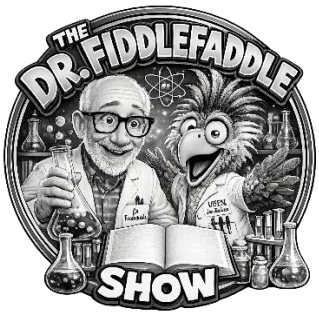


Abram's Big Move

Teacher's Guide • Lesson Plan

Principle: Trust and Obey
Key Verse: Genesis 12:1 (KJV)
Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:8 (KJV)
Bible Text: Genesis 12:1–9

1. Lesson purpose

To teach children that God wants us to trust Him and obey His Word, even when we do not know everything about what is ahead.

Main truth

We can trust God and obey Him, even when we do not know where He is leading us.

Lesson objectives

By the end of this lesson, the children should be able to:

1. Explain what God told Abram to do.
2. Describe how Abram responded to God's call.
3. Understand the meaning of trust and obedience.
4. Recite Hebrews 11:8.
5. Identify one way they can obey God this week.

2. Opening the lesson

Welcome

Welcome boys and girls to the Dr. Fiddlefaddle Show and our series, Back to the Bible! Today we are going to learn about a man who made a very big move. His name was Abram. Have you ever moved to a new house? Maybe you had to pack your clothes, toys, and favorite things. Moving can be exciting, but it can also be a little scary because you do not know exactly what will happen. Abram had to make a big move. God told him to leave his country and go to a land that God would show him. Abram did not know every detail of the journey, but he trusted God and obeyed. Today's principle is: Trust and Obey!

Opening questions

- Have you ever moved to a new house?
- How would you feel if you had to go somewhere you had never been?
- Would it be easy to trust someone who told you to go but did not tell you everything?

Transition: "Today we will learn how Abram trusted God when God called him to make a big move."

3. Key verse

Genesis 12:1 (KJV)

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:"

Teacher explanation
God told Abram to leave:

- His country.
- His kindred, or relatives.
- His father's house.

God would show Abram the land where He wanted him to go.
Teaching point: God did not give Abram every detail before he obeyed. Abram needed to trust the LORD.

Discussion

1. Who spoke to Abram?
2. What did God tell Abram to leave?
3. What did God promise to show him?
4. What does this verse teach us about trusting God?

4. Bible story — Abram's Big Move

Part 1: God calls Abram

Bible reading: Genesis 12:1–3 Explain that Abram lived in a place called Haran when God called him to leave. God gave Abram a command and a promise.
God promised:

- To make of Abram a great nation.
- To bless him.
- To make his name great.
- To bless those who blessed him.
- To bless all families of the earth through him.

Teaching point God's promises are greater than our fears. Abram did not need to know every detail of the future to trust the God who made the promise.

Part 2: Abram obeys God

Bible reading: Genesis 12:4–5 "So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him…" Abram obeyed the LORD. He took Sarai, his wife, Lot, his nephew, and the people and possessions they had gathered. This was a big move. Abram left the place he knew and began traveling to the land God would show him.

Teaching point

Faith is demonstrated by obedience. Abram did not merely say he trusted God. He acted on God's Word. Ask the children:

- Did Abram obey?
- What did Abram do when God called him?
- What can we learn from Abram's obedience?

Part 3: Abram arrives in Canaan

Bible reading: Genesis 12:6–9 Abram came into the land of Canaan. The LORD appeared unto him and promised to give that land unto his seed. Abram built an altar unto the LORD and worshipped Him.

Teaching point Abram continued to trust God after he arrived. His journey was not only about moving to a new land. It was about walking with God.
Application: We should continue to trust and obey God every day, not just when we are beginning something new.

5. Teaching the principle

Trust and Obey

What does trust mean? Trust means believing that God is faithful, that His Word is true, and that He knows what is best.

What does obey mean? Obey means doing what God tells us to do.

How Abram demonstrated trust

1. God called Abram.
2. Abram listened to God's Word.
3. Abram departed as the LORD had spoken.
4. Abram continued his journey by faith.

