LESSON 13

ABRAHAM OBEYS GOD



Aim: **To teach the children that obedience to God keeps us under God's care.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 12:1-20; 13:1-4**

Memory Verse: **Hebrews 11:8**
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Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Ask the class what one has to do to prepare for a journey. Encourage answers like these: put out your clothes; say goodbye to your family and friends; determine the route.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Abraham probably lived about the same time as Job. At first, he lived in a big town. He had a wife named Sarah. The couple had no children. They were very wealthy and comfortable. Abraham was not expecting to set out on a journey, but one day God told him to leave his home and his people (12:1).
2. When you leave home, people ask you where you are going. But Abraham (or Abram, as he was called then) did not know the name of the place he was going to. God had not told him. God had only told him he would show him the place and that, if Abraham obeyed God, he would receive many blessings and be an instrument of blessing (12:1-3).
3. So Abraham packed up everything. **Show Picture 13.** When he arrived in a country called Canaan along the eastern edge of the Mediterranean Sea, God told him that was to be his new homeland, even though it was occupied by other tribes at the time. Abraham thanked God by worshipping him (12:4-8).
4. Life was hard in the new land. There was a famine, so Abraham left Canaan to find food in Egypt. But there Abraham truly was a foreigner, and because he was frightened he lied to the king, saying that his beautiful wife, Sarah, was his sister. **Describe how Abraham's disobedience led to trouble (12:10-20).**
5. Abraham returned to Canaan, the land God had promised him and his offspring, and again worshipped God (13:1-4).

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

God has promised us a new life and a place in heaven, where he rules. But we must obey him in order to take possession of his promises.

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