



**St. John Lutheran Church
Fall 2020 Sunday School
1st/2nd Grade Class
Week 8**

**ABRAM FOLLOWS GOD'S DIRECTION
Genesis 12:1-8**

Today's Scripture -

The Call of Abram

¹2 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

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.^[a]

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."^[b]

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶Abram 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. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring^[c] I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

Key Verse - "Trust in the Lord with all you heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

Lesson and Activity with me!

Supplies needed for our activities (Paper Sandals): Scissors

Abram Obeys God's Command to Move -

Basically what God was commanding Abram to do was sell everything you can't carry, leave your friends and extended family, take your wife and belongings, and go to an unknown place, you'll probably never come back here again.

Abram must have had a great deal of trust to leave all that behind and go! At 75 years old and traveling with a flock into unknown territory would have been a huge and treacherous undertaking.

Abram's Traveling Companions -

A trusting relationship with God was what helped Abram on way. That, and remembering the promises of blessing that would benefit "all the peoples on earth"!

Abram's nephew Lot went along, but probably not just as a companion. It was considered a disgrace during that time and in that culture not to have children. So Abram may have asked Lot to go with them because he had no descendants and someone would need to take the lead in Abram died or became incapacitated.

We don't know much from scripture about the journey, but we do know the trip was about 400 miles from Haran to Bethel and much of it over rough desert. It's likely there was conflict when meeting anyone along the way, and it would have taken a month or more to travel.

God Blesses Abram for Obeying -

When Abram had completed his journey of faith, God appeared to him. God had spoken to him before, but now He appeared and also confirmed the promises he made, which were beginning to come true.

Conclusion -

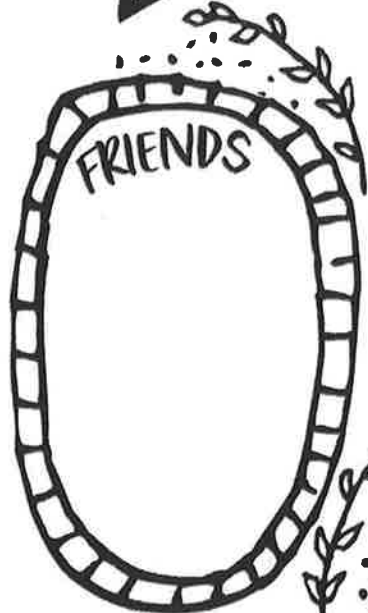
Jesus teaches us how to trust in God and proved that God won't let us down. May we have the courage Abram and Jesus in our Father.

Closing Prayer - God we thank you for all the ways you take of us and meet our needs. Amen.

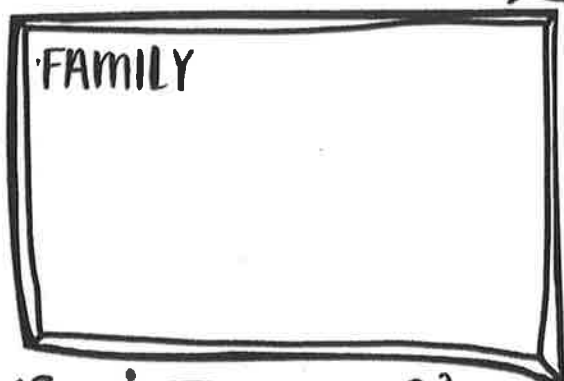
PRAYER

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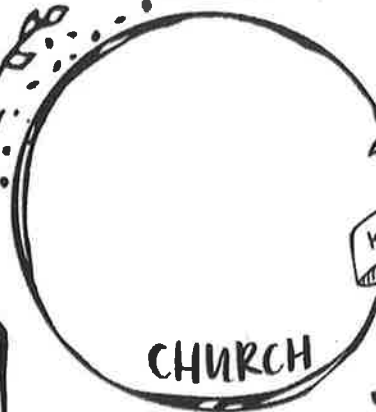
FRIENDS



FAMILY



CHURCH



LET HOPE
KEEP YOU JOYFUL
ROM 12:12



SCRIPTURE

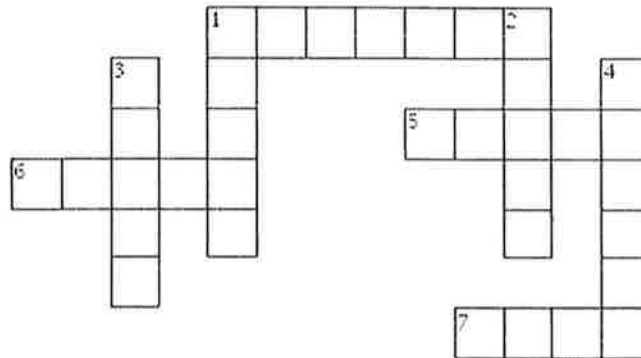


THOSE IN NEED



Faith for the Journey

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." Genesis 12:1 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The territory of a nation or state
5. To go away
6. God promised to _____ Abram. (Genesis 12:1)
7. A word or words by which a person or thing is known

