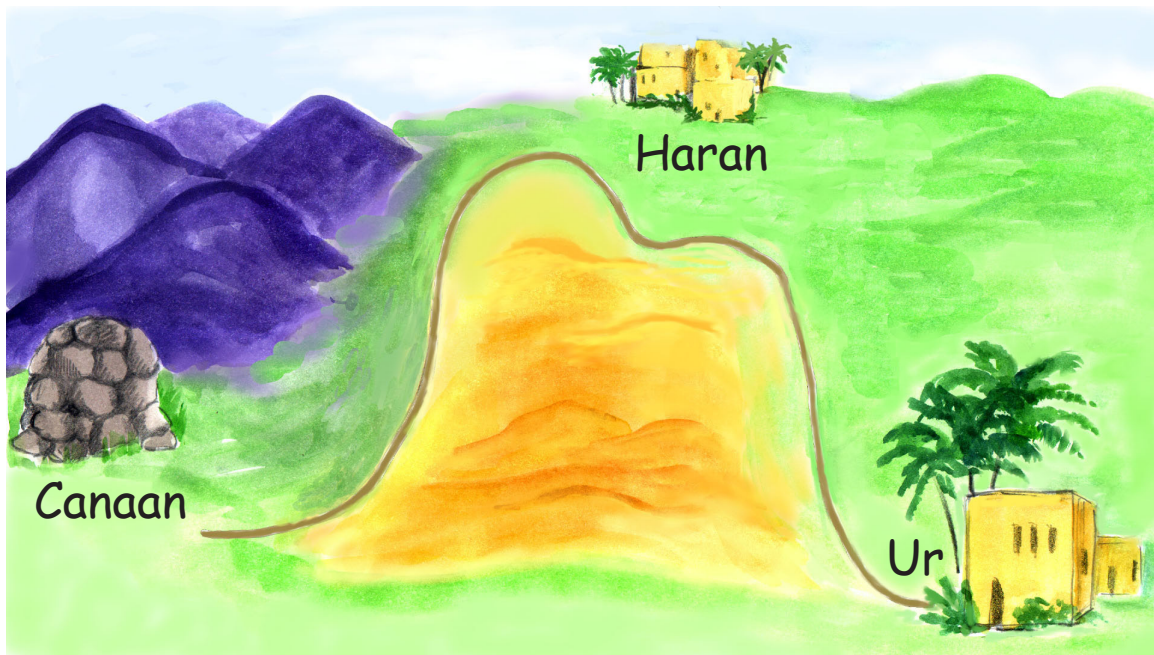
Do you think it might be difficult to leave your family and move far away?

Abram listened to all the Lord said and obeyed Him. He traveled on from Haran and continued on until he came to the land of Canaan, sometimes called the Holy Land. Canaan was a good land where many things grew. They were happy because there was plenty of food to eat and water to drink, both for themselves and for their animals.

Abram traveled with Sarai and Lot to a place in the new land called Shechem where the Lord appeared to him once again. Let's read what the Lord told Abram this time and find out what Abram did afterward.



Read **Genesis 12:6-10**.



"To your descendants I will give this land" means that the Lord would give the land of Canaan to Abram's children and grandchildren as a place to live.

What did Abram do there at Shechem and again when he stopped between Bethel and Ai? (He built an altar and worshiped the Lord in both places.) Why do you think he built these altars? (People built altars at this time to mark a special place and to worship.) Why did they go down to Egypt? (A famine in the land.)



A famine is a time when there is not enough food to go around. There were no grocery stores to shop in back then and the people ate food that grew on the land. When there was not much to eat in Canaan, people traveled south to Egypt because food was always plentiful there.

Do you think the Lord will take good care of Abram and his family and keep His promise to him? (Yes, because Abram obeyed the Lord.)

