

## ABRAHAM-THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

### INTRODUCTION

How many of you have ever gone on a long trip? What is the longest trip that you have ever gone on? The longest trip that I have ever been on was one summer when I traveled all over the Mid-West in a singing group. We were in a van and it was LONG!! Now I knew where we were going but I had to trust that the drivers were taking me where I needed to go. If they had stopped and said, "You take it from here," I would not have known which way to go or where we ever were at times. Well, you know, God told Abraham to go on a trip from his home. He didn't know where he was going but God just told him to go. What would you have done? Well, let's see what Abraham did!

LESSON PASSAGE: GEN. 12:1-9, GEN. 13:1-18,

- I. Background
  - A. Abram was a man that lived in the land of Ur of the Chaldees.
  - B. Abram had a wife who's name was Sarai.
  - C. God changed their names later on.
- II. The Command
  - A. God commanded Abram to go to a land that He would show him.
  - B. God promised to bless Abram and make a nation from his seed.
  - C. God promised that He would bless those that blessed Israel and that He would curse those that cursed Israel.
  - D. God's promise was unconditional.
- III. The Obedience
  - A. Abram obeyed God.
  - B. Quickly, Sweetly, and Completely
  - C. Abraham went into the unknown to do what God wanted him to do.
  - D. He had to trust God to take care of him and protect him.

### CONCLUSION

Abraham had a decision to make when God told him what to do. What do you think that you would have done. Obeying God does not always come with a clear explanation of why. But it is clear that we are to obey. Abram would face desertion by Lot. He would see the destruction of the wicked cities and the ungodliness of Lot and his family. Abram would be tested by God to see if he would be willing to offer his son as a sacrifice. But all through these times, Abram had to trust God and be willing to follow God wherever God told him to go. Because of Abram's faithfulness to God, God was going to greatly bless Israel. Israel would be great and would be a blessing. Obedience brings blessing. And that promise was carried out once again in Abram's life. Abram was willing to follow. Are you willing to follow God wherever He wants you to go? We must be willing. God has a special place and a special task for each one of us. We cannot carry out this task if we are not following God.

VERSE: Gen. 12:2 “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.”

TEACH VERSE:

REVIEW ACTIVITY: