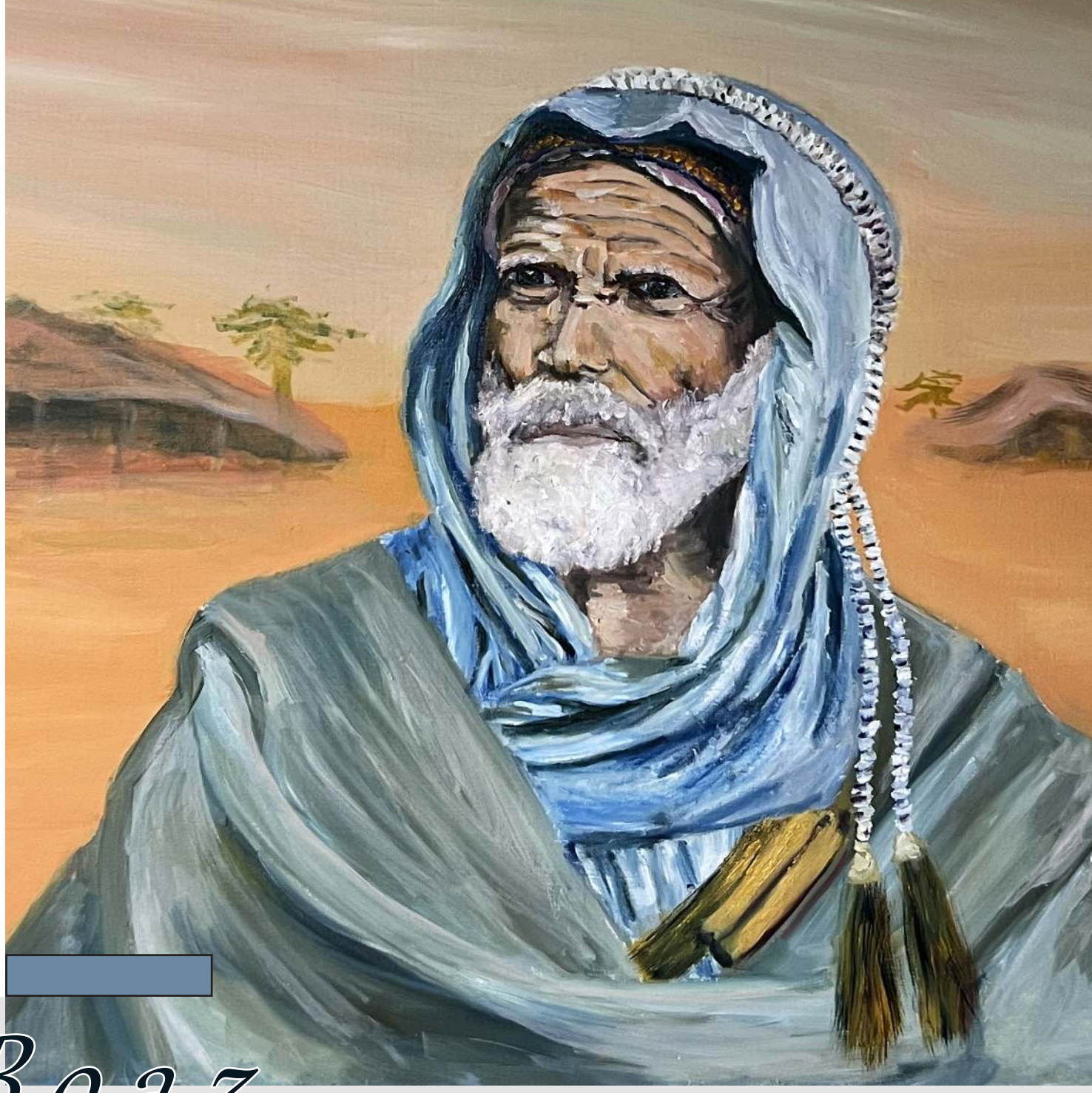


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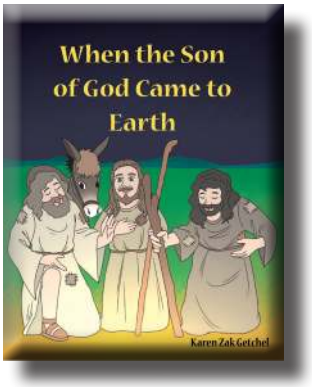
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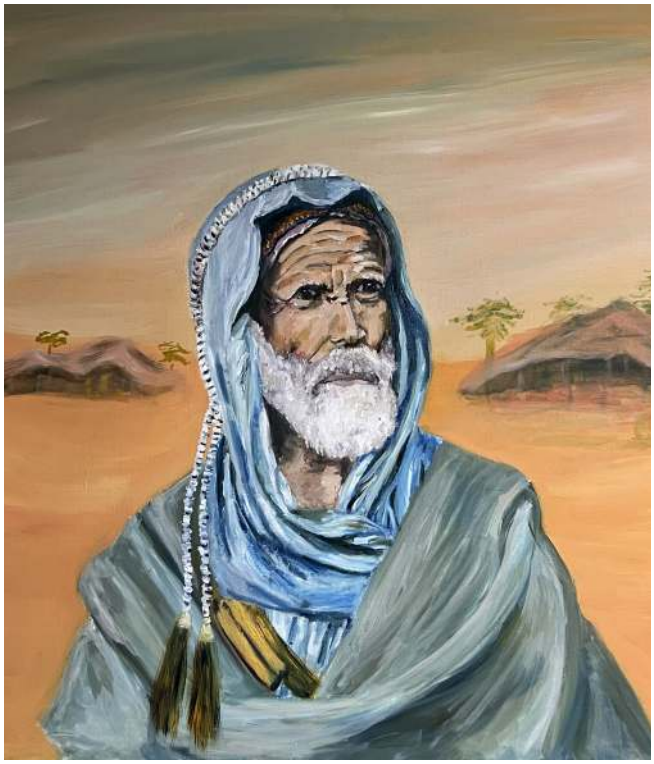
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Abraham



What do you think of when you think of FAITH? Do you have faith in God's promises? Can it sometimes be difficult to keep your faith in God? Abraham is a famous character in the Bible. He is known for his great faith and for receiving a special promise from God was fulfilled by Jesus, who is one of his descendants. He is such a great example for us regarding having faith in God!

Abraham was originally named Abram until God changed his name. Back when he was still called Abram, he lived with his family in a place called Ur, which was a prosperous city in Mesopotamia. God spoke to him there and told him to leave his home and travel to a place that He would show him. It was a bit vague! God did not tell Abram exactly where his new home would be, but instead asked him to have faith and leave his current home without a real understanding of where he would live or where he would be going. Abraham would never go back to Ur! He just had to trust that God would show him the way to his new home.

God asks us to do many things that we don't always understand. We must trust in His wisdom and have faith in His love for us that what He asks is in our best interest. And sometimes it's not about the end result so much as the journey that changes us along the way. Now, we shouldn't expect God to talk to us and tell us to move out of our houses like He did for Abram. But the Bible gives us plenty of instructions about loving others and treating them with kindness and respect. It sounds easy, but sometimes that can be quite hard! We must have faith that God's ways are best. Even when it's hard, it's always important to do the right thing.

In Abram's case, he was instructed to leave everything behind and follow God's words. It was also at this time that God made Abram a special promise. God promised to make Abram into a great nation and that in his family all the families of the earth would be blessed. This was a very big promise! Abram was already 75 years old and didn't have any children of his own. But he trusted God, so he gathered all those in his household along with his wife, Sarai, and they traveled were God asked.

Abram's journey wasn't easy, and although he did have faith in God, his faith wasn't always perfect, and Abram made mistakes just like us. When he was traveling through Egypt, he feared for his life and told his wife to say that she was only his sister. Abram was afraid that if the Egyptians knew that Sarai was his wife, they might kill him and take her away. But instead, after Abram and Sarai deceived the Egyptians, and they took her BECAUSE they thought Sarai was only Abram's sister! That's when God caused great plagues to fall upon the Pharaoh and his house. The Pharaoh called Abram and

asked him why he hadn't told them they were married, and caused the terrible plagues to happen. He quickly returned Sarai to Abram and told them to go.

Had Abram just told the truth, God would have certainly taken care of them. How else could God's promise involving their future children have come true? We should always believe in God's promises and have faith in His Word. It will always come to pass, even if God does things in a way we don't expect, or if things seem to take longer than we thought they would. But in this part of Abraham's story, God demonstrated His immense grace. Even when we have moments where we make mistakes, God will still take care of us. There is nothing we can do that will make God stop loving us.

It wasn't long after this that God came to Abram in a vision. He reminded Abram that He is his shield. (**Genesis 15:1**) Even though Abram worried that he didn't have a son yet, God told him to look at the heavens and count the stars if he could, for that would be the number of his offspring. Abram believed him, so God said he was righteous. God told him that he would live to a good old age. And he did! Abraham lived to be 175 years old. (**Genesis 25:7**)

Abram and his wife, Sarai both trusted in God's promise. But they didn't know how it was going to happen. Sarai especially was aware that she was past the normal time for a woman to have children. So, she decided to try and help things along by giving Abram her servant Hagar, so that a son could be born through her. Hagar did have a son named Ishmael, but soon Sarai regretted trying to make her own plan happen. Sarai did not get along with Hagar once her position in Abram's house went from servant to the woman bearing the heir. Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born. Even though this wasn't the heir God had in mind, He still made a strong nation from Ishmael's family line. (**Genesis 21:13**)



Sarah, Abraham and Isaac



Then, when Abram was 99 years old, God came to him and made His covenant again, saying, “You shall be the father of a multitude of nations”. This was when God changed his name from Abram to Abraham. (**Genesis 17:5**). He also changed Sarai’s name to Sarah.

Soon after, God sent three angels to Abraham. When they arrived, he asked them to stay awhile and have a meal. After eating, they told Abraham that about this time next year, a son would be born to him by Sarah. Now Sarah was listening to this, and when she heard them, she laughed at the thought! (**Genesis 18:12**) But the men heard her laugh and asked Abraham why Sarah would laugh at this prophecy. They were pointing out that her faith needed some improvement! God had made a promise, and His promises ALWAYS come true.

So, of course, one year later, Sarah had a son. She said, “God has made laughter for me;

everyone who hears will laugh." Now, her laughter was because of joy for what the Lord had done for her. She named the baby Isaac, which means "he laughs".

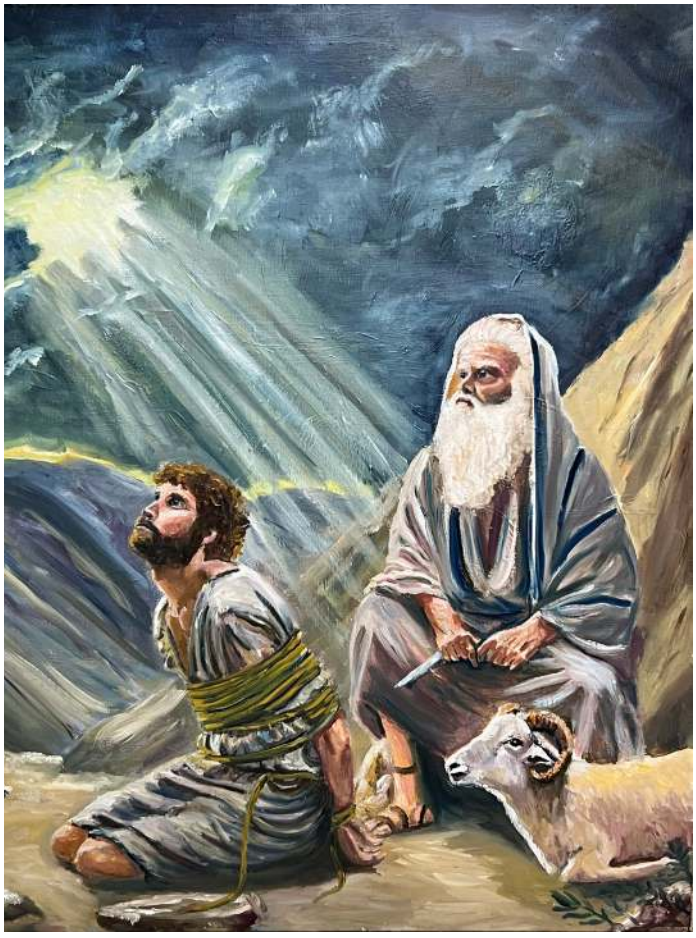
As Isaac grew, he and Ishmael did not get along. Sarah told Abraham that he needed to send Hagar and Ishmael away. This made Abraham very unhappy. But God came to him and told him to do as Sarah asked. God still had a plan for Ishmael and would take care of them while they lived in the wilderness. So, Abraham sent Hagar away with Ishmael, and Isaac continued to grow in peace.

Some years later, God came to Abraham and asked him to do one of the hardest things imaginable! He told Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and sacrifice him to God. God had never asked anyone to ever sacrifice a human to Him, and He never did again. God values human life so much and would never want a child to be sacrificed (**Jeremiah 19:5**). If Abraham was confused or worried, he did not show it. Instead, he did as God commanded, without saying a word, and journeyed for three days until they came to the mountain. Then, Isaac carried the wood, and the father and son pair hiked up the mountain.

Isaac knew the tradition of burnt offerings and noticed that a lamb was missing from their supplies. Eventually, Isaac asked his father about it. Abraham still hadn't told him that it was him — his special son — whom he was supposed to sacrifice, and simply said that the Lord would provide (**Genesis 22:8**). Once they had built the altar and placed the wood over it, Abraham took Isaac and placed him on top. But before he used his knife on his precious son, an angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven saying, "Do not harm the boy… for now I know that you fear God…" Isaac was not harmed, and as Abraham looked, he saw a ram caught in the thicket, so Abraham and Isaac offered that ram as the burnt offering instead.

God asked Abraham to do something that must have been the hardest thing he had to do in his whole life. Yet on that mountain, God stopped Abraham before he harmed Isaac. Abraham proved to himself and to God that he did truly trust in the Lord and His covenant. What an incredible example of faith! But the lesson doesn't stop there.

God Himself gave up HIS only son whom He loved as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Just like Abraham on that mountain, God led Jesus to become the sacrificial lamb to save all of mankind from sin and death. In Abraham's case, God didn't allow him to actually sacrifice his son because it would have been unnecessary suffering for both Abraham and Isaac. But Jesus really did die as a ransom. God's plan to rescue mankind through the death of His son started before the world was formed. And the promise given to Abraham was just that — that one of his descendants, Jesus, would save mankind in a way that blesses all the families of the earth! How powerful that Abraham also got the experience of nearly sacrificing his own son, Isaac, in a way that pictures exactly how God



would bring about this beautiful blessing of the resurrection of mankind in God's kingdom.

It can be hard to rely on God in every moment of our lives. That's why God gives us reminders. For Abraham, God repeated His promise several times before Isaac was even born. Abraham's great example teaches us that we should always have faith and trust in God's promises.

Today, we can still have faith in that same promise God gave to Abraham! We trust that through Jesus' sacrifice (Abraham's descendant), ALL the families of the earth will be blessed in the resurrection. That's the kind of promise that can bring about so much peace and excitement! And there are many more promises God has given to us that we can claim whenever we are discouraged, confused, or struggling. Here are a few gems that God has sprinkled into His Word for us to find and cherish:

Philippians 4:19: God will supply all your needs.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and He will direct your paths.

Isaiah 40:31: Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength.

Psalm 55:22: God will sustain you.

Psalm 62:5-8: God will be your refuge.

Psalm 18:17: God will rescue you.

Psalm 145:9: The Lord is good to all and has compassion on all He has made.

Isaiah 26:3: You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.

1 Chronicles 16:34: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

BLURB:

What's in a name?

Abram means "*exalted father*" but his name was changed to Abraham, which means "*father of a multitude*."

Sarai means "*princess*," but her name was changed by God to Sarah, which means "*noblewoman*."

Think about the story of Abraham and Sarah. Why do YOU think God changed their names to mean something new?

What if God gave YOU, one of His beloved children, a new name? What could it mean and how would it shape your life?

BLURB:

Vocab!

Faith — Having complete trust or confidence in God. When we put our faith in God, we believe what He tells us in the Bible and put all our hope in Him!

Covenant — an agreement between two people (or between God and a person!). Sometimes God's covenants include promises from Him. God made a covenant with Abraham that included the agreement to bless all the families of the earth!

Heir — a child who is special because they are the ones who will inherit something. Isaac was Abraham's heir because it was through his family that Jesus was eventually born to fulfill the promise. Ishmael was Abraham's son, but not the heir, because the promise was not fulfilled through Ishmael.

Descendant —Someone's descendants are their children, but also their children's children, and THEIR children and THEIR children, on and on through all the generations. Jesus was one of the many descendants of Abraham because he was his great great great

Terah, Abraham's Father



Abraham's father was named Terah, and the Bible speaks about him in **Genesis 11:26-32**. We are told that he was from **Ur of the Chaldeans**, a pagan land in Mesopotamia. Additionally, Scripture reveals that Terah and his family were idol worshippers. In **Joshua 24:2**, the Lord says to the people of Israel:

"This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.'"

This shows us that Terah was **not** a faithful servant of God. Like many people in his time, he practiced idolatry. However, **God had a special plan**—He called Abraham to leave that life behind and made him the father of a great nation.

Now, here's something interesting: **when God called Abraham, Terah also set out with him.** In **Genesis 11:31**, we read that Terah took Abraham, Lot, and their family, and they left Ur, heading toward Canaan. It seemed like Terah was also obeying the call! **But along the way, they stopped in Haran and never continued the journey.** Eventually, Terah died there, never reaching the Promised Land.

There's an important lesson here: **Terah started the journey, but he didn't finish it**. God didn't give the promise to Terah, but to Abraham. In **Genesis 12:1-3**, God speaks directly to Abraham and commands him to leave his father's house and move forward. This confirms that **Terah was not the chosen one to receive the blessing**—something in his heart still held him back in his old ways.

His story teaches us a powerful truth: **it's possible to begin walking with God, but without total commitment, we might stop halfway.** Terah left Ur, but he never reached Canaan. We don't know if he ever truly gave up idolatry, but what we do know is that **his son obeyed God completely**—and that's why Abraham was called "a friend of God" (**James 2:23**).

This story challenges us to reflect on our own lives. **Are we walking with God like Abraham, or have we stopped halfway like Terah?** Starting the journey isn't enough; we must keep going until we reach the goal.

May the Lord bless you and give you the strength to walk in faith, without stopping. **Keep moving forward!** Amen.

Let Us Be Light in the Midst of Darkness

*"And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land." (**Genesis 13:7**)*



Dear friends, in this passage from the Scriptures, we see Abram and Lot facing a difficulty that could have led to conflict and division. However, Abram, being a man of faith and wisdom, showed a humble and peacemaking spirit by saying, "Let there be no strife between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brethren." (**Genesis 13:8**). What a testimony of righteous conduct! This teaches us that as Christians, we must live in a way that reflects the peace, humility, and love of Christ, especially in a world filled with conflict and division.

Let's look at nature to illustrate this truth. The eagle, for example, does not fight for food on the ground like the crows do. Instead, it soars higher, above the storms, because it knows there is abundant provision in the heights. In the same way, God's children should not get involved in earthly disputes or the conflicts of this world. The Word calls us to live "without complaining and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky." **(Philippians 2:14-15**).

Now, dear ones, remember that our lives are constantly being watched by those who have not yet come to know the Lord. We are like trees planted by streams of water (**Psalm 1:3**). A healthy tree, deeply rooted in the Word, bears fruit in its season, and its shade provides refuge for those around it. But if that tree is barren or its fruit is spoiled, what a disappointment it is to those seeking shelter under its branches! Likewise, if a Christian does not live according to the teachings of Christ, he can become a stumbling block to souls who look to him with hope.

Jesus Himself told us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (**Matthew 5:16**). Our lives should be beacons that guide the lost to the Savior, not obstacles that lead them astray.

Like a lamp placed on a stand, our conduct should illuminate, not darken.

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Therefore, beloved ones, if you ever face disputes or misunderstandings, remember Abram's example. He chose to yield rather than cause division, trusting that God would provide for him wherever he went. It is like a river that peacefully finds its way around the rocks; it does not fight but continues flowing toward its destination. Likewise, a Christian trusts in the Lord and does not let temporary troubles distract him from his eternal purpose.

The world is full of Canaanites and Perizzites, as mentioned in **Genesis 13:7**—people who closely observe every move God's children make. May they see in us the meekness of Christ, the fruit of the Spirit, and the glory of the Lord reflected in our lives. Let us walk carefully, "not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (**Ephesians 5:15-16**).

Dear friends, just as the sunlight breaks through the darkness every morning, let us allow our lives to be a testimony of grace and love. May the world see Christ in us through our conduct and glorify our Heavenly Father.

Can I pray like Abraham?

Key Verse: *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* — **2 Peter 3:9**

Have you ever prayed for someone who is going through a hard time? Abraham did. He prayed with great love for a city full of people who were doing wrong things. Even though God knew the city, called Sodom, was full of sin, Abraham showed compassion and spoke to God, asking Him to be patient with them.

God had promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. One day, while Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent, three visitors came to see him. One of them was the Lord. Abraham welcomed them warmly, offering food and care. Later, when the Lord was alone with Abraham, He told him that He had heard about the wickedness in Sodom and Gomorrah and planned to destroy those cities.

Abraham, full of love for the people, did something very special. He asked the Lord not to destroy the cities if He found good people there. First, he said, "What if there are 50 righteous people? Will you still destroy it?" And the Lord answered, "If I find 50 righteous people, I will not destroy the city." Then Abraham kept asking about smaller numbers: 45, 40, 30, 20, and finally, 10. He promised he wouldn't destroy the cities if He found even 10 righteous people.

Sadly, Sodom was destroyed because there weren't enough good people. But this story teaches us something very important: God listens to our prayers, and He wants us to have a heart full of love and compassion like Abraham.

Just as Abraham prayed for others, you can also pray for your family, friends, or even people you don't know. God is always listening!

Jesus said in **Matthew 5:44**:"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

God wants us to love even those who do wrong because He wants everyone to turn to Him and know His love.



How Can We Apply This?

Pray for Others: We all know people who need God's help. Maybe someone is sad, sick, or needs to learn about Jesus. Pray for them.

Trust That God Hears You: Just like He listened to Abraham, God hears your prayers, too. It doesn't matter if you're young or old—God always has time for you!

Show Compassion: If you see someone doing something wrong, instead of judging them, pray that God will help them change their life.

Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. It could be a friend, a teacher, or someone in your family. Make a list and pray for them tonight. Remember, God hears every word you say in faith.

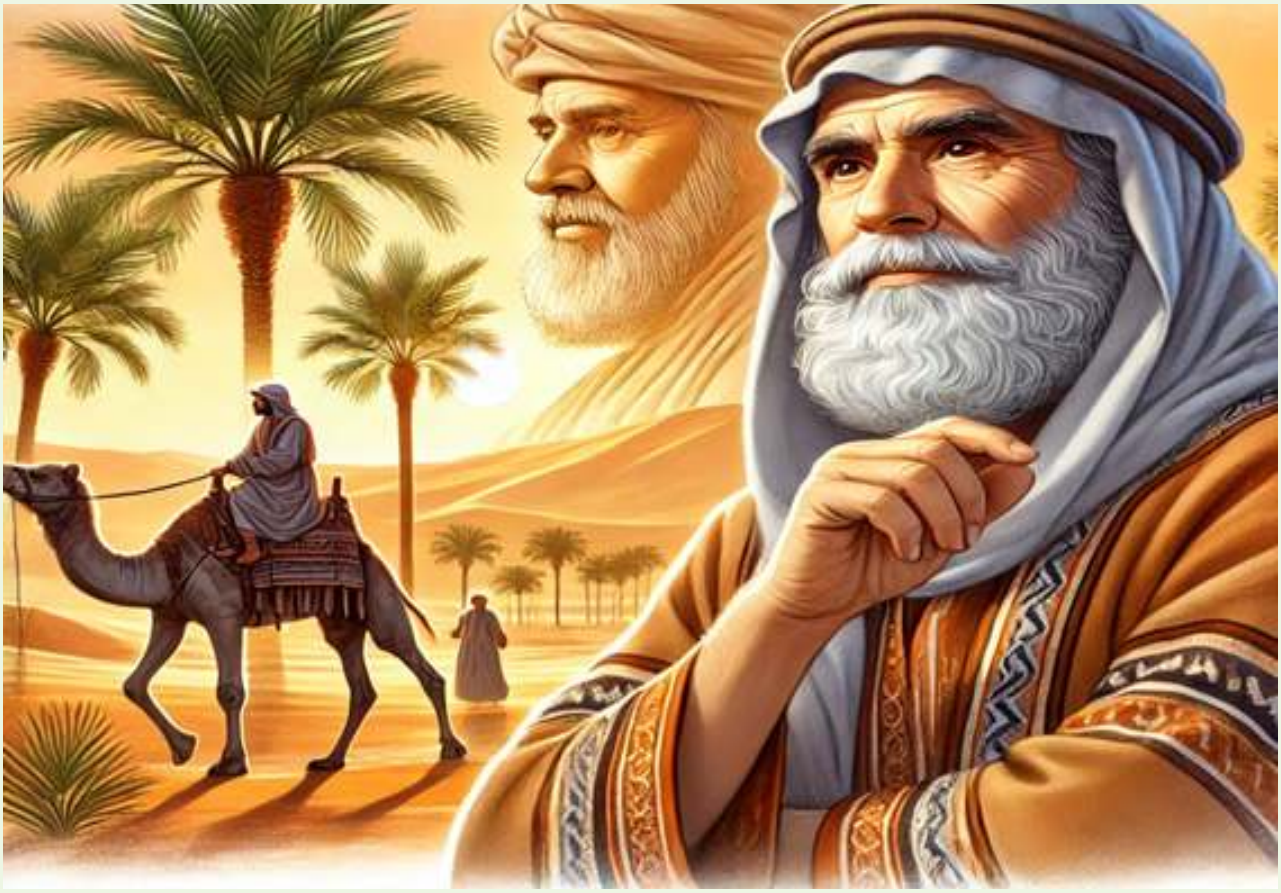
Prayer:

Lord, thank You for always hearing our prayers. Help us to have a heart like Abraham, full of love and compassion for others. Teach us to pray for those who need to know You and to trust that You are patient and full of love. Bless our families and friends, and help us to be a light in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

May the Lord bless you, dear child. Never forget that your prayers are powerful and can make a big difference in the lives of others.

This devotional is based on Genesis chapter 18, verses 1 to 33, which you can read in your own Bible.

The Friend of God



Abraham was a very special man in the Bible, so much so that he became known as the "friend of God" (**James 2:23**). His story is a beautiful example of faith, obedience, and trust in God's promises. Today, I want to tell you about his incredible adventure.

A long time ago, Abraham lived in a city called Ur. It was a big and wealthy place. One day, God spoke to him and asked him to do something very important: to leave his home, his family, and everything he knew to go to a place God would show him. God said, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you" (**Genesis 12:1**).

Even though Abraham didn't know exactly where he was going, he decided to obey. He packed up all his things, took his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot, and began a long journey. Do you know why he did this? Because he trusted that God had a perfect plan for his life (**Hebrews 11:8**).

God made Abraham a very special promise: "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you... I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted" (**Genesis 12:2; 13:16**).

This promise seemed impossible because Abraham and Sarah were very old and couldn't have children. But Abraham believed God with all his heart. The Bible says, "Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness" (**Genesis 15:6**).

And God kept His promise! When Abraham was 100 years old, Sarah had a son named Isaac (**Genesis 21:1-3**). What a special gift!

Abraham's love for God was so great that he obeyed Him in everything, even in the hardest moments. One day, God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Can you imagine how difficult that was? But Abraham trusted God so much that he believed God could even bring Isaac back to life if necessary (**Hebrews 11:17-19**). When Abraham was about to obey, an angel stopped him and said, "Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son" (**Genesis 22:12**). God provided a ram for the sacrifice and blessed

Abraham for his faith and obedience.

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Abraham was also kind and generous. One day, while he was resting near his tent, he saw three men coming. Without knowing they were angels sent by God, he invited them to eat and rest. How kind of him! At that moment, God reminded Abraham that He would soon fulfill His promise of giving him a son (**Genesis 18:1-10**).

Even though Abraham had many riches, he was never selfish or proud. When there was a problem between Lot's shepherds and his own, Abraham told his nephew, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me... If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left" (**Genesis 13:8-9**). Lot chose the best land, but Abraham didn't worry because he knew God would always take care of him.

Besides being generous, Abraham was brave. When some wicked kings captured Lot, Abraham gathered 318 of his men and went to rescue him. Even though his enemies were many, Abraham trusted that God would give him victory; and He did! Abraham rescued Lot and all the others who had been captured (**Genesis 14:14-16**).

Wherever he went, Abraham built altars to worship God. He always gave thanks for the blessings he received and sought to please God. The Bible says, "There he called on the name of the Lord" (**Genesis 12:8**).

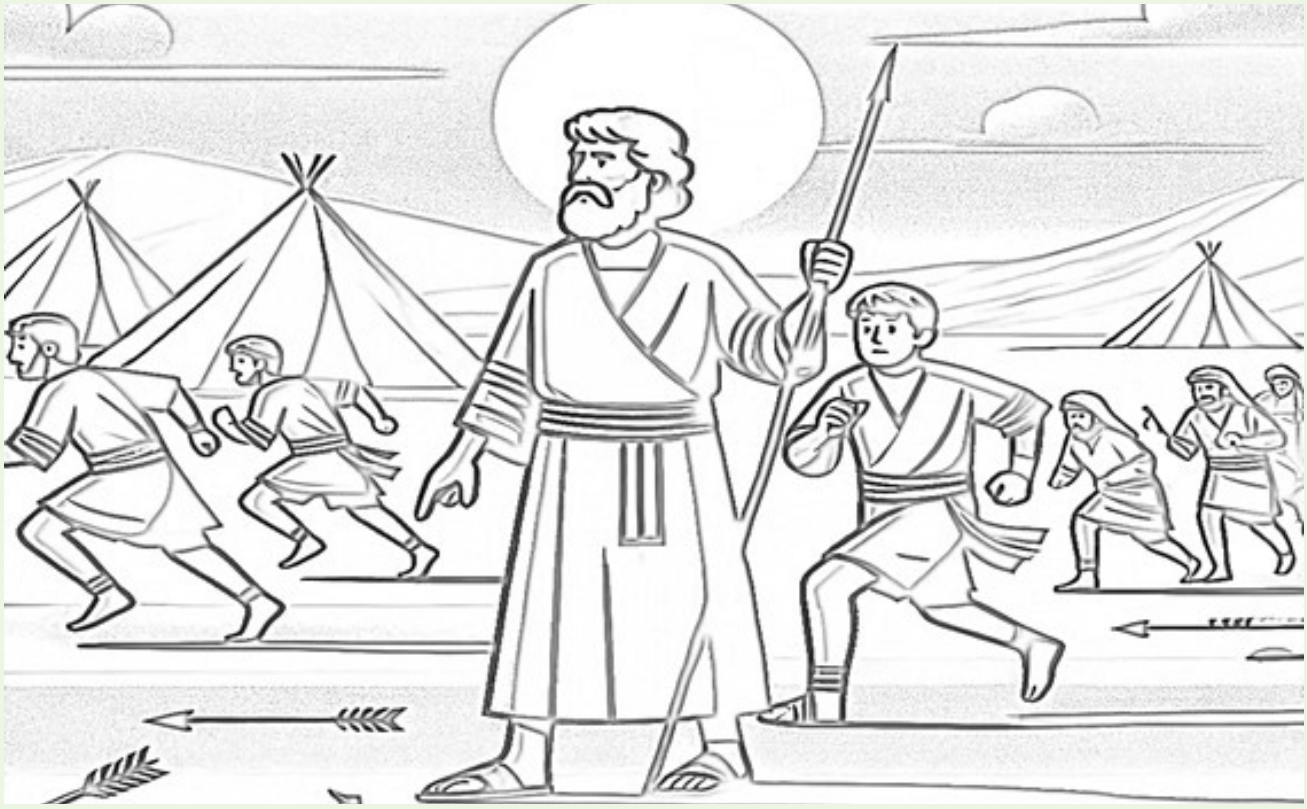
But Abraham didn't only think about the land God promised him. He also looked forward to something much greater: "the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (**Hebrews 11:10**).

What Can We Learn from Abraham?

Abraham teaches us that we can trust God, even when we don't understand His plan. He also shows us that we should obey God in everything and be kind, brave, and generous. If we follow Abraham's example and walk with God, we too can be called His friends.

Would you like to be God's friend? You can start today by praying, trusting Him, and following His Word. God always keeps His promises!

This story, where Abraham rescues Lot, is written in the Bible in **Genesis 14**. There, we see how Abraham trusted God to protect him and give him strength because he knew he was doing the right thing. It also teaches us that when we love someone and want to help them, God can give us the courage and tools we need to do it.



Young Chefs

Venezuelan Criollo Empanadas

The criollo empanada is a traditional and original dish of Venezuelan cuisine. It can be enjoyed at any time of the day and paired with your favorite drink.

Ingredients:
The following ingredients are commonly used:

- Pre-cooked cornmeal
- Self-rising wheat flour (this helps the empanada rise and become fluffy)
- Oil for frying
- Salt
- Water

It is also important to prepare the empanada filling in advance. The filling can be made with ground or shredded beef, cazón (a type of fish), black beans, cheese, ham, or any other ingredient of your choice. In this case, our Young Chefs have chosen to make ham and cheese empanadas.

Preparation:
To begin, **Jeancarlos** grated the cheese in a quantity suitable for four people. The amount can be adjusted based on taste and the number of empanadas you plan to make. Meanwhile, **Santiago** cut the ham into small strips (it can also be diced if preferred).

With the filling ready, **Gissell and Camila** prepared the dough following these steps:

1. In a bowl, pour a portion of pre-cooked cornmeal and a portion of self-rising wheat flour.
2. Add salt to taste and half a tablespoon of oil.
3. Mix and knead with your hands until you get a soft, manageable dough.

Once the dough reaches the right consistency, shape it into small balls. Then, take a small, pre-cut transparent plastic sheet greased with oil, place a dough ball on it, and gently press it with



your fingertips until it forms a thin, round layer, similar to a full moon. Next, place the filling on top of the round dough layer.

Then, using the plastic sheet, fold the dough by bringing two edges together to cover the filling. Use a round cup or mold to shape the empanada into a half-moon form. Now that the empanadas are ready, it's time to cook them. Heat enough oil in a pan or deep pot (ask an adult for help with this step). Once the oil is very hot, place the empanadas in the pan (two or three at a time, depending on the size of the pan). Let them fry for about five minutes, flipping them when one side is golden brown so the other side cooks evenly. The golden color and fluffy texture will indicate that the empanadas are ready to eat.

















Empanadas can be paired with coffee, soda, or natural juices. On this occasion, our Young Chefs decided to enjoy their empanadas with a refreshing passion fruit (parchita) juice.





Our Young Chefs:

Gissell (11), Camila (9), Santiago, (8) and Jeancarlos (10) They live in Venezuela.

RESCUE MISSION

LOT HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY TERRIBLE KINGS! CAN YOU HELP ABRAHAM AND HIS ARMY SAVE LOT AND THE OTHERS?

START!



YOU FOUND FOOD FOR THE HORSES! ROLL AGAIN!

DIRECTIONS:

FIND A COIN TO USE AS A MARKER. USE A DIE TO ROLL AND MOVE YOUR MARKER. THE FIRST ONE TO RESCUE LOT WINS!

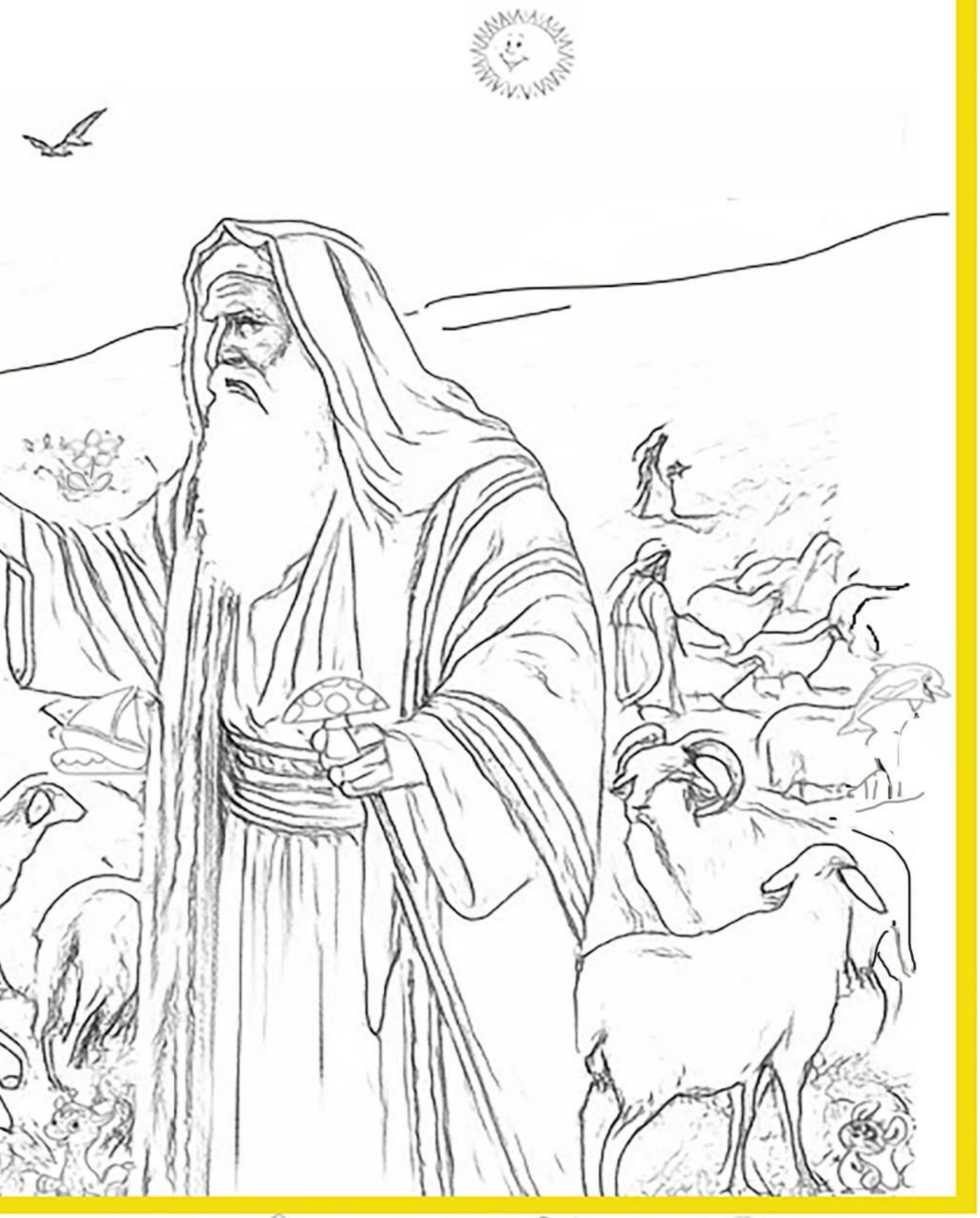
THERE IS A SANDSTORM! LOSE 1 TURN.

TO SAVE LOT!

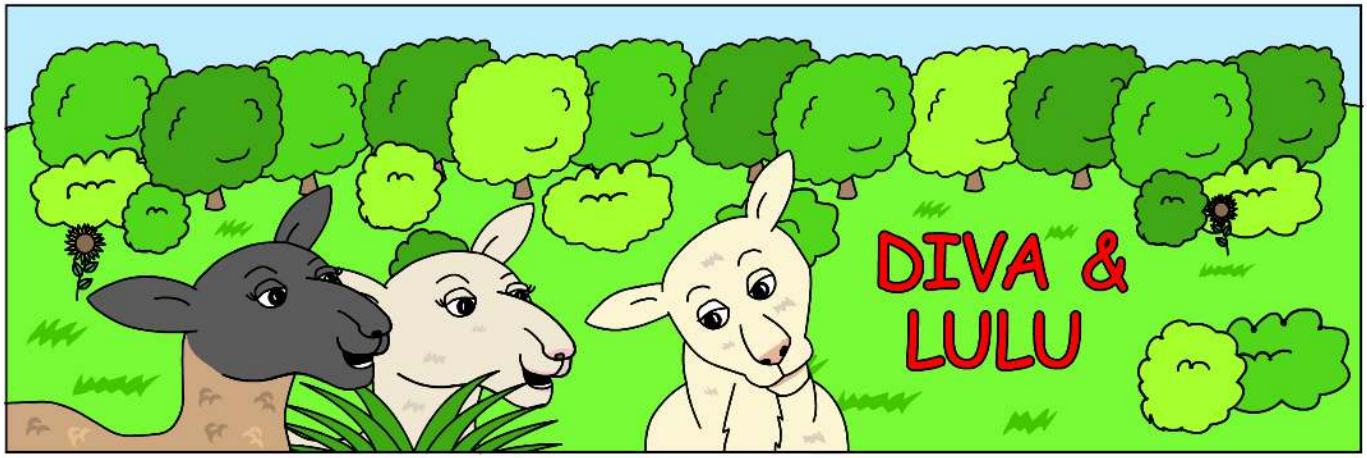

YOU MADE IT! TIME TO SAVE LOT!
YOU FOUND A SHORTCUT, MOVE AHEAD 2 SPACES!
UH-OH, THE RIVER IS TOO STRONG TO CROSS! MOVE BACK 3 SPACES.
YOU FOUND AN OASIS! MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES!
YOUR CAMP WAS AMBUSHED BY ROBBERS! GO BACK TO THE START.



