

Bible Story 6: ABRAHAM, A FRIEND OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-10; 13:1-18; 16:1-3,15-16; 17:1-8,15; 21:1-8;
22:1-18; 25:7-8

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:8

BIBLE STORY:

Many, many years have passed since the people tried to build a tower in the city of Babel. Because God had confused their language, the people scattered to different parts of the earth.

One day God spoke to a man named Abram. He asked Abram to leave his country, his family and his father's home. He was to go to a place that He would show him. Abram had faith in God and trusted Him. Abram obeyed God. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and everything that he had. They left his home in Ur and traveled a long distance. They arrived in the Promised Land, Canaan. There Abram built an altar and worshiped God.

After awhile the shepherds of Lot began to fight with his uncle Abram's servants. Abram said that they should separate. He let Lot choose where to go. Lot chose the fertile land on the plain of Jordan. Abram moved in the other direction, living in mountainous and less fertile areas. God again promised to be with him. In Hebron, Abram built an altar and worshiped the Lord.

Later God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah.

Abraham had a son named Ishmael with Sarah's maidservant Hagar.

After a very long time, God blessed Abraham and Sarah with a son named Isaac. Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety-one years old.

Abraham had faith in God. When God tested him, Abraham was willing to give his son Isaac to God.

God promised to bless him, giving him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, because he obeyed Him.

Abraham was known as God's friend (JAMES 2:23).

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did God ask Abram to do? What was Abram's reaction? How old was Abram?
2. Are we ever too young or too old to serve God? How can we obey God today? Give some examples.
3. What is faith? (Read Hebrews 11:1.)
4. Why was Abraham known as a man of faith?
5. How is it that we can have and show faith in God? Give some examples.
6. Was God with Abraham everywhere he went? How do we know that God was with him?
7. Is it hard to make a move from one home to another? Why? What are some ways that God will help us when we move, wherever it may be? How can we help others make a move? How can we help ones who move into our community?
8. Abraham was known as God's friend. How can we be known as God's friend to our family, friends, neighborhood, colleagues and church family?
9. Did God fulfill His promise to Abraham that he would have a child? Did he have to wait a long time? How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born?
10. Will God fulfill His promises to us? How do we know this? Share some examples.