

# Adventures with GOD!

## GOD SPOKE TO ABRAHAM (A.3.SPRING.4)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 12: 1-3
Key Verse	1 Samuel 3: 10
Key Concept	God wants you to listen and obey God's voice.
Educational Objectives	At the end of this lesson, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss how God spoke to Abraham.</li> <li>2. Discuss ways we can talk to God.</li> <li>3. Give thanks to God and explore how to express love during the week.</li> </ol>

### Life Application

The story of Abraham is another example of how God communicated with humans. God spoke to Abraham out loud just as God did with Adam and Noah. Abraham decided to obey the voice of God even though he was unable to see God's face. Children need to understand that although we cannot hear the audible voice of God, God is still speaking through the Bible and the people who help us understand. Like Abraham, children can listen to God and decide to obey.

### 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		10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible	10 minutes
Craft		10 minutes
Activity		8 minutes
Snack		5 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 at [CovChurch.org/children/adventures-with-god](http://CovChurch.org/children/adventures-with-god).

**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 we read the Bible 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 Key Verse for the day twice 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 though the story?

**Bible Exploration:** Remember to keep an open Bible in your hands while reading today's story. Explain that Abraham was a wealthy man of age living in a big city. Abraham was alone when God spoke to him. God told Abraham to leave both his city and home. God would guide Abraham to a new place. Ask children to imagine a big change like the one Abraham and his family faced. What would they do, if at any moment, their parents told them they must move to another city? Although it's exciting, you would miss your home, friends, and church. But Abraham obeyed everything God asked of him. The entire family, along with all of their flock, left the big city to the place where God led him. Abraham and his nephew led the group on

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their journey through the desert. At that time there weren't any hotels or inns where they could stay, so the journey wasn't as comfortable as it would be today. They had to carry all of the food and supplies they needed for the long journey. In fact, there were no stores to stop at in the desert. They had to make sure to bring enough water for themselves and the animals. While this seemed like a difficult task to Abraham, he had so much faith in God, and God blessed Abraham for his obedience.

**Activity:** Have children pretend they're going on a journey like Abraham did. Take a walk around the room or outside while discussing how easy it is to travel today, and how difficult it was to travel in the days of Abraham. Review the things Abraham needed for his journey through the desert. Allow children to imagine what they need to bring, and continue the message of obedience as children color the activity found on page 8.

**Craft:** Using the sheets found on pages 5-8, children can draw, paste or decorate as they wish. Provide paper, glue, scissors, magazine cutouts, etc. Help the children if needed, but encourage them to use their imagination.

**Snacks:** Finish by thanking God for the people that were on the journey with Abraham, and for their obedience to God. Let each one (if you wish), express a words of gratitude to God. Serve a heathy snack. Children can continue to share while enjoying their snack.

## 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. Give children 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? What would you like to say to God?

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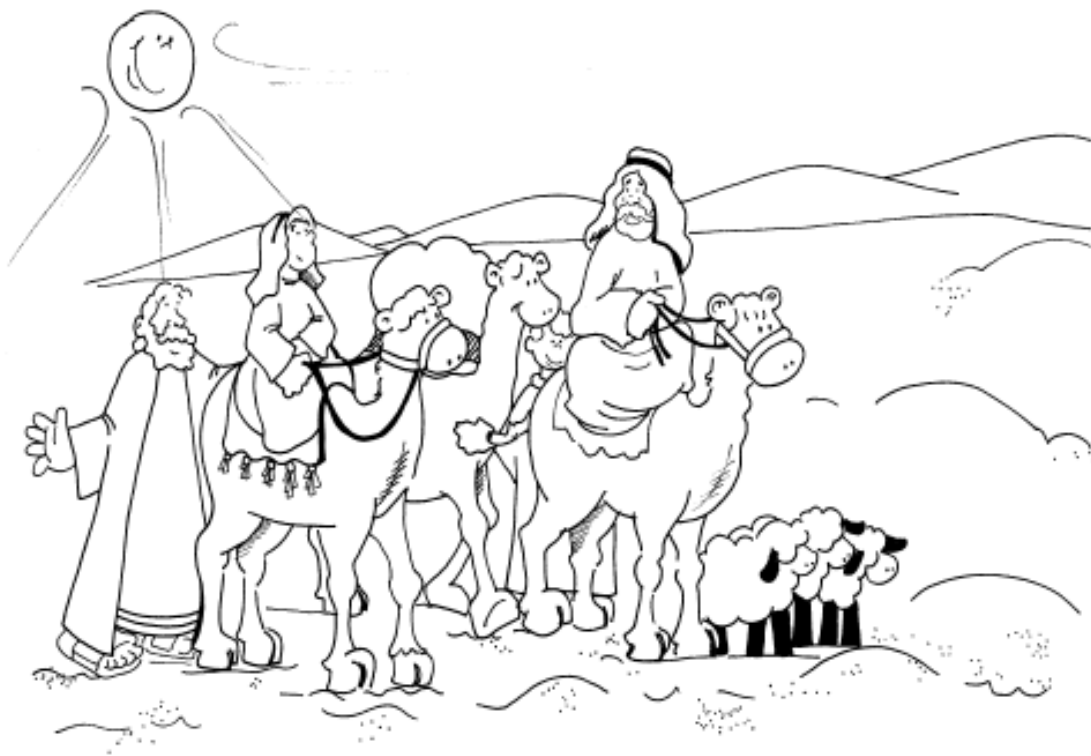
**Closing Prayer:** Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle, explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, the candle reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have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