Abram and the Lord had a covenant or a two-way agreement also. Abram obeyed the Lord and the Lord led him to a new and wonderful land. The Lord blessed Abram and he was very happy. After we have lived our lives on earth, the Lord wants to lead us all to a new home in heaven where we can live happily with the angels. We will find our new home if we, like Abram, love the Lord and obey His voice.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN TODAY?

- ♦ **What is a covenant?** (A two-way agreement.)
- ♦ **How did people make altars in those days?** (Piled stones up on each other.)
- ♦ **Who went all the way to the land of Canaan with Abram?** (His wife Sarai and his nephew Lot.)
- ♦ **Why did they go down to Egypt?** (A famine in the land.)
- ♦ **Do you think the Lord will take good care of Abram and his family and keep His promise to him? Why?** (Yes, because Abram obeyed the Lord.)

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## ACTIVITIES



**Recitation:** Learn the recitation by heart and earn an award. Awards are on the last page of this lesson.

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40



### Project choices:

*Abram's Journey* project  
Color a picture of Abram



### Songs:

*Love Him, Thank Him*—Listen or download at [https://](https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-love-him-thank-him/)

[www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-love-him-thank-him/](https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-love-him-thank-him/)

*Noah*—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-noah/>



### Additional Activities:

- ❖ Take a walk or a hike. Carry a snack or lunch in a backpack and think about what it would be like to travel a long way on foot.
- ❖ Sleep in a tent or cook meals over an open fire to experience a taste of nomadic life.

## Abram's Journey

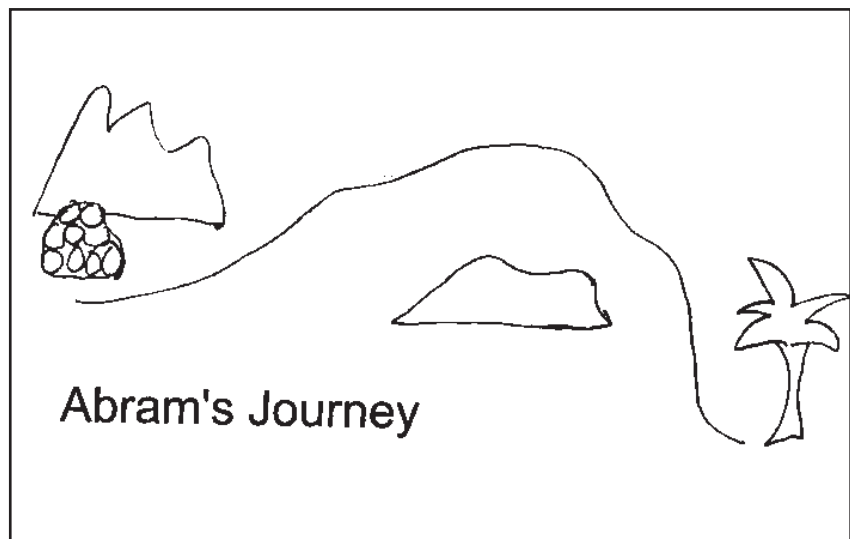
Learn about the land through which Abram walked during his long journey to Canaan.

### Supplies:

1 printed page  
1 piece of blue construction paper  
crayons or markers  
scissors  
unsharpened pencil  
glue