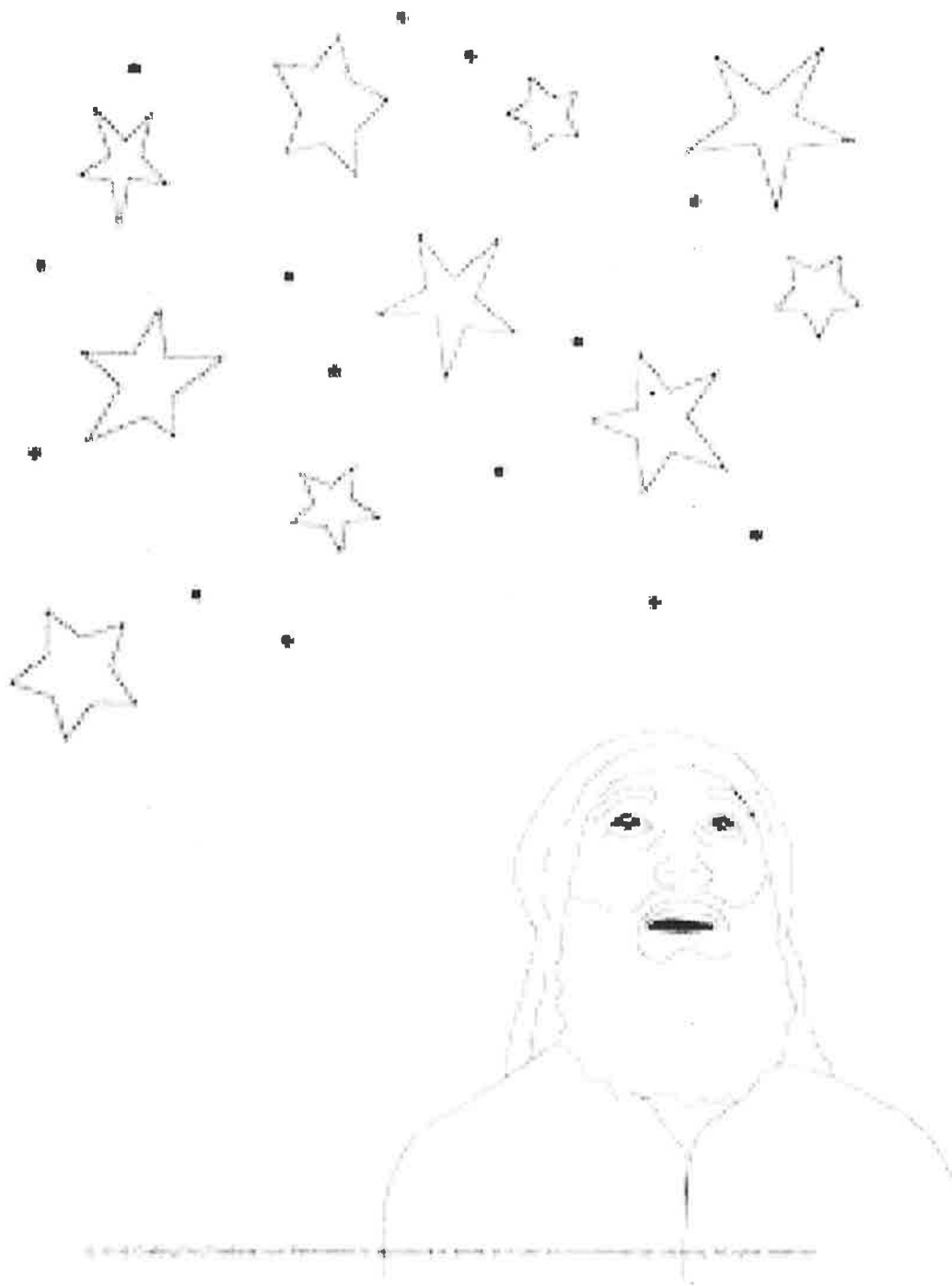
DOWN

1. To wish for something evil to happen to someone
2. How a person's age is measured (plural)
3. Important, powerful, or famous
4. Men, women, and children

COUNTRY	BLESS	NAME	GREAT
LEAVE	CURSE	YEARS	PEOPLE

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"Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" Genesis 15:5

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The puzzle is based on Genesis 12:1-4 (NIV).



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CURSE	NATION	SEVENTY	EARTH	LEAVE
GREAT	FIVE	ABRAM	WHOEVER	PEOPLE
BLESS	SHOW	LORD	COUNTRY	YEARS
LAND	HARAN	LOT	FATHER	NAME