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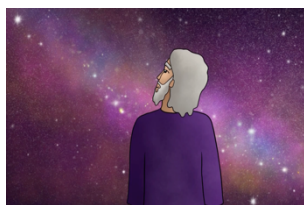
## Lesson 11: ABRAM BECOMES ABRAHAM, GOD'S COVENENANT (GENESIS 15)



The Bible says that God talked to Abram. God said, “Don’t be afraid, Abram! I am your protection. I am the One who will reward you.”

Abram said to God. “Lord, I still don’t have any children. Since You have not given me a child, then once I die, a servant of mine will get everything that You’ve given to me. Is that your plan?”

“That’s not what will happen,” God said. “You will have a son.” God took Abram outside the tent. God told him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars — if you are even able to count them!” Of course, Abram could not count all the stars! There were millions of stars shining bright in the black sky! “That’s what your descendants will be like,” God said. “Descendants” is a big word that means children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and on and on...



Even though Abram didn’t have any children yet, he believed God. He knew that God could do anything! Abram’s faith made God happy. The Bible says God considered Abram “righteous” and he was a “friend of God.”

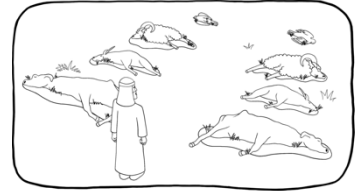
A few days later God talked to Abram again. God said, “I brought you to this place. It is far away from where you were born. I am giving this special land to you.” Abram asked, “Can you give me a sign that these things will happen?”





God made a covenant with Abram. Do you know what a covenant is? It's a very, very special promise that two people make to each other.

Now days we sign our name on paper to make an agreement. But in ancient times when people made a covenant, they cut animals and laid them out to make a path. This was a way of saying "If I don't keep my part of the covenant, may I be cut off just like these animals. It was called "cutting a covenant."



So, God told Abram, "Take a cow, a goat, a ram, a dove and a pigeon, and line the pieces up." Abram obeyed God. Then God was ready to say His covenant! "Abram, I have made you promises. You will have a big family. And I will give you this land."

Then a smoking pot and a burning torch started floating between the animal pieces, with nobody holding them! This was God's sign that HE was there. God didn't ask Abram to make the walk. God walked through. God was making the covenant with His friend.



Later God said, "I am changing your name to **Abraham**. Your new name means **'father of MANY.'**" God was promising Abraham that he would have a big family. But God was not just talking about Abraham having lots of physical children. The Bible shows that in time, Abraham's FAITH family will grow. More and more people have faith like Abraham. So, by FAITH I can be a part of Abraham's big family too!

Remember the **3 promises** God made to Abraham. (Genesis 12:2,3)

1. A BIG FAMILY
2. A SPECIAL LAND
3. SOMEONE WILL COME TO BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD



God sent Jesus to bless the *whole* world. He died to forgive sins for everyone who believes in Him. If we have faith in God like Abraham did, we will be the stars in the sky! Our faith can shine like Abraham's! God always keeps His promises!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY  
Color the picture of Abraham & the Stars

Write Abram's new name:



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A B R A H A M

### UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

Write the 3 Promises to Abraham & Color the graphic below:

God promised Abraham:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Someone would  
come through his  
family to:

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How can you be part of  
Abraham's Family?

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