### Project instructions:

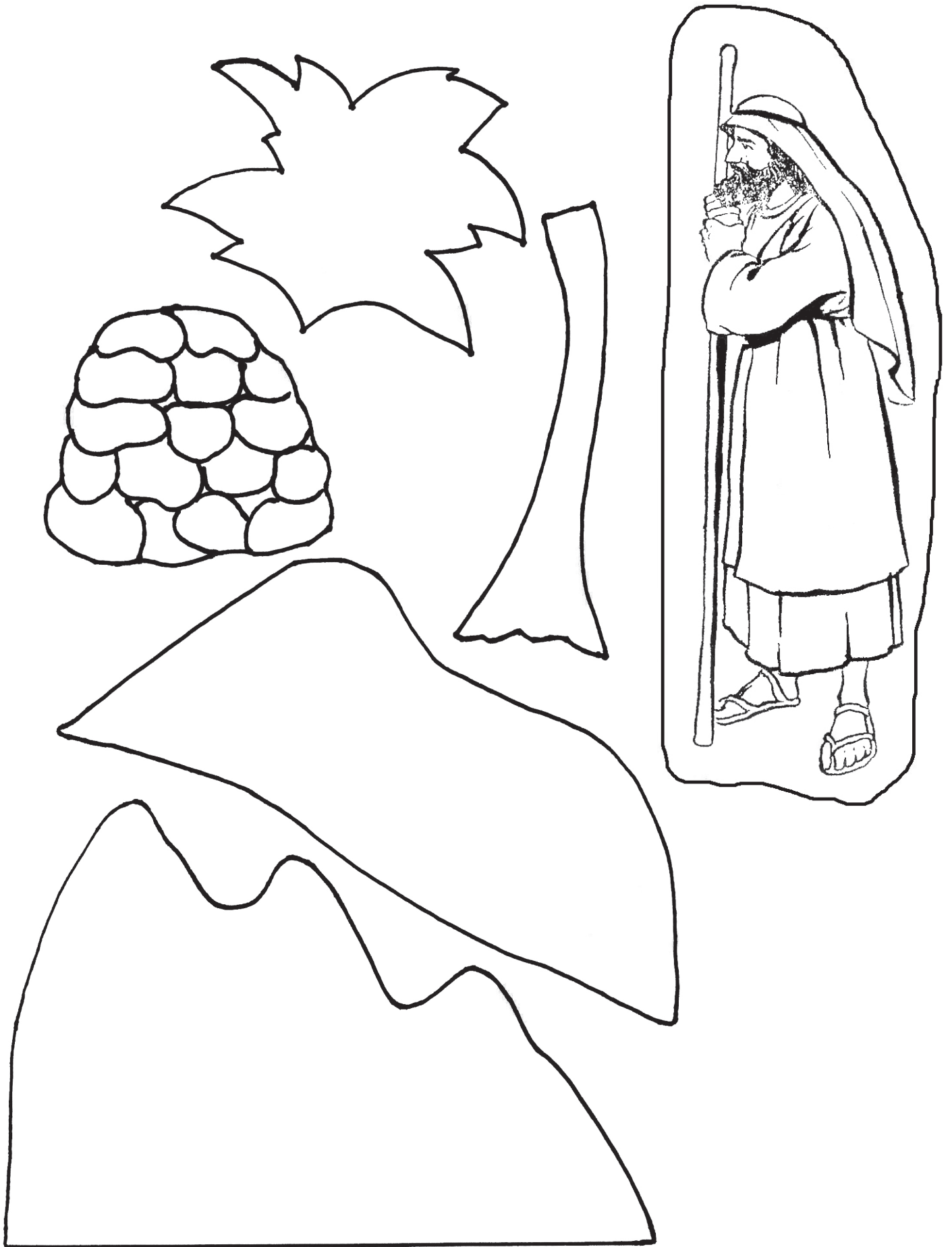
1. Color the mountain with 3 peaks purple
2. Color the desert light brown like sand.
3. Color the palm leaves green and the trunk brown.
4. Color the stone altar grey (light black).



5. Color Abram as you wish.
6. Cut out all of the pieces.
7. Glue an unsharpened pencil to the back of the Abram figure.
8. Glue all of the other pieces to the blue construction paper as shown.
9. Use a black crayon to draw Abram's journey from Ur to Canaan, as shown...
10. Write "Abram's Journey" somewhere on the page.



11. Now you are ready to trace Abram's journey around the desert to the land of Canaan where he built altars and worshiped the Lord.







## Recitation Award: Abram's Journey

Purchase a wide colorful ribbon. Attach each recitation award to the ribbon as it is learned. Multiple copies of the award are provided for classes.

