



Lesson 4: *Abraham* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- God made a promise to Abraham to bless him and make him the father of a great nation.
- God promised that Abraham (through his descendents) would be a blessing to all peoples on earth. That promise pointed to Jesus.
- The blessing would come to pass through Abraham's obedience to God's word.

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (A man, night sky, stars....)

I wonder who this man is.

I wonder what he is doing.

I wonder what he sees in the sky.

Is there anything else you are wondering about in this picture?

Let's hear more in our story....

Lesson Summary:

Many years after Noah and the great flood, God made a promise to a man named Abraham. God said, **“Leave your country and your relatives and go to the land I will show you. I will bless you and make you a great nation. And all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”** And Abraham listened to God and obeyed Him. Abraham took his wife Sarah, and all their belongings and journeyed off to a new land.

At this time Abraham and Sarah were old and did not have any children. But God's promise was for Abraham to become a great nation. After 25 more years, Abraham and Sarah had their first son and named him Isaac. Abraham trusted and obeyed God. He had moved away from his own country just as God told him to. And God kept his wonderful promise to Abraham. Abraham had many descendants (great grandchildren etc.) and they became a great nation. Many years later, Jesus was born. He was one of Abraham's descendants too! JESUS came as the greatest blessing, for all the people on earth, just as God had promised!

Suggested Questions: Let's read God's promise to Abraham again. (above) **What does this passage tell us about God?** (God had a great plan to rescue (bless) people right from the beginning. God wants to bless ALL the people of the earth. He makes and keeps his promises)

- Did Abraham trust and obey God when God told him to leave his country? (Yes)
- What did God mean when he said that he would make Abraham a great nation? (that Abraham would have many descendants, that is, he would have many great grandchildren etc.)
- How would all the people of the earth be blessed through Abraham? (God would send a special person to be born through Abraham's descendants who would be a blessing to all the people of the world.)
- Who do you think that one special person was? (yes, it was Jesus, God's Son! This part of the promise was pointing to Jesus.)

Bible Memory Verse:

“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 - NIV)