

# **Fearless**

## Lesson 5 – Abraham

### **Series Objectives:**

Students will learn:

- That followers of God have nothing to fear.
- Stories that illustrate God's people living out fearless lives.
- That followers of God are called by God to live a fearless life.

**Series Theme Verse:** “Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Isaiah 44:8

### **Lesson Objective:**

Students will understand:

- That God calls us to have faith in God's calling.
- That Abram trusted God's promise.
- That Abram lived a fearless life by following God.

**Lesson Passage:** Genesis 12:1-9

### **Lesson Materials:**

**Activity:** Memory Verse on Poster Board, Memory Verse on Poster Board cut into pieces and attached around the room, blindfold

**Bible Story:** Sand, Magnifying Glass, Bibles

**Meal:** Grilled Cheese

## **Bible Story:**

**Materials:** Sand, Magnifying Glass, Bibles

### **Introducing the Story:**

Bring some sand to Bible Study. Use a magnifying glass to see the individual grains of sand. Have a child count out ten grains of sand. Then have another child count out twenty or any other number. Have fun estimating the number of grains of sands in a teaspoon or in the container you brought the sand in.

After you have made your point that there are a lot of grains of sand in what you brought in, ask the kids, "Did you know that God once told a man that he would have so many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on that their number would be greater than the grains of sand on the entire seashore?"

Tell the kids that the man's name was Abram and we are going to be learning about him today and in the weeks to come.

### **The Story:**

Once there was a man named Abram who loved God very much and had faith in Him. Abram and his wife, Sarai lived in the city of Haran. Many of Abram's relatives also lived in this city. Sadly, Abram and Sarai were not able to have children. It must have been sad for them to think about how they would never have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But this did not stop Abram from having faith in God.

God loved Abram and Sarai, but God also loved all of the other families in the world. So God made a plan to bless, or bring joy, to everyone. His plan was that he would use Abram and Sarai to begin a family that would become very very big. Their family would be so big that it would be a nation. This nation would help the world. Everyone in the world would someday be blessed through Abram's family.

So one day God told Abram to leave his country and his relatives and to go to a new land that he would show him. God did not say where the new land was. He just told Abram to go and that He would show him later.

*Faith* means believing something to be true even if you can't see it. Abram had faith in God even though he could not see God. Abram had a living faith; he was willing to do what God said. Abram and his wife, Sarai, began packing up everything they owned. Abram's nephew, Lot, and all of Abram's servants and helpers also joined them.

Everyone would have been very busy for many days. They would have packed up all their things, loaded the big, heavy objects onto their camels. Their servants and helpers would have gathered all of Abram's sheep and cows and donkeys for the trip. Finally, everything would have been ready! Abram and his relatives left their home country forever. Now they would live in tents and travel around wherever God told them to go.

In the land called Canaan, God told Abram to have a good look around. Other people lived there, but someday Abram's children and grandchildren would own this land. Several times, Abram and his traveling group would stop to Worship God.

Through all their travels, Abram and Sarai had to just trust God to lead them to the right place. They did not have a map, or Siri, they just had God's promise to lead them safely to their new home.

Remember how Abram and Sarai had no children? God promised that that would change someday. God wanted Abram to have a family that would bring blessing to everyone. God would start a great nation from Abram.

In the future God would say to Abram, *"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

You know, our theme is "Fearless." How did Abram live a "Fearless" life? (He picked up and moved when God told him to leave his home, He trusted God to give him children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren even though he had not had any children, he followed God through the desert and saw the land God would give him, and other answers are possible)

I wonder if God kept the promise that God gave Abram about having so many kids and grandkids and great-grandkids? Next week, we will check in with Abram and see if God kept the promise.

**Activity:** Blindfolds and Puzzles and Verses Oh My!

**Materials:** Memory Verse on Poster Board, Memory Verse on Poster Board cut into pieces and attached around the room, blindfold

The Activity:

Preparation

- Attach cut up pieces of Memory Verse onto the walls around the room.

The Game

- Use the non-cut up Memory Verse to introduce the Memory Verse to the students.
- Read the verse aloud several times as leaders, then have the girls read it with you, the boys read it with you, etc. Repetition will help them begin to memorize the verse.
- You might need to explain some of the words to the kids depending on their ages.
- Blindfold a student or two students and let them "find" the pieces of the verse on the wall by having the other kids guide them with their words to where the pieces are on the wall.
- Then blindfold different kids and repeat until all the pieces are collected.

- Once all the pieces are collected, have them piece together the verse and say it together.

The Follow-up:

- Remind kids of our theme: Fearless.
- Explain that with God as our “Rock” we have nothing to fear. Ultimately, God is our protector and provider.
- Today in Bible Story, we are learning about, or have learned about, a man that trusted God, even when God said the man needed to move his whole family to a land he had never even seen. That takes faith and trust in God that God will take care of you...the man was definitely...Fearless!

**Music:** Preparation for Musical on May 20.