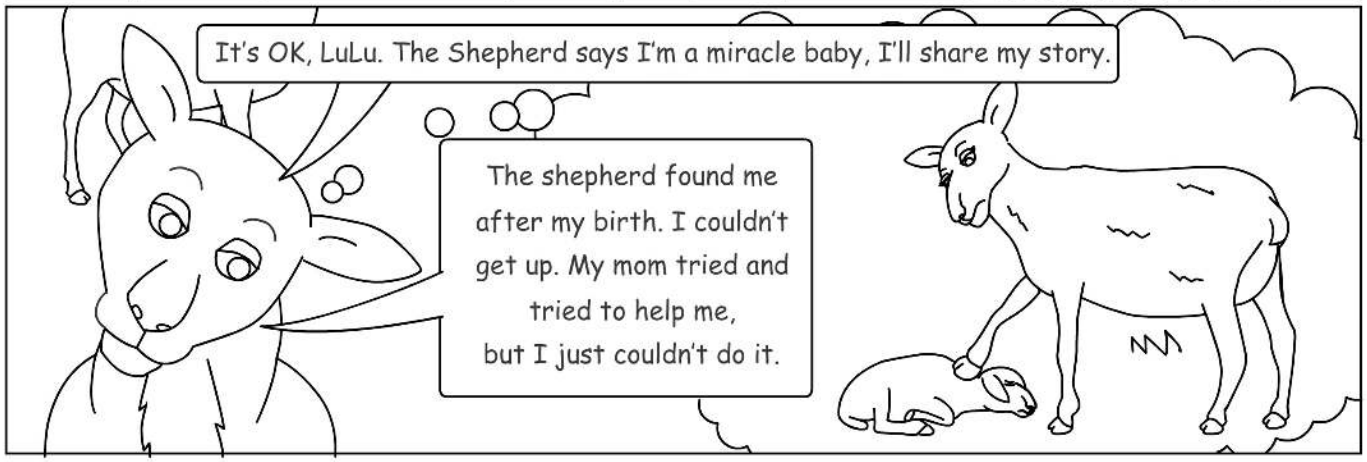
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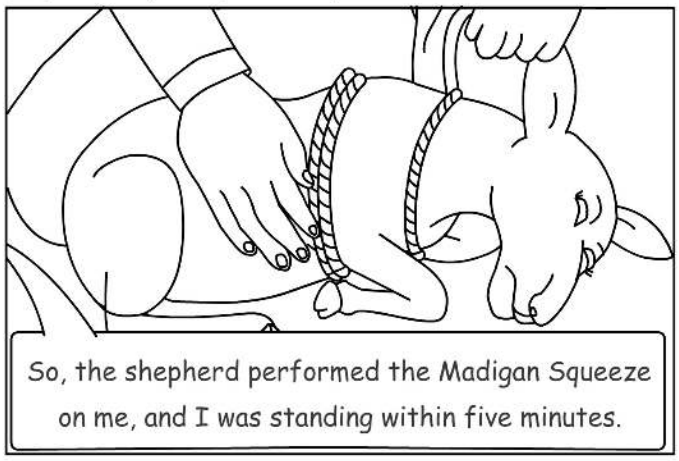


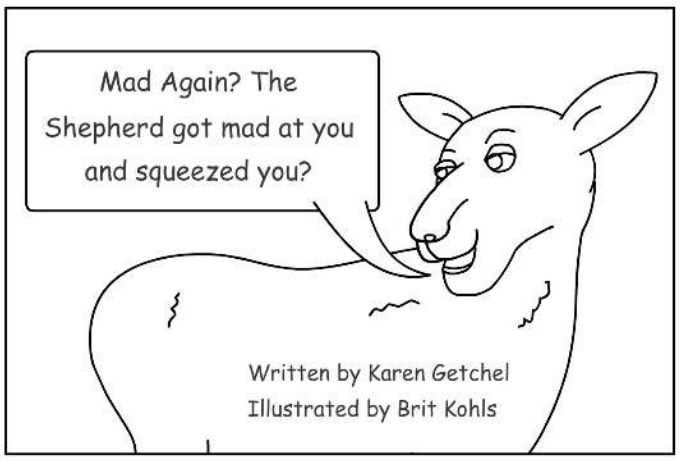



DIVA &
LULU


Quazzy, why do you look funny?
Diva! Be nice!


It's OK, LuLu. The Shepherd says I'm a miracle baby, I'll share my story.
The shepherd found me after my birth. I couldn't get up. My mom tried and tried to help me, but I just couldn't do it.


So, the shepherd performed the Madigan Squeeze on me, and I was standing within five minutes.


Mad Again? The Shepherd got mad at you and squeezed you?
Written by Karen Getchel
Illustrated by Brit Kohls


No Diva—no one was mad! It's actually named after John Madigan, a veterinarian.
To do the Madigan Squeeze, the shepherd wrapped a rope around me, laid me on the ground for 20 minutes, and then slowly unwrapped me. It was like I was born again!
Is that why your neck is crooked?
No, I was just too big when I was born, and my neck got stuck this way. The doctor tried to fix it, which helped, but it's still crooked.
God's handiwork is in everything: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14)


LuLu
Diva
Quazzy



May God bless each of you for your questions. I recieved a great blessing in searching the Scriptures with you.

Miss Molly

Ask Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

How old is God?

Amelia
Age 8, New York, USA



Hi Amelia, your question is, How old is JEHOVAH?

Let's go to the Scriptures to receive our answer.

2 Timothy 1:9 "According to His own purpose and, grace which was given to us in CHRIST JESUS, before time began."

Psalm 90:2 "BEFORE the Mountains were brought forth or ever from everlasting to everlasting, YOU are GOD."

Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life which GOD, who cannot lie, promised before time began."

Job 36:26 (GWT) "Certainly GOD is so great that He is beyond our understanding. The number of His years cannot be counted."

Amelia, the Scriptures say JEHOVAH was before time, as man couldn't count, so I can't give an age, other than before time began.

Thank you for the question.

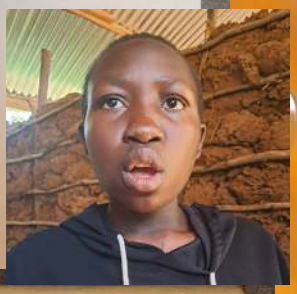
God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Where did the Israelites go from Egypt?

Ivyne Mustafa
Age 13, Kenya



Hi Ivyne, let's go to the Scriptures to get the answer.

Let's read together, so go get your Bible ok!

Exodus 13:20 "They took their Journey from Succoth, and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness."

Exodus 14:1, 2 "Speak to the Children of Israel, that they turn, and camp before Pittahiroth between Migdol, and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon you shall camp before it by the sea".

Thank you for your question.

Keep asking questions because searching the Scriptures is how we all learn more about JEHOVAH (GOD) , and JESUS CHRIST, our SAVIOUR.

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

When were Adam and Eve born?
Who was born first?

London
Age 9, Alabama, USA



Hi London,

Good to have such a question!

Let's go together in the Scriptures to get the answer, in Genesis the first book of the Bible.

London, Adam and Eve were not born; they were created.

Genesis 1:26 "God said let Us make man in Our image according to Our likeness."

This is the sixth creative day, while JEHOVAH (God) created the Earth and Heavens.

Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them male, and female He created them."

This is only to my understanding, I could be corrected please if my understanding is wrong.

According to **Genesis 1:27**, they both were created on the sixth day, because the Scripture says He created them man, and female.

Genesis 2:4 "This is the history of the Heavens, and the Earth when they were created in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the Heavens."

Now in **Genesis 2:7** "LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of Life, and man became a living being."

Genesis 2:18 tells us "And the LORD GOD said I will make him(man) a helper comparable to him."

