



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of September 18, 2022: Genesis 12:1-9

Memory Verse

Genesis 12:2 - *"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

A Time to Pray

We're Going on a Journey

(a la "We're Going on a Bear Hunt")

We're going on a journey.
We're going on a big one.
What a beautiful day, we're not scared! (Oh no!)

And so on. You could use the grass, river, mud, dark forest verses as in the original. Then end with a final verse and refrain:

Uh oh! God!
We can't go over God.
We can't go under God.
Oh yes, we'll have to go with God.

We're going on a journey.
We're going on a big one.
What a beautiful day,
we're not scared for we are with God. Amen.

The Story: The Call of Abram

Like Noah in our story last week, God speaks to Abram (later called Abraham) and tells him to do a hard thing. Abram is to leave his home and journey to an unknown land. God also tells Abram that he is to be the beginning of a great nation and that God is going to make his name great, so that he will be a blessing. God tells Abram that in him, "all the families of the earth will be blessed".



Game:

Going on a Journey ~ age 3-5

You will need: pictures of different types of geographical areas (desert, woodland, water, ice, beach)

Tack up the pictures of the various areas around the room. Tell the children you are going on a journey and they have to go stand by the picture of the area you describe as you make up a story about crossing different landscapes

Movie Night!

Had we thought of it last week, we would have suggested it, but it's not too late of course to consider



setting up a movie night to watch the movie "Evan Almighty", which is a fun, family-friendly retelling of Noah and the Ark starring Steve Carrel.

So Abram went as God had told him. He packed his belongings and along with his wife, Sarai (later called Sarah), and his nephew, Lot, he traveled to the land of Canaan. In Canaan the Lord appeared to Abram again and told him, "To your offspring I will give this land." So Abram "built there an altar to the Lord".

Abram listened to God and did what God asked. God blessed him, and he became father of the nations, Father Abraham.

Activity:

Tiny Tents - age 6-12

You will need: plastic drinking straws, scissors, tape, paper clips, paper plates, green chunky crayons, mounting putty, and small pieces of fabric.

Give each child a paper plate and ask them to quickly color one side with green crayon. This makes the grass for their tent to sit on.

Use plastic drinking straws to make a frame for their 'tiny tent' (a ridge tent style is probably best). Cut the straws to the required length and use paperclips, folded and unfolded, and tape to join the poles together. Stick the tent to the grass using the mounting putty so that the tent poles don't slip around on the grass. Put a small piece of fabric over the tent poles and secure it with tape.

Talk about Abram's journey and moving from place to place. How easy or difficult do the children think that would be? Discuss times that the children have moved from one stage of something to another perhaps in school, sports activities, or youth organizations. Finally, talk about trusting that God is with us at all times and at all stages of our journeys.

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