

God calls Abram

In this lesson, the children will learn how God created an entire nation of people, starting with just the faith and obedience of one man who chose to follow Him.

TOPICS

Abraham, Listening, Obedience, Protection, Provision

AS KIDS ARRIVE (7 minutes)

What Do You Trust? (Activity) [page 2](#)

MEMORY WORK (12 minutes)

"Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart." Psalm 119:34 NIV

Play a game of hangman using the verse above. Once the puzzle is solved, recite the verse as a class several times. Discuss how some people can get hung up in life when they follow their own desires instead of obeying God's commands.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

In our lesson today, we learn that we are justified by faith as a result of God's grace. Students find Abram stepping out in faith, believing the promises of God, as he leaves his country and all that is familiar to him to begin the journey God has placed before him.

Read Genesis 12:1-9 (The Call of Abram)

Discussion Questions:

1. What did God tell Abram to do? (*Leave his country, his people and his father's household to go to an unknown land*)
2. What promises did the Lord make to Abram? (*I will make you into a great nation, I will make your name great. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you*)
3. How did Abram demonstrate his faith in God? (*He obeyed God and left all that was familiar to him*)
4. How old was Abram when he left his father's household? (*75 years old*)
5. What did Abram take with him when he left? (*His wife Sarai, his brother's son Lot, all of their possessions and the people they had acquired*)
6. What happened when Abram had traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem? (*The Lord appeared and said, "To your offspring I will give this land."*)
7. What was Abram's response to the Lord's appearance? (*He built an altar to the Lord*)

CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

In God We Trust (Object Talk) [page 3](#)

APPLICATION (2 minutes)

Abram's willingness to leave everything that was familiar to him and follow the Lord clearly demonstrated that he was trusting in the Lord with all his heart. As Christians, God will call us as well, we must be willing to follow God wholeheartedly no matter where the journey may lead.

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WHAT DO YOU TRUST?

We place our trust in many different things, but do we place our trust where it matters most?

TOPICS:

Believing, Discernment, Emotions, Faith, Trust

MATERIALS:

Activity sheet [page 4](#)

Pencils

DURATION:

Approximately 7 minutes

PREPARATION

Print out a copy of the activity sheet for each child in class.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each of the kids an activity sheet and a pencil. Inform the children that their job is to draw a line, within the gray path, between the person trusting something and what it is they are trusting in. At the bottom of the page they should list some of the things that they trust.

As the kids work, explain that we trust in many different things, sometimes without even thinking about it. We trust that the chair will hold us up when we sit down on it. We trust that water will come out of the faucet when we turn the knob. We trust that the sun will rise in the morning and the list goes on. But do we place our trust where it matters most, which is to trust in God and follow Him faithfully?



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IN GOD WE TRUST

A nation or a people that trusts in God is wise indeed.

TOPICS:

Believing, Discernment, Faith, Trust

MATERIALS:

US Dollar bill

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Pass a US dollar bill around the room and ask the kids to take a good look at the back of the dollar bill. Once everyone has had a chance to look at the dollar ask, "How many of you noticed something really neat that is on the back of a dollar bill?" Allow for answers and wait until one of the kids mention that it had "In God We Trust" printed on it. If none of the kids mention this fact, bring it up yourself.

Ask the class if they knew that "In God We Trust" is the official motto of the United States of America and this motto is printed on all USA currency; paper currency, as well as coins. In November 1861, Secretary Chase stated "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense."

Early Americans knew the importance of trusting God, the wisdom in this should be considered by each and everyone one of us today as well. A nation or a people that trusts in God is wise indeed.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it wise to trust in God?
2. Is anything more trustworthy than God?
3. Can we trust God during good times?
4. Can we trust God during bad times?



What Do You Trust?

Instructions: Your job is to draw a line, within the gray path, between the person trusting something and what it is they are trusting in. At the bottom of the page list some of the things you trust.



List some of the things you trust: _____
