

# Elementary

## Abraham and Sarah

### Bible Verse

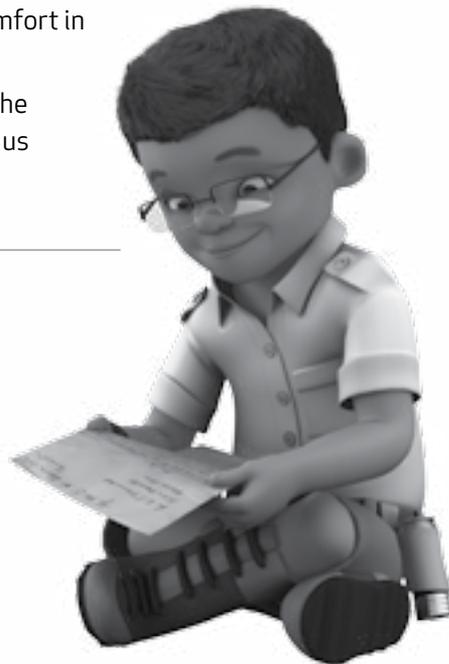
All the families of earth will be blessed because of you. (Genesis 12:3)

### Did You Know?

**W**e might get the impression that God was talking to Abraham all the time, guiding his every move. But Abraham went through several ordeals without any reference to God speaking directly to him. Here in Genesis 12, God summoned Abraham to move to Canaan. Even though there had been some setbacks in God's relationship with humanity, such as with Adam and Eve, God had not given up on humanity. Not only would God bless Abraham, but God would make him into a blessing. As Paul points out in Romans, all of this happened before Abraham did anything to merit God's approval—that's grace! Abraham was not perfect and didn't always do the right thing, and yet God continued to work through Abraham. In doing so, God made Abraham a blessing to others, drawing others into God's work in the world. Without a doubt, God could have found a way to bless the world without Abraham; but God chose to work through ordinary people to bless the world. That's good news for us.

When Abraham's story picks up in Chapter 15, he was anxious about his future. To ease Abraham's fears, God repeated the promise God made to give the country to Abraham's offspring. But, God did so with new flare, telling Abraham to look at the night sky because he would have as many descendants as there were stars. It was up to Abraham to believe God's word, to trust God's promise to be true. And Abraham "trusted the LORD" (Genesis 15:6). Though we may lose hope or feel anxious at times, we can always find comfort in knowing that God keeps God's promises.

In today's lesson, help children understand the amazing power of God to bless others through us when we trust in God's promises.



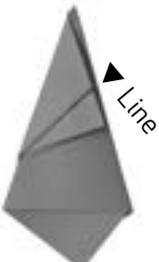
### Bible Story

Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

### Anchor Point

God promises to be with us.

# Five-Pointed Star With One Cut

<p>1. Start with an 8½-by-11 piece of paper.</p>	<p>7. Turn the shape over.</p> 
<p>2. Fold the paper in half, bringing the short sides together. Crease well.</p>	<p>8. Fold left side of the paper over the triangle so that the edges meet.</p> 
<p>3. Fold the paper in half again in the same direction, creasing lightly only at the edges of the paper. Unfold.</p>	<p>9. Draw a line on your folded shape as shown in the diagram.</p> 
 <p>4. With the folded edge at the top, bring the top right corner to meet the crease mark on the left side.</p>	<p>10. Use a pair of scissors to cut along the line you just made.</p>
 <p>5. Fold the same corner back so that the folded edges meet.</p>	<p>11. Unfold your paper to find a five-pointed star.</p> 
 <p>6. Fold the left half of the paper over to the right along the edge of the triangle.</p>	