

Dear Student,

This year, we will be looking at some people in the Bible. These are people who made a difference in the lives of those around them. Some of the things that they did affect us even now.

The first person we are going to learn about is Abraham.

A bible is included in your packet. The bible is a book filled with books. The very first book is called Genesis. Genesis means the origin or beginning. Chapter 12 of the book of Genesis is where we meet a man named Abram. Please read Genesis Chapter 12 verses 1-8.

- Have you ever been given instructions to go somewhere?
- Where is the farthest you've been?
- What do you think it felt like for Abram to leave his home?
- Have you ever moved?
- What do you think of the promises God made?
- What does it mean to be a blessing to others?
- Abram trusts God. How does it feel to trust someone you cannot see?

Your bible has a map showing the long journey Abram took.

Abram doesn't stay Abram. He becomes Abraham. Read Genesis Chapter 17 verses 1-8.

- Why do you think God changes his name?
- What do these names mean?
- What do you think of the additional promises God makes?
- Has anyone ever made fantastic promises to you?
- Do you think God kept those promises?
- Who owns the land God promised to Abraham's descendants now?
- How long did Abraham wait for God to fulfill his promises?

- How do you feel when you have waited a long time for something?
- Do you ever feel like giving up?
- Why do you think Abraham never gave up?
- What keeps you from giving up?

Abraham is considered the Father of all the Jewish people, all the Christian people, and all the Muslim people. The land know as Canaan is now Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, western Jordan, and western Syria.

We will also be having video lessons on You Tube. The first one is about baptism and can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1IRHNZ4KCU&t=136s>

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