What this means for us We may not know what tomorrow will bring. We may not understand every situation. But we can trust the LORD and obey His Word.

Examples for children

- Obeying parents when they give a right instruction.
- Telling the truth, even when it is difficult.
- Being kind and forgiving.
- Praying when we are afraid.
- Reading and obeying God's Word.

Teacher emphasis: We obey God because we trust Him, not because we think we can earn His love.

6. Memory verse lesson

Hebrews 11:8 (KJV) "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

Explain the verse "By faith Abraham…" Abraham trusted God. "When he was called to go out…" God called him to leave his country and go. "Obeyed…" Abraham did what God told him to do. "And he went out, not knowing whither he went." He did not know exactly where he was going, but he trusted God.

Memory verse activity: Phrase by phrase

Have the children repeat the verse after the teacher.

1. Teacher says: "By faith Abraham."
2. Children repeat.
3. Teacher says: "When he was called to go out."
4. Children repeat.
5. Teacher says: "Obeyed."
6. Children repeat.
7. Teacher says: "And he went out, not knowing whither he went."
8. Children repeat.

Repeat the entire verse together.

Review challenge Have the children say the verse:

- With the teacher.
- Without the teacher.
- In a quiet voice.
- In a strong voice.
- With the teacher pointing to each phrase.

7. Lesson activity

Activity: Follow the Instructions

Purpose To help children understand that obedience means following instructions.

Supplies

- Paper
- Pencil or crayons
- Optional: simple instruction cards

Instructions Give the children a series of simple instructions:

1. Stand up.
2. Turn around.
3. Take two steps.
4. Sit down.
5. Raise your hands.

After the activity, explain: “When you followed the instructions, you were obeying. Abram obeyed God when the LORD called him to go.”

Discussion

- Was it easy to follow the instructions?
- What if you did not know what the next instruction would be?
- How did Abram obey God?
- How can we obey God today?

Optional worksheet

Have the children complete this sentence: I can trust and obey God by _____.

8. Review questions

1. What was the name of the man God called to move?
2. What did God tell Abram to leave?
3. Where did God tell Abram to go?
4. Did Abram know exactly where he was going?
5. What did Abram do when God called him?
6. What is our principle for today?
7. What does it mean to trust God?
8. What does it mean to obey God?
9. What did Abram build when he arrived in Canaan?
10. What is our memory verse?

Expected answers

1. Abram.
2. His country, his kindred, and his father’s house.
3. To a land that God would show him.
4. No.
5. He obeyed and departed.
6. Trust and Obey.
7. Believing God and His Word.
8. Doing what God tells us to do.
9. An altar unto the LORD.
10. Hebrews 11:8.

9. Personal application

Ask the children: “Is there something God tells us to do in His Word that we already know we should obey?”

Discuss practical examples:

- Tell the truth.
- Love one another.
- Forgive others.
- Honor parents.
- Pray.
- Read the Bible.

Application statement I will trust God and obey His Word, even when I do not know what will happen next.

Take-home challenge This week, each child should choose one right thing to do in obedience to God’s Word.

Examples:

- Help someone without being asked.
- Tell the truth.
- Pray for someone.
- Read a Bible verse each day.
- Forgive someone who has hurt them.

10. Closing lesson summary

Abram was called by God to leave his country, his relatives, and his father’s house. God promised to show him a new land.

Abram did not know everything about the journey, but he trusted God and obeyed.

The same God who called Abram is faithful today. We can trust Him and obey His Word.

Final truth

Trust God. Obey His Word. Follow Him one step at a time.

