

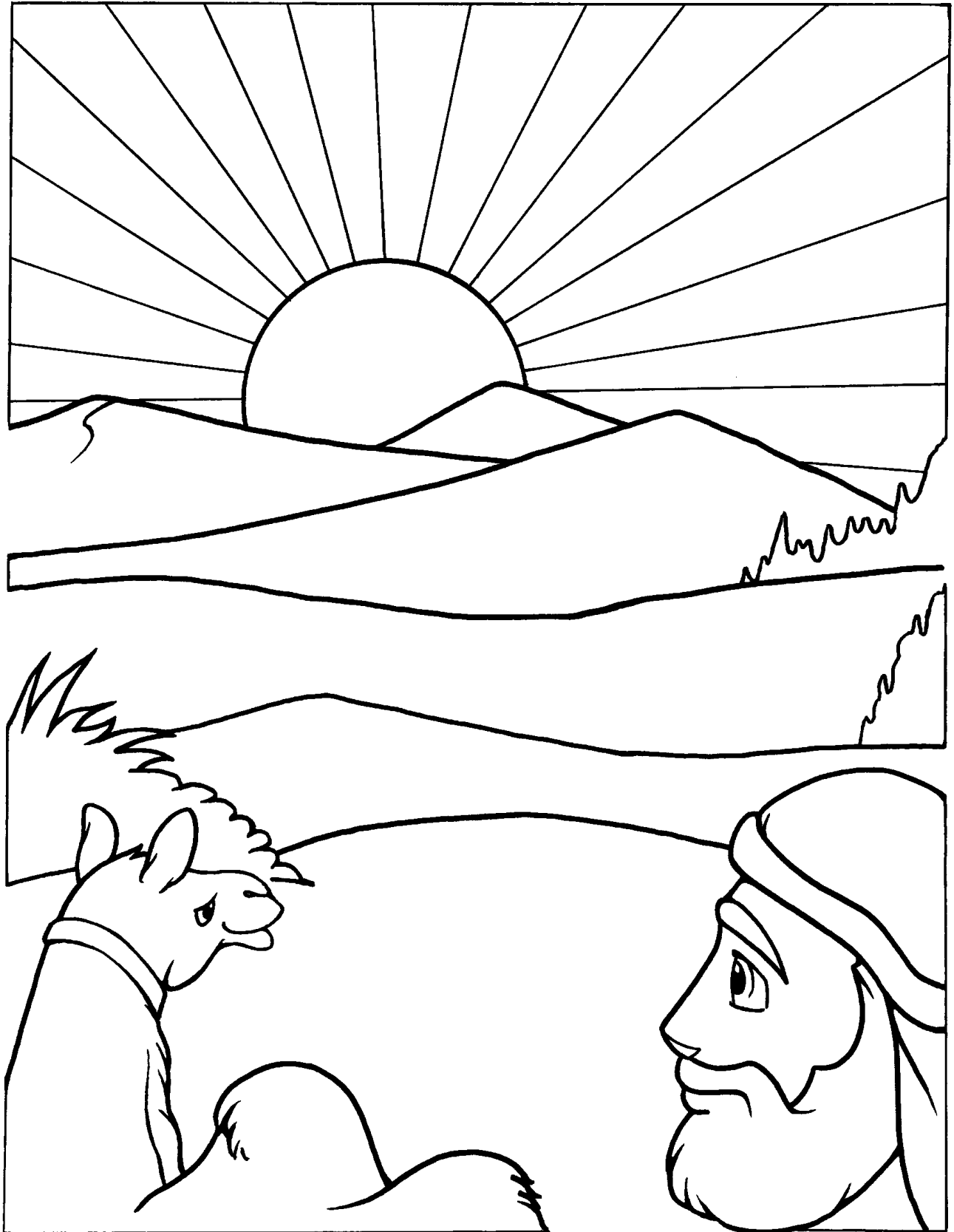
Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 11: GOD CALLS ABRAM
GENESIS 11:26-12:9

