

L3.10 “From Abram to Abraham: Promises of Blessings”

Read Together: Abram left Haran and headed for Canaan at 75 years of age. The life that God had called him to was filled with adventure. Sarai was Abram’s wife. Because of Sarai’s beauty, Abram found himself in trouble with the Pharaoh of Egypt and later with Abimelech king of Gerar. But God intervened to save them. When Abram’s nephew Lot was kidnapped in a war, Abram put together an army from his own servants and rescued Lot. Throughout life’s adventures, Abram never lost sight of what was important. He obeyed



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God and walked with Him. God promised that Abram’s children would be greatly blessed, but Abram asked God how the promises could be fulfilled when he had no heirs. At the age of 99, God again appeared to Abram and promised that he would be a father of many nations. God changed Abram’s name to Abraham to reflect His promise. He also changed Sarai’s name to Sarah. God let Abraham know that Ishmael, Abram’s son through Hagar, was not the promised heir and that he and Sarah would have a son whose name would be Isaac. Isaac would be the son of promise, because God promised that he would be born.

Read Together: Genesis 12:1–20; 14:1–24; 17:1–27; Galatians 3:29

Discuss:

- Talk with your child about some of Abraham’s adventures. God delivered him from them all. Remind them that nothing is too difficult for God!
- Explain that God always keeps His promises, though sometimes we have to wait for a long time. He teaches us patience. Explain that Abraham and Sarah learned patience by waiting a long time to have their son, Isaac.
- Explain to your child that true Christians, no matter what race they are, are considered by God to be Abraham’s spiritual children because they obey God just as he obeyed God.

Review memorization:

Galatians 3:29 *“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”*