

## **God Calls Abraham**

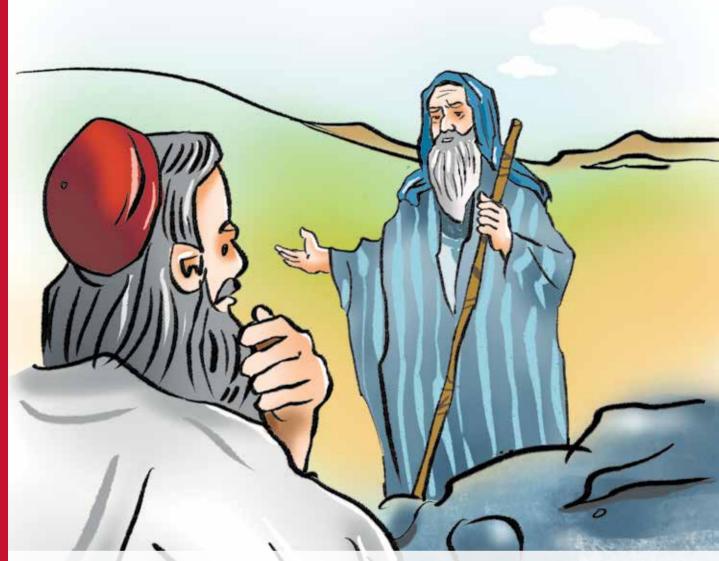
God called Abraham, the first patriarch and our father in faith, to journey to the promised land, where God promised to multiply his offspring and make them into a great people and a blessing to all nations.

> There once lived a man called Abram (Abraham) and his wife, Sarai (Sarah). They had no children. One day God told Abram to leave his country, promising to guide him to a new land.



Movie: *Abraham* is a 1994 television movie produced by Five Mile River Films based on the life of the Biblical patriarch Abraham. Written by Robert McKee and Directed by Joseph Sargent, it was shot in Ouarzazate, Morocco.

Know Now: The promise was first made to Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21), then confirmed to his son Isaac (Genesis 26:3), and then to Isaac's son Jacob (Genesis 28:13), Abraham's grandson. The Promised Land was described in terms of the territory from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates river (Exodus 23:31).



Abram took his wife and nephew, Lot, and travelled for days until they reached Canaan. God told him this was the new land promised to him and so they set up tents and began living there.

But the land was not enough to feed their cattle and servants. So Abram asked Lot to choose the land he wanted. Lot chose the Jordan valley while Abram stayed back in Canaan.

God again appeared to Abram and told him to look around carefully from where he stood, promising him and his children all the land he could set his eyes upon.

Abram believed in God's words and obeyed Him. He kept the faith in the covenant as if it were a pact between two good friends.



The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you. I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing."

Genesis 12: 1-2

Just as Abram treated God's covenant as a friendship pact, would you be willing to accept God as a friend? Write down GOD on the palm of your right hand and the name ABRAM, God's first friend in the faith, spelling out each letter on one of the five fingers. You may take help from your parents or siblings!





Abraham obeys God and sets out to the promised land. Can you give a little guidance to Abraham to reach there?