11. Closing prayer

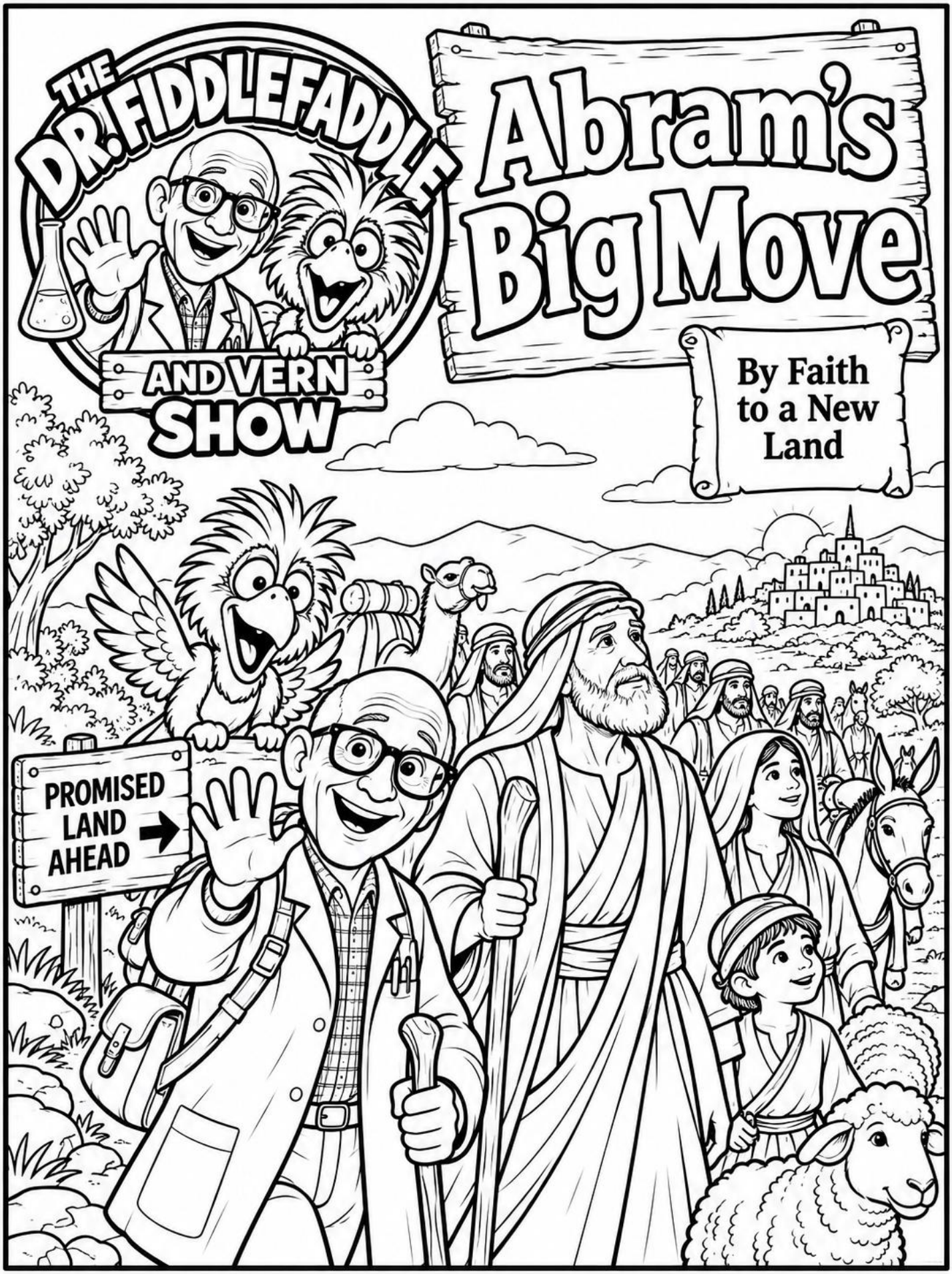
Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the story of Abram. Thank You that You are faithful and that Your Word is true. Help us to trust You and obey You, even when we do not know what is going to happen next. Help us to follow Your Word and do what is right. Give us faith like Abram had, and help us to remember our memory verse this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

12. Teacher’s lesson checklist

- Welcome and introduction.
- Teach Genesis 12:1.
- Tell the story of Abram’s big move.
- Explain trust and obedience.
- Teach Hebrews 11:8.
- Complete the instruction-following activity.
- Review the lesson questions.
- Give the take-home challenge.
- Close in prayer.

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