

# Adventures with GOD!

## FAITH IN A STRANGE LAND (B.3.FALL.5)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 12:10-20
Key Verse	Proverbs 3:5
Key Concept	I can trust God in any and all circumstances.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tell why Abraham doubted God when he was in Egypt</li> <li>2. Talk about situations that produce fear or cause us to doubt God</li> <li>3. Remember the promises of God that will help us trust God even in difficult circumstances</li> </ol>

### LIFE APPLICATION:

Despite their faith in God, there were moments when Abraham and Sarah doubted that God would be faithful. This week the children will learn about Abraham and Sarah's experience in Egypt and what happened when they choose not to trust God. We remember that God is always with us and is true to the promises he makes with us. We need to remember even in those difficult moments when doubts creep in that God is faithful.

### Possible activities and class plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Introduction	Modeling clay or playdoh	5 minutes
Bible exploration	Bibles and map	10 minutes
Bible verse	Activity sheet	10 minutes
Activity	Activity sheets, pencils, colored pencils/crayons, other art supplies	10 minutes
My GROW adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review:** As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

**Opening Prayer:** Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

**Bible Reading:** Explain that as we read the Bible we do so first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out-stretched, palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the biblical reference for the day (Genesis 12:10-20) two times and ask children to respond.

**Question examples:** What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you through the story?

**Introduction:** Give the children a little bit of playdoh or modeling clay and ask them to make a camel. When they have finished put the camels on a large brown piece of paper in the middle of the floor and have them sit around it. This will create a visual for the Bible exploration. Ask them if they have seen camels and what they look like. Explain that in places in the Middle East, especially in the desert they are a mode of transportation. Find an illustration or picture of this to show the children.

**Bible exploration:** Point out the map on the wall. Remind them of where Abraham and Sarah were according to last week's story. Then point out Egypt, which is where Abraham and Sarah travel to in today's Scripture reading. Have them listen to the story again in Genesis 12:10-20 or have the children tell the story in their own words, as they've heard the Scripture previously in the Bible reading times. Some of the important things to point out about this story are:

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- Abraham and his family traveled to Egypt in search of food, because it was scarce in the place they were.
- Abraham was scared and decided to lie and not tell the truth about Sarah's identity. He didn't trust God.
- Sarah was beautiful and the Pharaoh took her as his wife.
- Abraham did well in Egypt as he was under the protection of the Pharaoh.
- God was not pleased by the lie that Abraham told and God sent an illness on Pharaoh's house.
- Abraham and his wife were allowed to leave freely and they fled Egypt.

**Bible verse:** Today the children will learn the key verse (Proverbs 3:5) by completing the activity sheet – discovering the message. Once they've finished the sheet, have them take turns reciting the verse and telling what it means to them. Ask them what circumstances make it hard for them to trust God. How do we remember God's promise to always be with us and be faithful to us? For the younger children, you can have them come up with a song to learn the verse.

**Activity:** Today the children will have the opportunity to choose a learning center. There will be three centers with different activity options. One of the activities is called "Walking in the desert," another is called "Fear is a threat," and the last one is a craft option (provide colored pencils or markers, glitter, sand, etc.)

## **Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:**

**G: God's Word:** What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

**R: Relationships:** Is there anything in today's Bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the Bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

**O: Outward Action:** Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

**W: Worship:** Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?



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**Closing Prayer:** Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen.



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## ACTIVITY SHEET

### DISCOVERING THE MESSAGE

The words to Proverbs 3:5 are hidden in the table below (in order). Begin with the arrow and color in the words in the order that they go. Look sideways, up and down, and diagonal. Then write out the verse in the space below.



Trust	love	good	God
thanks	in	the	never
Bible	hope	Lord	trust
life	with	Jesus	salvation
mind	all	for	go
your	better	return	happy
heart	and	for	always
sing	Do	return	the
receive	not	depend	peace
the	wise	on	your
kings	pastors	own	you
health	rejoice	understanding	self

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## ANSWER SHEET DISCOVERING THE MESSAGE



Trust ↘	Love	good	God
thanks	in →	the ↓	never
Bible	Hope	Lord ↙	trust
life	with ↓	Jesus	salvation
mind	all ↙	for	go
your ↓	better	return	happy
heart ↘	and	for	always
sing	Do ↓	return	the
recieve	not →	depend ↓	peace
the	sise	on →	your ↙
kings	pastors	own ↓	tu
health	rejoice	understanding ***	self

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."  
(Proverbs 3:5).

