Book Introduction

God wanted to show all people on the earth who he really is so he chose one faithful man, Abraham, to be the father of his people, Israel. God told Abraham to move to a different land that he would give to Abraham's children. Abraham believed God and took his wife and all his belongings and moved.

As we read more of the Bible we are going to see what God did for his people Israel, who came from Abraham, and how through God's people all people of the world have been blessed.

The greatest blessing God has given to us is the gift of his Son Jesus. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin so we can be made right and live with God forever. Jesus came from the line of Abraham. He was a descendant of Abraham. It is through Jesus all people are truly blessed.

Discussion Questions

<u>Day 1</u>: Who are the Jewish people? What has God done through the Jewish people? Why did God choose Abraham?

<u>Day 2</u>: What did God tell Abraham to do? What did Abraham do in response? Why was Abraham able to do that? Does God really have wings? Thinking of what a mother hen does for her chicks, what does it mean to be protected in the safety of God's wings?

<u>Day 3</u>: What was God's promise to Abraham? Why did it take faith for Abraham to believe God's promise?

<u>Day 4</u>: What did Abraham do to show God that he believed? How did that show faith?

<u>Day 5</u>: How have all people of all nations been blessed through Abraham? Why is Jesus a blessing to all people?

<u>Day 6</u>: What does it mean to be a son of Abraham? What is the result of being a son of Abraham?

Lesson Rhyme

A—A Make sign of "A"

Abraham Make "A" with both hands

and shake

God he did

Believe

A—A—Abraham

Lift arms up above head

Touch sides of head

Same as above

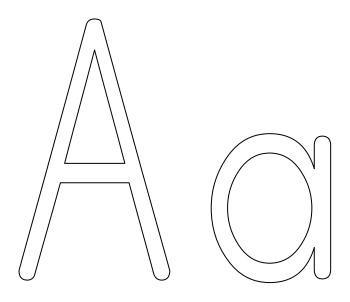
Blessing did Wiggle fingers down like rain

Receive Hands out palms up, bring in to body

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#35 Who is Abraham?



A—A—Abraham
God he did believe
A—A—Abraham
Blessing did receive

Day 1 Draw a picture of Abraham.

God chose the Jewish people
to reveal himself to men.

The Jews all came from Abraham,
they're known as his kin.

Abraham was chosen;
he loved God with all his heart.

So God said from his descendants,
he would never, ever part.

Hebrews 11:11-12: ¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Day 6 Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

Through the sacrifice of Jesus,
all people can be blessed.
He paid the penalty for sin
and death he put to rest.
We are sons of Abraham
when in Jesus we believe.
The forgiveness of our sin
is the blessing we receive.

Romans 4:23-25: ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Day 5 Draw a picture of Abraham's descendants.

And through Abraham's descendants all nations have been blessed.

Because Abraham was faithful when God put him to the test.

Jesus was a Jew from the line of Abraham.

He took our sin upon him as our sacrificial lamb.

Romans 4:20-22: ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Day 2 Draw a picture of Abraham packing his tent.

One day God said to Abraham
that he must leave his home.

And move to a new land
that by God he would be shown.

Because he trusted God,
Abraham packed up all his things.

He knew he'd be protected
in the safety of God's wings.

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

Day 3 Draw a picture of Abraham looking at the land.

God's promise made to Abraham
was to bless and make him great.
But it took faith to believe
as Abraham had to wait.
God showed the land to Abraham
that eventually he'd give.
But many hundred years would pass
before the people there could live.

Genesis 12:2-3: . 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Day 4 Draw a picture of Abraham building an altar.

Abraham built an altar
to show God that he believed.
Even though much time would pass
before the promise was received.
Abraham's wife was Sarah,
no children she had born,
But one day he'd have descendants,
just as God to him had sworn.

<u>Genesis 12:6-7</u>: ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.