Genesis 2:21 "The LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept, and He (God) took one of Adam's ribs.. and from the rib which the LORD GOD had taken from man He (God) made a woman."

Adam walked on the Earth before Eve was created into a woman.

Thank you for asking questions, and please don't stop.

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

What did Jesus talk about?

Reign,
Age 6, Illinois, USA



Hi Reign,

Very good question, let's go to the Scriptures, and see what they tell us.

Matthew 4:10 "You shall worship the LORD, your God and Him only shall you Serve."

Matthew 4:17 Jesus tells us to repent (ask forgiveness for what we do wrong being disobedient). The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is at hand (near)

Matthew 5:4 Jesus tells us "Blessed are those who mourn (sad because a loved one died) for they shall be comforted" (Jesus will give peace, and will not leave them alone).

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful (kind, and nice to other people) for they shall obtain mercy" (kindness from God).

Matthew 5:44 Jesus tells us, to love your enemies (people who what to do you harm you), do good to those who hate you (don't want to be your friend), pray for those who treat you badly."

Matthew 6:8-13 Jesus teaches the LORD's PRAYER. "Our Father in heaven, Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come"... we should say this before we start our prayer.

Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus tells us not to worry about food or what we will drink.

John15:9 Jesus tells us, "As the Father loved me, I also have loved you."

John 15:12 Jesus gives a New Commandment that "we love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

John 15:14 Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you."

John 15:15, 16

Reign, ask Grandma to help you read the Scriptures in the Bible.

John 3:13 Jesus tells us that "no one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven."

John 16:27,28 Jesus tells us why the Father (JEHOVAH) loves us, "because you have loved me, and believe that I came forth from God."

Reign, thank you for your question, Jesus talked about a lot it would take years to tell it all, so I put some added Scriptures to read with Grandma.

John 17:1-26

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Who is Joshua?

Joshua,
Age 10, Illinois, USA



Hi Joshua, it is a good question that you wanted to know about the man you were named after.

Let's go to the Bible, go get yours, please, and we will search together.

Joshua was Moses' successor and the Israelites' leader during the Conquests of Canaan.

Which is the promised land given to Abraham by GOD!

Genesis 12:7, 13:14-17, 15:18-21

Joshua was one of the spies sent to spy out the land of Canaan, who gave a good report.

Joshua was saved from the tenth plague, the DEATH of the firstborns in Egypt.

Exodus 12:21-32

GOD used Joshua's military skills, GOD being the Commander Himself (GOD).

Joshua 5:13-15

Joshua wrote part of the Book of JOSHUA in Bible

Joshua 24:26

Joshua through the Lord takes the Israelites cross Jordan River

Joshua 3:1-6

Lord speaks with Joshua, as He was with Moses He would be with him.

Joshua 3:7-10

Israelites walked across on dry land through the Jordan River

Joshua 7:11-17

Joshua followed the Lord's Commandments, and the Walls of Jericho fell

Joshua 6:1-27

The people of Israel learned a crucial lesson under Joshua leadership, it comes through Faith, in GOD, and OBEDIENCE to His (GOD) Word.

Joshua's original name was Hoshea, which means "SALVATION "

Numbers 13:8

Moses changed it to Joshua.

Greek name for Joshua is Jesus.

Joshua's name is symbolic of the fact that although he was the leader of the Israelite Nation during the Conquest, the LORD is the Conqueror.

Joshua died at 110 years old.

Thank you for this question. I was blessed by searching the Scriptures.

God Bless

Miss Molly

Cheetah



If you were asked what the fastest land mammal is and guessed cheetah, you would be correct. In as little as three seconds, a cheetah can reach speeds up to 70 miles (113 km) per hour. However, it can't keep that speed for very long. If it manages to catch dinner at those high speeds within 30 seconds or less, it then has to wait until it catches its breath before it can eat. So, they prefer not to run that fast if they don't have to.

Fun Facts:

- Cheetahs live an average of 14 years (20 in captivity).
- They can't roar like lions and tigers and leopards, but they can purr.
- Cheetahs also chirp, stutter-bark, and meow.
- Cheetahs have approximately 2,000 black spots.
- Cheetahs don't hunt at night—they are most active in the morning and evening hours.



- When not raising cubs, females live mostly solitary lives, while males from the same family live in a coalition.
- Cheetahs can have 2 to 6 cubs at a time.
- An adult cheetah can weigh between 75 to 140 pounds (34 to 64 kg), compared to a tiger (440-540 lbs. /200-260 kg)
- Their body length is 3.7 to 4.11 feet (between 1.1 and 1.5 m), compared to a tiger, which is about 10.9 feet long (3.3 meters). This does not include their tail, which can be 2 to 3 feet long. (.6 to .9 m)
- Cheetahs became extinct in India in 1952 and in Russia by 1989.
- Cheetahs once inhabited the Middle East, but only a dozen have survived in Biblical Persia (today's Iran).

Though the cheetahs are the fastest of any other land animal, they are not big cats compared to tigers, they are even a little smaller than the African lion.

Cheetahs naturally live in eastern and southern Africa as well as Asia, but because of the loss of habitat and food supply, there are only about 7 to 10 thousand left in the wild. What is even sadder than their dwindling numbers is that cheetahs born in wildlife preserves have less of a chance of surviving than those living completely in the wild. This is because other large predators also live in those preserves. And though in the wild



populations, the cubs fare better, the adults have more difficulty surviving because of interaction with humans and losing their habitats.

Cheetahs have solid black spots (leopards have spots, but they are not solid black). Cheetahs also have a unique black tear tripes that run from their eyes to their mouth. They are very thin and have long legs. The pads of their feet are hard and less rounded than other cats, which gives them better traction when running. Most cats can retract their claws, but the cheetah's claws are closer to those of a dog than other cats. This also helps them with traction.

Did you know that cheetahs are mentioned in the Bible? Let's take a look.

God describes the Chaldeans (who ruled in Babylon) in these verses.

Habakkuk 1:7 (NLT) They are notorious for their cruelty and do whatever they like. 8 Their horses are swifter than cheetahs and fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their charioteers charge from far away. Like eagles, they swoop down to devour their prey.

These Chaldean horses must have been pretty amazing. The fastest horse ever recorded could only run about 44 miles per hour (70.76 km). "Fiercer than wolves"—God many times uses things we know about certain animals to describe things we may not know about other things.

We often do the same thing. We sometimes use the phrase "eagle eye" to mean a person notices everything, even small details. "Busy as a bee" means someone is always working and doing something. Can you think of some other phrases that we use in our everyday language that use animals?



Zebra



Horses and donkeys have a cousin that is only found in the southern half of the continent of Africa. And while many horses and donkeys will look exactly the same, not so with their African cousin, the zebra.

Zebras live in a group called a “harem”, consisting of one male and the rest females or foals. Unattached males will form a group called a Bachelor herd. When referencing specific genders and age groups of zebras it is the same as for horses. Zebras bray like donkeys, snort and whinny like horses, and also communicate emotions through their ears and tails.

Zebras are black animals with white stripes. Their skin is black. Not only do their unusual fur patterns set them apart from all other animals, but the stripes actually have some amazing purposes. No two zebras have the same stripe pattern—which makes them all unique individuals. The stripes also deter certain biting flies. And most importantly, it confuses lions and hyenas, who like to hunt the zebra.

How does it confuse them, you might ask? The stripes don’t make the zebra blend in with the grass they might be grazing in, but when you have a dozen striped animals all together, it is harder for the lion or hyena to know where one zebra starts and another ends. They count on separating a weak or young animal from the herd, but if they



all meld together into a giant, striped mass, it is harder for them to do that.

If one zebra is threatened, the family will come to their aid to protect them. They pack a powerful kick and bite.

There are three types of zebras: The Grevy's, which are the largest, which stands from 4 to 5 feet at the shoulder (1.24 to 1.6 meters). They can weigh from 750 lbs to 1000 lbs (350 to 250 kg), which is smaller than the average horse, and closer to the size of a donkey. The Mountain Zebra is a little smaller, and the Plains Zebra is the smallest, topping out at only 850 lbs (400 kg).



Fun Facts

- Zebras recognize each other by their stripes
- Their stripes may help them keep cool, by creating air currents along their bodies
- They can run in zig zags up to 35 miles per hour (56km)
- Their stripes deter insects
- They have very good eyesight and can see in the dark
- Zebras are always black and white—except when they are born then they are brown and white
- They stand up when sleeping
- Plain Zebras can live 25 years in the wild (40 years in captivity)

In ancient times, the zebra was called hippotigris (horse tiger) by the Greeks and Romans.

