

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?

What do you think it felt like for Abram to leave his home?

What do you think of the promises God made?

Abram trusts God. How does it feel to trust someone you cannot see? In your packet is a blindfold. Find a partner (sibling or a grown up) and take turns being blindfolded. The person who can see must guide the blindfolded person across a room without walking into things. Take turns and add obstacles. Practice trust.

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

Why do you think God changes his name? Abram means Exalted Father. Abraham means Father of Many.

What do you think of the new promises God makes?

Do you think God kept those promises?

Abraham is 99 when God changes his name. He had been waiting a long time for God to fulfill all 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.

There is fun song that is sung about him. It is called "Father Abraham" and if you want to have fun singing along and doing the motions, here is the the link to the YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/LXXL1oDKcp4>

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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