

LESSON 4

GOD CALLS ABRAM

Genesis 12:1-9;13

God told Abram to leave his home and go to live in another country, which He would show him. Abram did what God wanted him to do, and took his family and servants, sheep and cattle, tents, food and luggage, and set off, walking to where God would lead them. Abram's nephew Lot decided to go to the new land with his uncle.

After a long journey, God brought them to a beautiful land. God promised to give this land to Abram and his family forever. Abram thanked God for bringing him safely to this new land.

Because Abram and Lot had so many animals and servants, there was not enough room for them to live in the same part of the land. So Abram told Lot to choose part of the land he would like to live on. Lot chose the beautiful land of the plain, and Abram stayed in the hill country.

ACTIVITY

Complete the dot-to-dot. Use pieces of brown wool for the donkey's mane and tail, and either colour, or crumple brown crepe paper for its body and legs. Use pieces of material, paper chipping or crumpling to decorate Abram. Make bundles to paste onto the donkey using toothpicks or pieces of straw (from a broom).

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

On a sandtray, make a long road for Abram's journey, including hills, green sections (use twigs and grass), dry desert and stony sections (collect small pebbles). Move peg or pipe cleaner people and plastic animals along the road until they reach the new land. Set up some tents (see back page for simple pattern).

Using pictures compare Abram's journey with present day travel.

Make a tent from brown paper and paddle-pop sticks.

Use playdough or plasticine to make Abram and his animals.

Discuss how much luggage you would need to take, to move to a different country.

Abram went where God told him to go.

