Lesson 34: Abram Follows God's Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

Youtube Link for Teachers: https://youtu.be/Dz1Dt6rsMGw

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/5cXX7PdLtMg

Worship Theme: God is our guide.

Memory Verse: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." (Proverb 16:3)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Father Abraham https://youtu.be/OAuJ7i82odA
- 2. I Will Follow Jesus https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc
- 3. I Have Decided https://youtu.be/MR1Yv--Q4oo

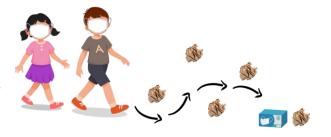
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Obstacle Game

Materials Needed: a box of masks

- 1. Use the masks to blindfold all the children.
- Place papers on the ground and tell the children that there are bombs on the ground.
- 3. Teacher will lead the group around the room and help the children to avoid stepping on the bomb (paper). So it is important for everyone to follow the teacher's direction.



- 4. If anyone does not follow the direction and step on the bomb (paper), the game will end. If everyone gets to the destination without stepping on the bomb, they win the game.
- 5. After game, explain to the children that they needed to follow the direction of the teacher so that they do not step on the bombs. Just the same way, we always need to follow God's direction because God always protects us. Today, we will learn about a man in the Bible who followed God's direction.

Introduction:

What would you do if someone tells you that you have to move to a different place but won't tell you exactly where you will be going? Would you leave your family, house, friends, and everything that you have to go to a place you do not know? Today, we will learn about a man who left his home in obedience to God because he trusted God will be his guide!

Bible Story:

Today's Bible story is about a man named Abram. Abram traveled with his wife, his father, and his nephew from their home in Ur to a city called Haran. When his family settled in Haran, Abram thought he would live there all his life. But one day, when Abram was 75 years old, God told Abram to leave the city he called home and leave his family who had settled there with him. God told Abram that he would show Abram a new land.

So, Abram and his wife packed up their clothes and their furniture. They gathered their animals. And they asked Abram's nephew Lot to come along. Then they started traveling to where God was leading them. Abram and his wife and his nephew walked and walked on their trip.

During this time, it was dangerous to travel far distance, especially with a lot of animals because robbers will come to steal from them. Sometimes, they hurt the owners so that they can steal their money and animals. But Abram trusted God to be his guide. They

kept going for many days until finally they were at the place God was guiding them to! Finally they were at their new home and God protected the entire journey!

When Abram moved, he didn't have a map. He left his home in Haran to go to a place the Lord said he would show Abram. Abram didn't know where that place was or how to get there, but he trusted God to be his guide. And God knew exactly where he was leading Abram as he left the city of Haran even if Abram didn't know. God's directions are always trustworthy.

All of us need God's guidance. Every one of us is different. We have different circumstances, different families, and different needs. But God cares for each one of us. And God would like to be each person's special guide. God might guide us to do things that we don't expect, but God is the best guide because he knows everything that's ever happened to us and everything that ever will happen to us. God is the best one to guide us through life. It's our job to trust God and follow his leading no matter where he takes us!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. Where was Abram living when God called him to leave? (Haran)
- 2. Who left with Abram on this journey? (Abram, his wife, and his nephew Lot)
- 3. Why was it dangerous to travel far distance? (there were many robbers who could hurt and steal from them)
- 4. What happened when Abram trusted God to be his guide? (God protected him and took him to a place where God wanted him to be)
- 5. Who can you trust to be your guide? (God)

Game: Find Your Group

Materials Needed: Paper with words cat, dog, cow, pig, duck, chicken



- 1. Give a paper with an animal name to each child.
- 2. When the teacher says "ready, set, go," children have 2 minutes to find their animal group by making animal sounds. They

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or show their paper.

- 3. After 2 minutes, teacher will say "stop" and everyone has to sit down. Then teacher will check to see if the groups are the same animal. The group that has all of the same animal wins the game.
- 4. After the game, explain to the children that they did well in following the teacher's direction. When we follow God's direction, we will be successful in all that we do.

cannot say the name of the animal

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Abram Follows God's Direction"

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue

- 1. Give each child a printed craft sheet and ask them to color it.
- 2. Ask each child to write the memory verse on the suitcase.
- 3. Cut out everything and glue the suitcase. Place all the other items in the bag.
- 4. Explain to the children that Abram trusted God to be his guide when he left his homeland.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.) Jesus taught us how to trust in God and proved that God won't let us down. Think about an experience that challenged you to trust God. If you knew then what you know now, how would your trust level have been different? With that in mind, prepare yourself to encourage the children to trust God for everything. As you do, pray for each child, asking God to strengthen and inspire your students to trust God.

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