



# Abram Follows God's Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

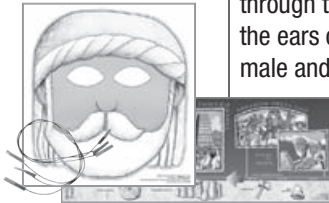
Elementary kids are reliant on adults for their needs. They're learning to do some things on their own, but for the most part they have to trust others for what they need. Whether or not kids have adults in their lives who are able and willing to take care of them in this way, you can help them discover that God is faithful and trustworthy. Your example can lead kids to a lasting relationship with our trustworthy God. Use this lesson to show kids that we can always trust God no matter what.



**► Bible Point**  
We can always trust God.

**Key Verse**  
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Kids will trust God for their needs.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Time to Pack</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Draw pictures of themselves moving.	My Bible Fun, crayons, several pairs of scissors, CD player, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of the lesson) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Tear out the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Abram Follows God</b> <i>(about 30 min.)</i> Learn from Genesis 12 about Abram's trust in God.	Bibles, suitcases from the "Time to Pack" activity <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Bible Timeline, Bible Person Masks and elastic 	If you didn't do the previous activity, use paper bags as the "suitcases." If you haven't already done so, punch out the white eyes from the masks. Push the metal ends of the elastic pieces through the small holes above the ears on the white-haired male and female masks.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Moving Day</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Make decisions about what to take in a move, and learn about trusting God by learning Proverbs 3:5.</p>		
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	My Bible Fun	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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## Time to Pack Supplies

My Bible Fun  
crayons  
scissors  
CD player  
copies of the lyrics  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

## Teacher Pack

CD: "Trust in the Lord"  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)  
(track 20)

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Time to Pack

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Gather everyone together.

Give each child a My Bible Fun page. Distribute crayons and scissors, and have kids cut out the suitcase.

Say: **Pretend that you and your family are moving. Decide which of your things to take with you, and then draw one of them in the heart inside your suitcase. (It's on the opposite side of the paper.) Now finish your suitcase by folding on the center line.**

Let kids share what they took when they're done drawing.

Say: **No matter where we go or how long our journey is, ► WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD. Our Key Verse, Proverbs 3:5, tells us that!** Open your Bible to Proverbs 3:5, and show kids the passage. Then read the passage aloud: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).** Have kids repeat the verse with you.

Hand out copies of the lyrics page, and say: **Now let's worship God by singing our Key Verse together!**

Play "Trust in the Lord" (Proverbs 3:5-6) (track 20 on the CD), and encourage the children to sing along.



(Chorus)

**Trust in the Lord** (*trust in the Lord*)

**With all your heart** (*with all your heart*)

**And lean not on your own understanding.** (*understanding*)

**In all your ways** (*in all your ways*)

**Acknowledge him,** (*acknowledge him*)

**And he will make your paths straight.**

**Once you begin that way, don't you ever, ever stray;**

**You'll be on your way to an amazing life.**

**Once you begin that way, don't you ever, ever stray;**

**You'll be on your way to an amazing life!**

(Repeat from the beginning; then repeat chorus.)



**Yeah, he will make your paths straight.  
Oh yeah, he will make your paths straight.**

“Trust in the Lord” (Proverbs 3:5-6) by Rob Biagi. © 2005 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Say: **“Packing up” the Key Verse in your suitcase will remind you that no matter where you go, God is always with you and you can trust him.**

### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- How did you decide what to bring in your suitcase?
- What things do you know about God that you can carry with you to help you each day?
- How can those things help you trust God with your whole heart?

Say: **Our Bible Point this week tells us that ► WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD. That’s something we can carry in our minds every day to help us not worry wherever we go and whatever we do. Today we’ll hear about a man named Abram who always trusted God, even when he had to pack up and move.**



### Abram Follows God Supplies

Bibles  
suitcases from the  
“Time to Pack” activity  
**Teacher Pack**  
Bible Timeline  
Bible Person Masks and  
elastic

### Abram Follows God Easy Prep

If you didn’t do the previous activity, use paper bags as the “suitcases.” If you haven’t already done so, punch out the white eyes from the masks. Push the metal ends of the elastic pieces through the small holes above the ears on the white-haired male and female masks.

## 2

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Abram Follows God

### What You’ll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 12, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles.

Say: **Today we’ll hear how Abram and his wife, Sarai, trusted God when he told them to move to a new land.**

Ask a child to point to the place on the Bible Timeline that shows Abram obeying God.

Say: **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.”**

Have kids turn to a friend and talk about what they would and wouldn’t like about God telling them to move like that.





Say: **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.**

Choose two children to be Abram and Sarai, and give them the Bible Person Masks. Tell children to pick up their suitcases to take on the journey.

Say: **Let's pretend that these two are Abram and Sarai. We have our suitcases—let's get ready to move!**

Have children take their suitcases and follow Abram and Sarai through the room, winding around chairs, under tables, or out into the hall. If you have time, allow two or three pairs of children to take turns wearing the Bible Person Masks. Have the group sit in another part of the room or church for the rest of the activity.

When your group has “relocated,” retrieve the masks, and have the kids sit in a circle.

Say: **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.**

Have kids turn to a friend and talk about a time they did something really hard that lasted a long time.

Say: **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.**

Have kids turn to a friend and talk about a time they got great rewards—and what they did to thank the people who gave them the rewards.

Say: **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.**

### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Why was what Abram did a great way to show God he trusts him?
- Tell about a time you had to do something tough.
- What can you do to show God you trust him in tough times?





Say: 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. When we do that, traveling to a new place is fun!



### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## Moving Day

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather the children in a circle.

Say: Imagine that your family is moving to another town and you can take only one thing with you. Let's play a game where you'll get to decide what to take. I'll give you two choices, and you'll stand with other people who chose the same thing. Ready? How about [item] or [item]? If you would choose [item], stand over there (point to an area). If you would choose [item], stand over there (point to another area). Give kids several choices such as those on the following list, and after each set of choices, have kids talk to other kids nearby about why they picked each option.

- toothbrush or hairbrush
- book or music player
- pillow or blanket
- extra shoes or extra shirt
- water or snack

After several minutes, gather the children in a circle.

Say: Abram and Sarai had to move, but they didn't know where they were going. They learned to trust God, like our Key Verse says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5). Have kids repeat the verse with you.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Explain how easy or hard it was to decide what to take.
- Explain whether it's easy or hard for you to trust God in times when you don't know what's going to happen or you have a hard choice.
- What can you do to trust God with all your heart in times like that?

Say: We learned today that ► **WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD!** He wants us to trust him and seek him every day. Abram and Sarai were so sure of God that they moved everything they had to a new place without knowing where they were going. We can trust God like that, too.





## Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun

# 4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

## Daily Challenges

Say: **Let's think about how ► WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **Invite a friend over to your house. Give him or her a tour of your house, and then talk about the journey God asked Abram to take to a new home and how Abram trusted God.**
- **Each night before you go to bed, thank God for a way he took care of you that day. Pray that you'll be able to trust him to keep taking care of you.**
- **Think of a struggle your family is having, and then tell your parents why you trust God to take care of your family.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: ► **WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD. He led Abram to a great new place, and when we follow him and trust him, he'll lead us to great new places, too. Let's show that we trust God by following through on our Daily Challenges this week.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about trusting God. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids. Thank God for all the ways he takes care of us, and invite kids to pray to God asking him to meet their needs.





Lyrics ■■■■

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*(Chorus)*

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