

6. SIX PROMISES

Genesis 11 & 12

God commanded Abram, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee" (Gen. 12:1). Then God made six promises to Abram:

1. "I will make thee a great nation."
2. "I will bless thee."
3. "I will...make thy name great."
4. "Thou shalt be a blessing."
5. "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee."
6. "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."



Abram obeyed God. Abram's family headed toward Canaan. Along the way they stopped at Haran, and lived there until Abram's father died. Later God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abraham is sometimes called the father of the Israelite nation. His descendants became the Israelites.

One of the descendants of Abraham was Jesus. The sixth promise meant that Jesus would be a descendant of Abraham, and all people on the earth are blessed. We all have a chance to be saved because Jesus came to earth and died for our sins. Abraham trusted God to do everything He promised.

Underline the correct answers:

1. God told Abram to: a. move to a land God would show him b. ask his wife where they should live c. stay where he was the rest of his life
2. God promised to: a. give Abram a million dollars b. give Abram a castle to live in c. make his name great
3. God changed Abram's name to Abraham: a. later b. that same day c. the day he was married
4. Abraham's descendants became the: a. Egyptians b. Philistines c. Israelites
5. When God said, "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," He was speaking of: a. Pharaoh b. Jesus c. Pilate
6. Abram: a. was worried that God would not keep his promises b. asked God to give him proof that what He said was true c. trusted God to do everything He promised

Read Genesis 12:4-20 and answer these questions:

1. Abram obeyed God. He moved with his father, wife, and nephew. They stopped along the way and lived a while at (11:32, 12:1):
a. Haran b. Houston c. New York
2. Abram moved to the land of Canaan after (11:32, 12:4): a. He got married b. His father died c. Sarai had a baby
3. How old was Abram when he moved to the land of Canaan (12:4,5)?
a. 75 b. 50 c. 80
4. Lot was Abram's (12:5):
a. brother b. cousin c. nephew
5. After the Lord appeared to Abram in the land of Canaan, what did Abram do (12:7)?
a. built an altar b. made a feast c. planted a tree
6. When there was a famine, Abram went to (12:10):
a. Syria b. Africa c. Egypt
7. Abram lied to (12:18,19):
a. Sarai b. Lot c. Pharaoh
8. Because Pharaoh wanted Sarai to be his wife, God (12:17): a. plagued Pharaoh and his household
b. blessed Pharaoh c. struck Pharaoh dead

God told Abram:

“In thee shall all nations
of the earth be blessed”

(Genesis 12:3).



God was saying that many years later He would send a
very special person who would be part of Abraham’s
family (descendants). This person was

JESUS.

NOTE TO THE CUSTOMER: RWS #101 is the first in a series of 16 books/CDs. This four year study may be used in classes of only one age level or those with students in Grades 1-8. Lessons for Grades 1-4 were published first, and later John K. Wills began writing supplemental lesson text and activities for Grades 5-8. The CD for Grades 1-8 became available in February of 2003, and the book is to be published in March of 2003. If you are ordering the book, and want to be sure you are getting the one with the added lessons for Grades 5-8, please so specify when you order.

Beginning with **RWS #108**, a chart is given showing how the classes may be adapted to include students in fifth and sixth grades, using Lambert's *New Living Bible Lessons* in addition to the RWS lessons. When Lambert does not provide a lesson on a topic covered in the RWS lesson, I have added a more difficult activity to challenge them. Eventually it is planned for lessons by Mr. Wills to be added to all books and CDs in the OT series.

Students in the multi-age classroom may enter the study at any point, but if they are in the same classroom at least four years, they will eventually learn from the RWS lessons on the entire Old Testament.

Below you will find the teachers' instructions for the above sample lesson. If your class includes any students in Grades 5-8, be sure to look at the supplemental Lesson 6 by John K. Wills, and see how the lessons could easily be used in the same classroom. Suggestions for teaching a multi-age classroom are included in the CD and book.

LESSON SIX: SIX PROMISES

OBJECTIVES:

Be sure each child understands that one of the promises was that Jesus would be born. All nations of the earth have truly been blessed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Children should realize that the great nation which started with Abraham is the Israelites. Older children will be able to grasp the difference between the ones who are born today to the Jewish race, and those who are Jews because of their religious beliefs.

Use a map to help teach today's lesson. Notice that Abraham received the promises in Gen. 12:1-3 while living in Ur of the Chaldees. He went to Haran with his father and other family members. He lived there until his father, Terah, died. Then he went on to the land of Canaan. Also see Acts 7:2-4 (Charran is Haran). Read over the multiple choice questions and be sure to tell this part of the story to those who cannot read before they do the multiple choice activity. Then you can read the question and they will already know the answer. Older students may learn this part of the lesson by looking up the passages and finding the answers for themselves.

The coloring page may be printed on a color printer if you are using the CD. Fill in the letters with a marker or paint marker. Use it as a visual aid. Print the page in black and white to use as a coloring page for children. It looks nice whether the children use crayons or markers.

Third and fourth graders will need a little more time to complete the multiple choice section, as they must read a Bible passage in order to answer the questions which are not found in the text of the lesson.

Multiple Choice for younger children: 1-a; 2-c; 3-a; 4-c; 5-b; 6-c.

Multiple Choice for older children: 1-a; 2-b; 3-a; 4-c; 5-a; 6-c; 7-c; 8-a.