Abraham and his family



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## Illustration

Walking through the desert

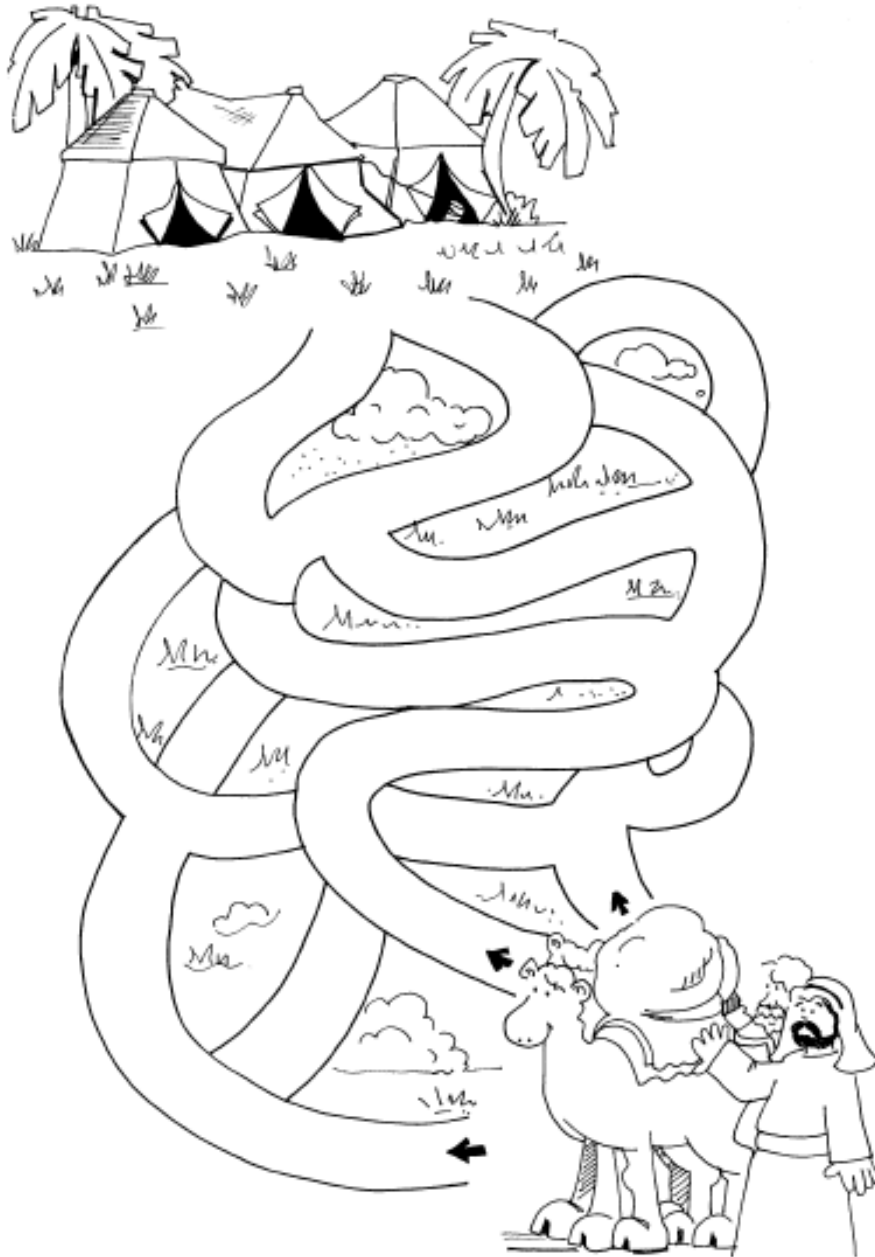


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## Illustration

Help Abraham find his way through the desert

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## Activity



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***"And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel!  
Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." 1 Samuel 3:10***