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## ACTIVITY SHEET 1

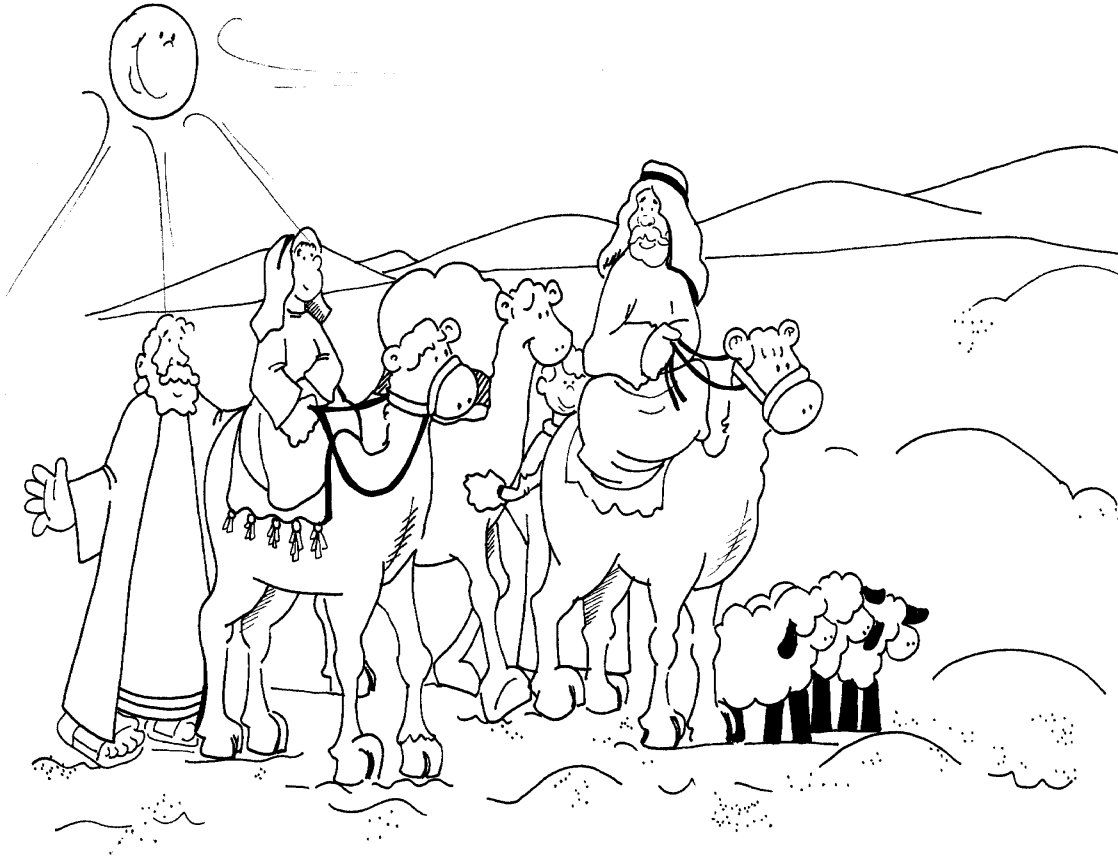
### WALKING IN THE DESERT

Because of the lack of food, Abraham and Sarah traveled to Egypt to find more food. Various things happened while they were in Egypt. Trace a line from the event in column A to the correct word that completes the phrase in column B. Read Genesis 12:10-20.

- | A  | B       |
|--|---------|
| 1. Abraham traveled to _____ in search of food.  | lied    |
| 2. Abraham was scared because his wife was beautiful and he thought his would put him in danger so he _____. | Pharoh  |
| 3. Abraham said that Sarah was his _____.  | plagues |
| 4. Abraham lied to _____.  | Egypt   |
| 5. God punished Pharoh's household by sending _____.   | sister  |

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Finish by coloring the picture and thinking about Abraham's situation. Have you ever been scared in a situation and decided to lie to someone? Talk with your friends about how you can choose to trust God even in difficult circumstances.





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## ACTIVITY SHEET 2

### FEAR IS A THREAT

We all have moments when it is really hard to trust in God. Sometimes danger or scary circumstances make us doubt God's protection and faithfulness. Here you will find a list of things or situations that may produce you to doubt God. Can you think of others? Circle the ones that would make you tempted to doubt God. How can you trust God even in these moments?



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Situations that make me scared and I don't know what to do!

- \* When I'm sick
- \* When my parents fight
- \* When I'm not doing good at school
- \* When I go for a trip
- \* When there are thunderstorms
- \* When a friend asks me to do something that's wrong
- \* When I have to speak in front of people
- \* When a friend is sick
- \* When someone dies
- \* When I hear about war
- \* When my Friends are fighting with me
- \* When ...

Draw a picture to answer this question:  
How do you do what's right and follow  
God even when you're scared?



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## ACTIVITY SHEET 3 TRUSTING IN GOD

Color the picture below of Abraham and Sarah on their way to Egypt. As you color talk about the things that make you scared and make you doubt God's presence with you. How can you remember that God is with you? What has God promised us in the Bible?

