



21st Feb
FATHER
ABRAHAM



Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.
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-The Children's Team

Father Abraham

Genesis 12- 25

Years after Noah and the flood one of Shem's descendants gave birth to a son and named him Abram. This boy was to become known as one of the patriarchs of Christianity and is known to us as Father Abraham. Abram married Sarai, who was unable to have children. One day they moved from Babylonia with Abram's father, Terah, and his nephew, Lot. They planned to move to Canaan but settled in Haran.

One day the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. You will be a blessing to others. All the people on the earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram left Haran and took Sarai, Lot, and all their servants with him. They went to Canaan. When he arrived, God told Abram that he would give the land to his descendants. So Abram built an altar to God. Shortly after, Abram traveled to Egypt because he found there was little food. When they arrived in Egypt Abram asked Sarai to pretend to be his sister, as she was beautiful and he was afraid that they would kill him. But if he pretended Sarai was his sister they would let him live because of Sarai.

When they arrived some of the Egyptian officers saw that Sarai was beautiful so brought her in front of the King. The king was kind to Abram because he thought Abram was Sarai's brother. He was given cattle and many servants. But God knew that Sarai should not be married to the king, because she was already Abram's wife. So he put a disease on the king and all the people in the palace. The king called for Abram. He asked why Abram had pretended that Sarai was not his wife. The king commanded Abram and Sarai to leave Egypt. So they took everything they owned and left with Lot.

Both Abram and Lot were very rich and had many servants and cattle. The land they now lived on could not support all of their people and possessions. So Abram said for them to not argue and to separate. So Lot saw the Jordan Valley and chose to live there as it was like the Lord's Garden. Abram went to Hebron where he had built an altar to God.

Shortly after Lot and Abram separated a large number of kings throughout the land went to war with each other.

One of the kings took everything in Sodom, which is where Lot was living. So he took Lot. When Abram heard his nephew had been taken, he gathered a team to help him. He found where Lot was captured and took 318 men to where Lot was. They chased everyone from the camp and led the captured people to safety.

When they were returning home a few kings came out and blessed Abram for the work he had done in helping their captured people. Abram promised not to keep any treasure of the kings. Instead, he chose to bless the men who went into battle with him.

God then promised Abram a great blessing, a son. He told Abram that his descendants will be like the stars, too many to count. Then God put Abram into a deep sleep and showed him that his descendants will become strangers in their own land. And that people will make them slaves for 400 years. But God would punish the country and lead Abrams people out of the land. (This is the story of Moses).

TAKE-AWAY

We can see how important marriage is to God by his reaction to Sarah being married to two men. Because she was already in a happy and healthy marriage to Abraham when she married to king of Egypt. God put a curse on the king's palace because he married another mans wife. God wants us to marry only one person at a time.

From this story we also see the importance of obeying God. Abraham moving when God told him to led him to being very rich. This then led to him and Lot going different ways. Which led to God using Abraham to bless others when Lot was kidnapped.

If they had not separated Lot would not have been kidnapped and God's power and blessing could not be shown to others.

At the time Lot might not have thought God was using the bad thing that was happening to him for glory, but we can see that God uses everything for his glory. And God is always in the details, even at the start of the storu

Prayer:

Is there a situation you are going through where you cannot see God's glory in it?

Is there a time in your life where God has told you to do something, or you think God is talking to you at the moment about it?

Ask God what it is He wants you to do, and the outcome of it.

ACTIVITY:

- 1) Draw Abraham's treasure.
- 2) If you were Abraham what treasure would you want? Draw the thing you would want. (i.e a sports car, mansion ect.)