The Swahili word for "zebra" is "pundamilia," which translates literally to "striped donkey."

The Zebra isn't specifically mentioned in the Word of God. The closest animal is the "wild donkey".

Job 24:5 Like wild donkeys in the desert they go out to their labor, seeking diligently for food; the wasteland provides food for them and for their children.

Psalm 104:10-12 He (God) turns springs into streams; they flow between the mountains. They provide water for all the animals in the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky live beside them; they chirp among the bushes.



Göbeklitepe



An “archaeologist” is a scientist who studies human history by digging in the dirt looking for hidden treasures to help them see how people of the past lived. They look at bones, pottery and buildings and then by putting all the pieces they have together like a giant puzzle, they try to understand how our ancestors lived.

Hunting for hidden treasures can be fun and exciting, but it is also a lot of work. It involves a lot of digging and sifting through dirt for whatever is hiding there.

Let’s look at the treasures they found in the sands and dirt of Turkey.







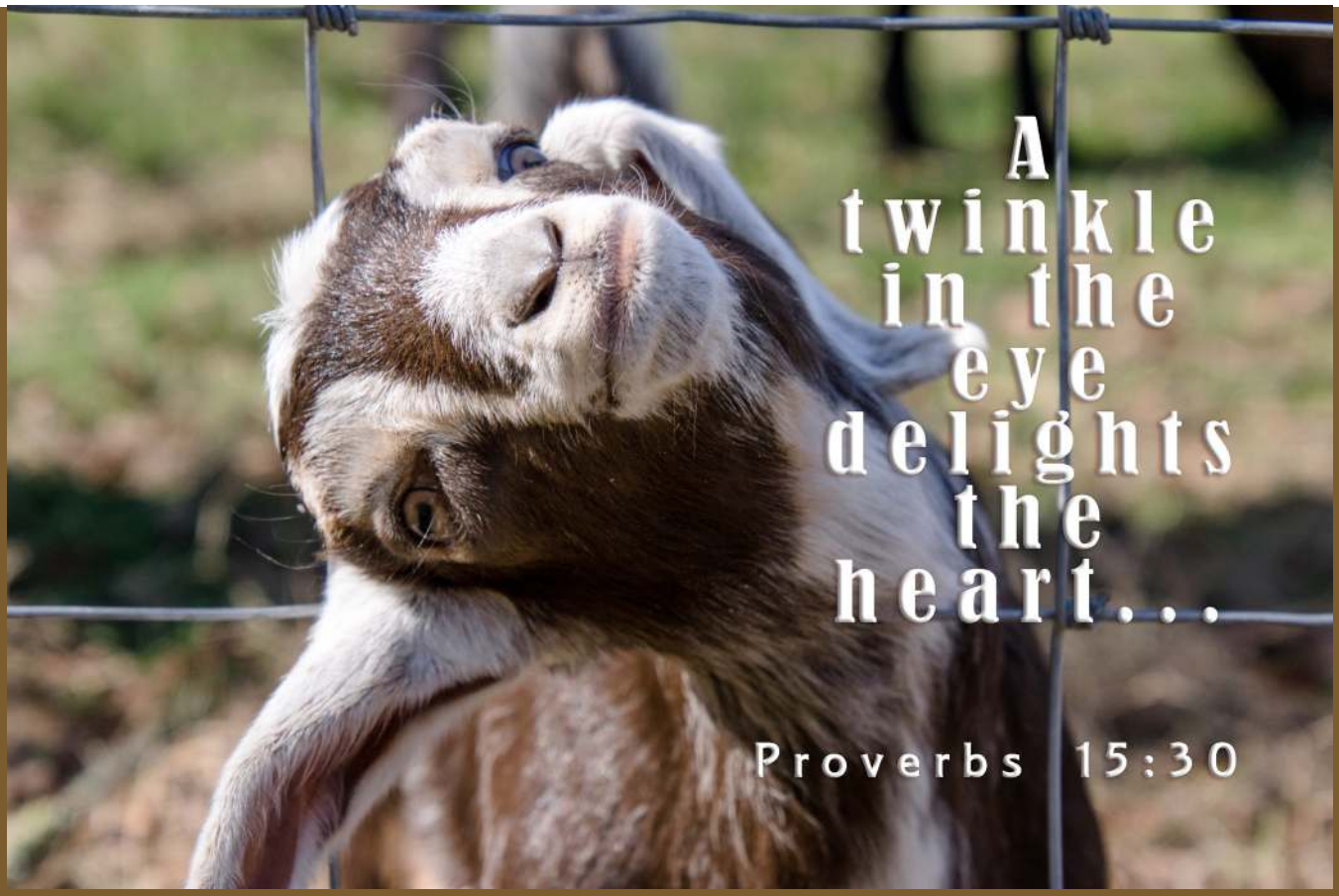


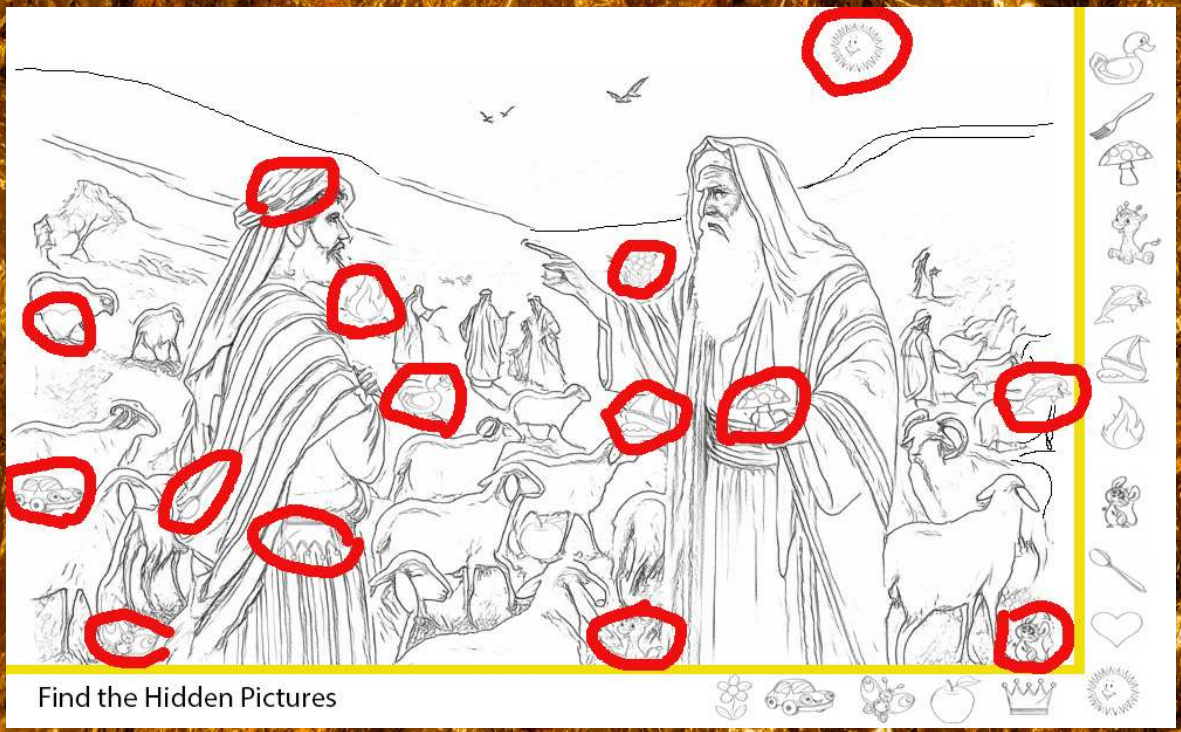
Göbeklitepe—You might be wondering how to say this, let’s break it down: Go-Bek-lee-Tep-pe. Say that five times fast and you will be a pro. And now you know how to say, “Potbelly Hill”in Turkish; which is what they called the area before they found the treasures.

In 1963, Göbeklitepe was first discovered. It was not until 31 years later (1994) that archeologists started examining the area. Even today, it is still an active dig site, but you can go and visit.

Göbeklitepe is located in the southern part of the modern country of Turkey, not far from the Syrian border and in an area where Father Abraham lived until his father Terah died. This area is known as Haran.

No one really knows what this site was used for. Some think that it was built right after Noah’s flood and then purposely buried as a time capsule.


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Proverbs 15:30


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