

LESSON OVERVIEW

Week #: 8 Date: February 22, 2026 Lesson Title: God Calls Abram: Faith Begins with Trust Primary Scripture Passage(s): Genesis 12:1-9 Bible Timeline Placement: After the Tower of Babel; beginning of God's covenant people Big Idea: Faith means trusting and obeying God, even when we do not know all the details.

MEMORY VERSE

"The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'" (Genesis 12:1)

Explanation: God spoke clearly to Abram, and Abram listened. Faith begins by trusting God's Word.

SETTING THE SCENE (INTRODUCTION)

Before we begin today's lesson, let's remember what we learned last week. Last week, we learned about the Tower of Babel. The people were proud and wanted to make a great name for themselves instead of listening to God. God confused their language, and people began speaking many different languages. Because they could no longer understand one another, they spread out across the earth, just as God had commanded.

We still see evidence of this today. All around the world, people speak different languages. Some speak English, some speak Spanish, some speak Arabic, Chinese, Swahili, and many more. This reminds us that the Bible is true, and what God said really did happen.

Today's lesson comes right after that. After the people scattered, God began something new. He chose one man and spoke to him.

Let's listen carefully to what God tells us in His Word.

MAIN LESSON NARRATIVE (READ ALOUD)

Genesis 12 begins with these words: "The LORD had said to Abram..." (Genesis 12:1). That is very important. Abram did not go looking for God. God spoke first. God chose Abram and called him.

God said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). God did not give Abram a map. He did not tell him the name of the place. God asked Abram to trust Him.

Abram lived in a land where people worshiped many false gods. Families usually stayed close together, and leaving home meant leaving safety and comfort. Obeying God meant leaving behind what felt familiar.

But Abram listened to God. Verse 4 tells us, "So Abram went, as the LORD had told him" (Genesis 12:4). Abram trusted God enough to obey.

That is what faith looks like. Faith means trusting God and obeying Him, even when we do not know everything that will happen next.

God also made promises to Abram. He said, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:2-3). Abram did not have children yet, and he did not own land. But God always keeps His promises.

As Abram traveled, he built altars and worshiped the LORD (Genesis 12:7-8). Abram showed that he trusted God not only with his steps, but also with his heart.

WHY WE CAN TRUST THIS ACCOUNT

This account is trustworthy because the Bible consistently speaks of Abram, later called Abraham, as a real person in real places. Jesus Himself spoke about Abraham (John 8:56). God's promises to Abram were repeated and fulfilled over many generations, showing that God's Word is true.

WHAT THIS SHOWS US ABOUT JESUS

God promised that all nations would be blessed through Abram. This promise was fulfilled through Jesus Christ, who came from Abram's family line. Jesus died and rose again so people from every language and nation can be saved (Galatians 3:8).

GOD REVEALED AS TRINITY

In this passage, God the Father speaks and makes the promise. God the Son fulfills the promise by bringing salvation. God the Holy Spirit helps God's people trust and obey. God is one God in three Persons.

LIFE APPLICATION

Just like Abram, God asks us to trust Him. Sometimes we do not know what will happen next, and sometimes obeying God can feel scary. But God is good and keeps His promises. We can trust Him by praying, listening to His Word, and choosing obedience instead of pride.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH

Question: How do we know God really spoke to Abram? Answer: The Bible tells us God spoke, and Jesus and other writers confirmed Abram was a real person (Genesis 12:1; Matthew 1:1).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did God ask Abram to do? Answer: God asked Abram to leave his home and trust Him to lead the way (Genesis 12:1,4).

2. Did Abram know where he was going? Answer: No. Abram did not know the place yet, but he trusted God and obeyed (Hebrews 11:8).
3. Why do you think trusting God can sometimes feel scary? Answer: Because we cannot see the future, but God can. God asks us to trust Him instead of ourselves (Proverbs 3:5).
4. If God called on you, would you follow Him even if it meant doing something that scared you? Teacher Guidance: Following God does not mean we are never afraid. It means we trust God more than our fear, knowing He is with us (Isaiah 41:10).
5. How can we trust God like Abram this week? Answer: By praying, listening to God's Word, and obeying even in small things.
6. How do we know when it is God talking to us? Answer: God speaks in ways that always match His Word, the Bible.

Simple Bible Example: When Samuel was a boy, God spoke to him. At first, Samuel did not know it was God. A trusted adult named Eli helped him understand. God's message matched God's truth and did not ask Samuel to do anything wrong (1 Samuel 3:1-10).

Teacher Reminder: God speaks most clearly through the Bible. God may also guide us through prayer, trusted adults, and the Holy Spirit reminding us of Scripture. God will never ask us to do something sinful, dangerous, or against His Word (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16).

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

Activity: Trust Steps Purpose: To help children think about trusting God in everyday life. Supplies: Paper footprints, markers Instructions: Have children write or draw one way they can trust God this week on a footprint. Lay the footprints on the floor to make a path.

TEACHER CLOSING PROMPT

Boys and girls, God's promise to Abram was not only about land and family. God said that all peoples on earth would be blessed. God was planning to send a Savior.

Jesus is that Savior.

The Bible tells us that all people sin, and sin separates us from God (Romans 3:23). But Jesus never sinned. He lived the perfect life we could not live. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, and He rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven, and we can belong to God forever.

If you know you have sinned and want Jesus to forgive you, you can talk to Him right now. You can pray in your own words, or say something like:

"Jesus, I know I have sinned. Please forgive me. Thank You for dying for me and rising again. I trust You as my Savior. Help me follow You."

If you prayed that and meant it, tell your teacher or a trusted adult today. We would love to talk with you and help you grow in knowing Jesus.

Close in prayer: "Father, thank You for keeping Your promises and sending Jesus our Savior. Help us trust You like Abram did. In Jesus' name, amen."