

# Educational Patterns for Children's Ministry

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## Today's story:

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- Abram moves to a new land,
- Genesis 12: 1-8
- Optional Memory verse:
- Optional take home paper, [The Home Sower](#)

## Today's theme:

- God Always Keeps His Promises

### Materials Needed:

- Cloth, Bible mat
- Abraham, (Abram) and Sarah figures,
- Building blocks,
- Toy tree, or a branch stuck into a lump of play dough,
- For enrichment add extra people (like Fisher Price), plastic sheep, donkeys, camels etc.

### Introducing the story:

Show the children the Abram and Sarah figures.

#### Tell them:

- "Today they are going to hear a story about a promise that God made to Abram. "
- Discuss how it feels when someone makes a promise and doesn't keep it. It's important to always keep your promises. **God always keeps His promises.**

**Telling the Story:** Familiarize yourself with the story of Abram and Sarah in Genesis 12: 1-8,

- **Act out the story** of Abram and Sarah moving to the Promised Land, telling it in your own words:
  - Lay out the Bible mat in one place with the tree near the Sea of Galilee
  - Have the kids build the town of Ur a little distance away from the cloth mat,
  - As you tell the story, let the kids move the Abram and Sarah figures to the Promised Land and "camp" under the tree.
    - For enrichment add plastic sheep, camels, etc. and extra people (Fisher Price or similar) to be servants.
  - Be sure to emphasize God's promise to give

*this special land to Abram.*

#### **Closing Prayer**

- Close in prayer thanking God that He always keeps his promises.
- Ask Him to help us keep our promises

**Optional Activity Game:** build a maze or obstacle course with tables, chairs, pillows, lines of masking tape on the floor, etc. and have the kids pretend they're going on a long journey (through a desert, across rivers and streams, etc. like Abraham and Sarah.

#### **Optional Father's Day Craft:** Father's day cards:

- Fold a piece of paper in half, (Place the fold on top)
- Have the kids draw and color a tent on the front,
- Cut a slit up the middle (of the top page) of the tent and fold back the edges to make tent flaps,
- Write on the inside: "Dad, pitch your tent on God's promises like Abraham. Happy Father's Day!"

- **Snack Ideas:** raisins, cheese, crackers  
(Foods that Abram and Sarah may have eaten).

**Supplemental Bible reading:** to be read at home in a children's Bible or story Bible until next week's lesson:

(Church school teachers: An optional take home paper, [The Home Sower](#), can be printed out and sent home with each child.)

- Genesis 12: 1-8
- Genesis 13: 5-18
- Genesis 15: 1-6
- Genesis 17: 1-8
- Hebrews 11:8-12

**Next week's lesson:** Abram gets a new name and the promise of a son from Genesis 15: 1-6 and 17: 1-8

#### **Materials needed for next week:**

- Story mat,
- Abram figure,

- Masking tape,
- Play dough and star shaped cookie cutters (optional),
- Piece of construction paper to be folded into a tent
- Optional snack:
  - ☞ Star shaped graham crackers or sugar cookies
  - ☞ icing
  - ☞ sprinkles

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