There was a man named Terah. After Terah was 70 years old, his sons Abram, Nahor, and Haran were born. This is the history of Terah's family. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran was the father of Lot (so Lot was Abram's nephew). Haran died in his hometown, Ur of Babylonia, while his father Terah was still alive. Abram and Nahor both married. Abram's wife was named Sarai. Nahor's wife was named Milcah. Milcah was the daughter of Haran. Haran was the father of Milcah and Iscah. Sarai did not have any children because she was not able to have children. Terah took his family and left Ur of Babylonia. They planned to travel to Canaan. Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and his daughter-in-law Sarai (Abram's wife). They traveled to the city of Haran and decided to stay there. Terah lived to be 205 years old. He died in Haran.

The LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family and go to the country that I will show you. I will build a great nation from you. I will bless you and make your name famous. People will use your name to bless other people. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. I will use you to bless all the people on earth." So Abram left Haran just like the LORD said, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the slaves, and all the other things he had gotten in Haran. Then he and his group moved to the land of Canaan. Abram traveled through the land as far as the town of Shechem and then to the big terebinth tree at Moreh. The Canaanites were living in the land at that time. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar to honor the LORD who appeared to him there. Then he left that place and traveled to the mountains east of Bethel. He set up his tent there. Bethel was to the west, and Ai was to the east. Abram built another altar at that place to honor the LORD, and he worshiped the LORD there. Then he moved on toward the Negev, stopping for a time at several places on the way.

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MEMORY VERSE:

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Review Questions

True or False

1. The LORD said to Abram, "Get back to your house and stay where you are."
2. The LORD told Abram to go to a land that He would show him.
3. Abram knew exactly where God was going to send him before he got there.
4. The LORD told Abram, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you."
5. Abram took his wife Sarai and Lot, his brother's son and everything that he had gotten in Haran and then left to go to the land of Canaan.
6. Abram went through Canaan to the place called Shechem, by the big terebinth tree in Moreh and the LORD told him He would give that land to all Abram's descendants.

Questions

1. What was Abram's wife's name? What about his nephew? What was his name?
2. What was the first thing the LORD told Abram to do?
3. Did Abram have to think about what the LORD told him to do, or did he immediately go do it?
4. Do you remember the land that Abram took everyone to first? Was it Canaan?
5. When God appeared to Abram there in Canaan, what did He tell him there?
6. What did Abram do after the LORD told him that he would give the land to all his descendants? What did Abram build there?

Lesson 11 Discussion and Craft

Fall Back on God

Have some of your students volunteer to “fall back” on you. Tell them to close their eyes and fold their arms in front of them. Position yourself to catch them as they fall back into your arms. If they have complete faith in you, they will be able to fall back without turning their heads, folding their bodies, or opening their eyes. When they fall back, make sure to catch them!

When they have finished “falling back,” ask them some questions. Establish that they fell back on you because they trusted you. Ask them what they would have done if they felt the person they were falling toward was not strong enough to catch them, or worse, were mean enough to let them fall. Explain that the object of our faith must be strong enough and faithful enough to not let us down. It is really not our faith that is the most important thing, but the one we place our faith in. God is the only one with a perfect track record; He is the only one worthy of our faith.

God’s Promise Card

Explain to your class that when a person wants a “credit card,” they have to establish a good credit history. This is a person’s track record as to how well they have kept their promises about paying what they owe.

Ask your class how well God has kept His promises. Did Abram believe that God would keep the promises God had made Him? Using white construction paper or poster board, cut out credit card shaped pieces. Before class, you can write God’s “Promise” Card with a marker (or make copies of the template below and glue onto construction paper). Allow the children to cut out and decorate their “credit card.” Remind the children how that God keeps all of His promises. You may also want to write a reference to a verse on the card concerning how God keeps His promises.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of faith in the promises of His Word.

If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.

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