

## Week 4 Family Letter

# God Blesses His People: Abraham's Call

(Genesis 12:1-9)

Once there was a man named Abraham. Abraham loved God, and God loved Abraham. God had a special plan for Abraham. God told him to move to a new home in a new land. So Abraham packed up everything that he owned. He packed his clothes, his food, his dishes, his beds, and even the tents that he lived in.

Abraham took along all his animals. He took goats, sheep, camels, and maybe even dogs. It took a long time to get ready, just like it takes you a long time to get ready to go on a trip.

Now this was long ago when there were no cars or trains or planes. So Abraham and his family put everything on the backs of camels and walked to the new land that was far away. Every day they would stop and set up a camp to sleep for the night. And Abraham would always thank God for being with them wherever they went. Finally, Abraham and his family reached the new land. God was with Abraham in his new home.

God is also with you wherever you go. He is with you when you travel or when you are at home or when you are in school. God loves you and blesses you.

### Dear Family,

As you look at the Bible picture, point out that the story happened long ago. Ask your child how people traveled back then. (They had animals, like camels, that carried packages or people.) Have your child color the camel. Set out several shades of brown or tan and let your child choose. If your child wants to make a new kind of camel, coloring it blue or green, encourage that choice by commenting on what a colorful and interesting camel that will be. Whichever color choice is made, your child will have completed a beautiful picture.

Traveling to a new place can be unsettling, even for young children. When going on a trip, take along some of your child's favorite toys. Better still, ask him or her to pick out the toys he or she wants to take. Music can help establish a familiar environment, so take your child's favorite music along to play in the car. This is good for short trips too. Also take a picture of Jesus or some Jesus books along as a reminder that Jesus is with you as you travel. Read the story on page 44 of *The Story Bible* together.

### Bible Words

God blessed them.

Genesis 1:22



