



(5) Abraham sent to Egypt, Divided Land

Genesis 12-13

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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Lead kids in prayer.

BIBLE LESSON & ACTIVITY: (25 minutes)

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Make an arrow. God sent Abram a new direction. After a living in Haran a long time, the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family and go to the country I will show you." How would you feel if God told you to leave Texas, to leave your family and move somewhere else? (Allow answers)

Make a hammer. The Lord told Abram he would build a great nation for him, would bless him and make him famous! The Lord said he would use Abram to bless all the people on the earth. Wow! That's incredible! Abram must have been a good man.

Do you think Abram went? Yes, he did. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the servants and other things he had gotten in Haran. This big group moved to the land of Canaan. The Canaanites were living in this land at the time.

Make an altar. This might be four big "stones" put together. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give *this* land to your descendants." Abram built an altar to honor the Lord.

Make a ladies head with long hair. (They can make a ball for the head and roll a snake to make the hair.) During this time there was not enough food in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to live. Just before they arrived, Abram told Sarai, "You are a very beautiful woman. When the Egyptian men see you they will kill *me* so you can be *their* wife. So, tell them you are my sister and this will save my life." How do you think his plan to *lie* worked out for them? (Allow answers)

Make an animal like a donkey, sheep or cow. Sure enough, when they got to Egypt, the Egyptian men saw how beautiful Sarai was. They even told the Pharaoh about her and took her to his house. Pharaoh was kind to Abram because he thought Sarai was his brother. He gave Abram sheep, cattle, donkeys, camels, and servants.

Pharaoh took Abram's wife so the Lord caused Pharaoh and all his people in his house to have very bad diseases. Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What have you done? Why didn't you tell me Sarai was your wife? I am giving her back to you! Take her and leave!"

Make an "A" for Abram, then an "S" for Sarai and an "L" for Lot. So Abram and his wife took everything they had and left. Lot left with them. At this time, Abram was very wealthy. He had many animals, silver and gold. He went back to a place near Bethel, where he had built an altar before. He worshiped the Lord there.

Make a shepherd's staff. During this time Lot was traveling with Abram. Lot had many animals and tents too. Together, they had so many animals the land was not big enough for both Abram and Lot and the Canaanites and the Perizzites living there. Abram's shepherds and Lot's shepherds began to argue.

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4th & 5th Grade

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PRAYER: (5 minutes)

Help kids learn the value in talking to God. Ask for prayer requests. Write on the white board “Praise” – “Petition” – “Thanksgiving” – “Confession.”

- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
- Have kids give **Petitions** (needs/please help)
- Have kids give **Thanksgiving** (what are they thankful for)
- Remind them that in a public prayer, we typically pray that God forgives us, but we don’t get specific in our **confessions**.
- Lead kids in prayer.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: (5 minutes)

Game: Speed Bible Hopper

This group of kids is older so we add an element of speed to their game! And then we let this age group begin to find the books in their bibles.

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- Set a timer for 1 minute and see how many books you can get through.
- Pull a book out of the hat and have them “hop” onto the appropriate Lilly pad. Which part of the bible do we find each book in. How did they do? (Set each card to the side. You will need these again in a minute.)
- Now, have kids set down with their bibles. Set the timer again for 2 minutes. Read one card at a time and have kids search their bibles for that book. As soon as one person finds the book, draw the next card and all kids look for that one. (This way, they all get practice, but no one is *noticed* for not easily finding a book.)

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Read Genesis 12: 1-3. How would you feel if God told you to leave home, to leave your family and move somewhere else?

Read Genesis 12:4-5: We read that Abram obeyed. He took his wife and his nephew. Where were they going? Canaan.

Read Genesis 12:7: The Lord made a promise to Abram and Abram builds an altar to honor Him. If we keep reading we find that Abram stopped at several places along the way. This is a long trip and he is traveling with his wife, his nephew, his servants, his animals and everything he owned.

Now there was a time when there wasn't enough food in the land so Abram went down to Egypt to live. Abram is afraid so he comes up with a plan that doesn't involve God.

Read Genesis 12:11-13. What was Abram afraid of? That he'd be killed so the Egyptians could marry his beautiful wife.

The bible tells us that the Egyptian men *did* notice how beautiful Sarai was and took her to the Pharaoh. Pharaoh was kind to Abram because he was interested in "his sister." Pharaoh gave Abram sheep, cattle, donkeys, camels and servants.

Read Genesis 12:17-19. God stepped in. Pharaoh was angry about the lie and made them leave. So, they left Egypt and went back to the place where he had built an altar; he worshiped the Lord there.

Remember, Lot, Abram's nephew was traveling with him. They both had many animals. There wasn't enough land for all of their animals and the animals of the other people living there to eat from. It caused arguments.

Read Genesis 13:8-9: Abraham handled this very well. He didn't want them or their servants to fight so he gave Lot first choice of the land he wanted.

Lot saw that the whole Jordan Valley had lots of water so he chose to live there and Abram stayed in the land of Canaan. We will see next week about God's promise to Abram.

REVIEW: (9 minutes)

Using Play-Doh, Play Floam, Silly Putty or other hands on item, have kids create something from the story that you thought was interesting, something that caught your attention. Then, let each person take a minute (or less) to share.