# In the Beginning...Jesus

## Lesson 8
## God's Covenant with Abram

### Themes:
- God chose Abram (Abraham) to make one great nation to bless the world.
- God made a binding covenant with Abraham.
- By faith, Abram obeyed God's call and depended on God's faithfulness.
- Man's actions cannot thwart God's plans.
- God will accomplish all His plans.

### Scripture:
Portions of Genesis 12; Hebrews 11:1, 8; Isaiah 46:10b, 11b

### Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:7a (and review verses 3-6)

### Today's Clue:
The Bible Clue Card was blank!

### Home and Heart:
Talk about God's call to Abram from Genesis 12:1-3. Ask if he remembers these visuals: GO FROM (your country, kindred, father's house); TO (the land I will show you); AND I WILL (make you a great nation, bless and protect you, make your name great); SO THAT (all families of the earth will be blessed). Was this Abram's or God's plan?

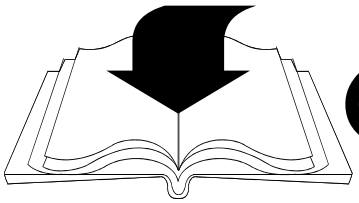
Suppose our family was told to leave our country, relatives, and home to go to a place we have never seen. Do you think it would be hard to leave for someplace unknown? Why? What kinds of questions might we have? For example: "Will Daddy be able to find a new job? Will I see my friends again? Are other people there? Do they speak another language? Are they nice? Will we live in a house?" How was Abram able to go to a place he had never seen? Read and discuss Hebrews 11:1 and 8. Have you made a decision by faith? What was it? Do you place your faith in the right kinds of things? Why is this important? Read and discuss Hebrews 11:6.

Ask your child why there wasn't a clue on today's clue card. In Genesis 12, what couldn't Abram yet SEE? What must he depend on? Have you had to wait for a promise from God? Can you depend on Him to keep every promise? Can you think of any Bible verses that tell us God always keeps His promises (e.g., Deuteronomy 7:9 and Joshua 23:14b)?

Read Hebrews 11:6a. What must Abram have believed about God to follow His command? Read Hebrews 11:6b. Ask: *What if Dad said, "If you help me clean the garage, I'll give you a treat." Would you believe him? Why? Would you believe the treat would be good, and not a rotten, wormy apple? What did God promise Abram if he obeyed? Did Abram believe God?*



# DISCOVER MORE



# GENESIS

God's call to Abram (later called Abraham) in Genesis 12 begins a very important part of the story of the Bible: God choosing one man through whom He would bless the whole world. We did not have enough time in class to read through the whole story of God's goodness in the life of Abram. But at home you can learn more! This week, read the passages below. After you read each passage, have one of your parents initial the box. Then write one or two sentences describing how God was good to Abram.

