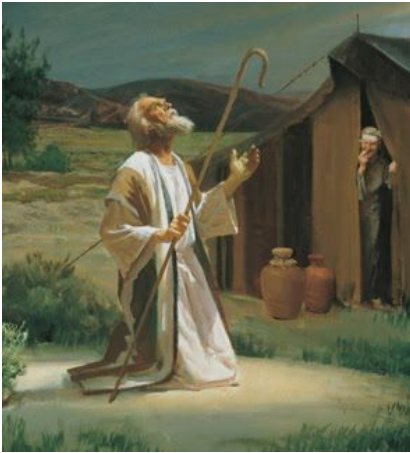


Abram Follows God's Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

Bible Point: We can always trust God

Today we'll learn about how Abram and his wife, Sarai, trusted God when he told them to move to a new land. In Genesis 12, the Bible says God told Abram to move. What God said to Abram back then would be kind of like this today: "Sell everything you can't carry with you, leave all your friends and relatives, get your wife and belongings in the car, and start driving. You'll probably never come back here again, but don't worry about that—I'll show you where to go."



It seems like it'd be a hard thing to do—to just pack up and leave everything behind that you know. But Abram trusted God and did what God told him to do. He took Sarai, all his riches, and all his animals, and he left his home.

When God told Abram to move, Abram was 75 years old. That's probably about as old as your great-grandfather! Abram and Sarai had to travel many miles through the desert, and the trip probably took a month or more. The only food they had was whatever they took with them, and they had to find water to drink along the way. At night they had to sleep on the ground. Abram might've wanted to turn around and go home many times, but he trusted God to show him the way and to keep him safe.

After a long, hard journey, Abram and his family finally stopped at a place called Shechem (SHEK-uhm) and set up their camp beside an old tree. God was pleased with Abram because Abram had trusted him. God appeared to Abram and told him that all the land would one day belong to Abram's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. When God rewarded Abram, Abram built an altar to God. An altar is a special place to worship God. Abram built the altar so everyone would know that God had visited him in that place. After that, Abram traveled a little farther and set up camp again. He built another altar and worshipped God there.

Sometimes traveling to a new place can be scary. We don't know what to expect or who to trust. But just as Abram learned to put his trust in God, we can know that God is with us, too. God will lead us where he wants us to go. We can always trust God to take care of us.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for taking care of us each day.

Help us to trust in you that you will keep taking care of us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Suitcase Adventure:

Supplies:

Suitcase template (see below) or any bag at home

Heart template (see below) or make a heart out of paper and write on it *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5"*

Paper (if making a heart)

Pencil or marker, scissors

Instructions:

Imagine that your family is moving to another town and you can take only one thing with you. Go and find that item!

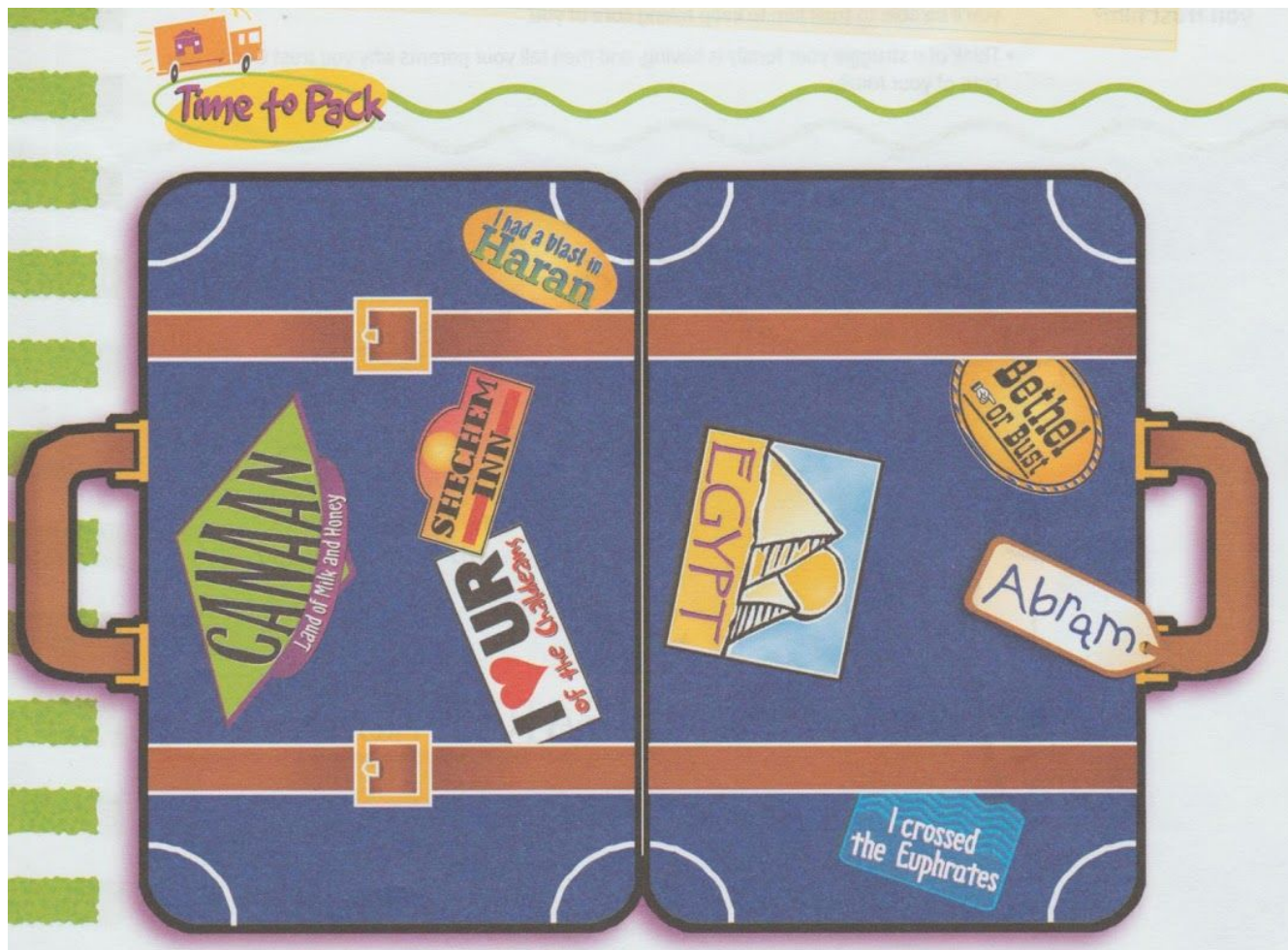
Print out the "suitcase template". Cut out the suitcase and fold it in the center. Print out the "heart template" and in the center write down the item you chose to bring on your journey. Ask the following questions with your family:

What item did you choose?

Why did you decide on that item?

Was it easy or hard to decide on what to take?

What can you do to trust God with all your heart when you have a hard choice to make?



Print
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heart and cut out around the blue rectangle. Write the item you chose to bring with you on the blue heart in the center. Place the heart in your suitcase.

