

City LG—August 28th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: I Choose You (God Chooses Abram) • *Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6*

Today's Bottom Line: God has a plan to show love to the world.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.* 1 John 4:10 (NirV)

Monthly Virtue: Love—showing others how much they matter to you

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: “Love’s Running After” and “All of Me”

“Hi, everyone! It’s great to be here with you as we continue to make our way through God’s story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

“We’ve seen how God created the whole world, and everything was very, very good! God created people—Adam and Eve. We also learned how sin entered the world through Adam and Eve. As a result, people no longer had a perfect relationship with God or with each other.”

“Wow. That wasn’t the plan I think God had in mind for us. So, today, we’re going to talk about plans. That reminds me! I have a question for you...”

SLIDE: Question (“When have you made a plan?”)

“It could be for the Summer, for baseball practice, to make new friends this year, to build the biggest blanket fort the world has ever seen, or anything really. 3 minutes on the Clock! GO!”

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

“Great job everyone! Even though people continued to be selfish and ignore God, God still had a plan to show love to everyone. God chose a man named Abram and his wife Sarai.”

SLIDE: Bible Story Image #1 (Abram and Sarai)

“God later changed their names to Abraham and Sarah. But at this point in the story, they were still Abram and Sarai.

“God told Abram to go to a new land . . . and God gave Abram a special promise. God told him . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 12:1-3 (NirV) and read.

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.

“God had a big plan for Abram’s family. I’m sure Abram and Sarai had questions, because they were old and didn’t have any children yet. But they trusted God and did what God said. They set out for a new land, even though they didn’t know where God would lead them.”

“One night, God appeared to Abram in a vision.

SLIDE: Bible Story Image #2 (Abram looking at the stars)

“God told Abram:

Open the Bible to Genesis 15:5 (NIV) and read.

“Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can . . . That’s how many children will be born into your family.

“Wow. Can you imagine counting all the stars in the sky? You’d never be able to do it. There are SO many!

“God wanted to remind Abram that the promise was still true. God still had a plan to show love to the whole world through Abram’s family! Abram and Sarai were old, and they didn’t yet have children together. So it might have seemed impossible that they would one day have such a big family.

“But Abram chose to trust God. And that’s what our video is all about this week! Let’s watch!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“Years later, Abram and Sarai did have a son named Isaac. God’s promise was coming true! And God’s promise CONTINUED to come true in the years to come. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus Himself was part of Abram and Sarai’s family!

“It’s really cool to look back and realize that God has ALWAYS had a big plan to show love to the world. Abram and Sarai got to play an important part in God’s plan, because they trusted God and believed God’s promise to bless the world through their family.

“And that’s not all! WE can play a part in God’s plan today. We can share God’s love with the way we live, and the way we treat others. Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God has a plan to show love to the world.

“God has always had a good plan for the world, and it’s all about LOVE! Let’s pray.”

PRAY: “Dear God, when we hear the stories like those we heard today, it’s easy to see that You have always had a plan to show love to the world. You had a big plan for Abram and Sarai’s family . . . and You blessed the world when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for letting US play a part in Your plan today! Please help us show Your love to the people You’ve put in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“As we look at God’s Big Story (*hold up Bible*), we see how God has ALWAYS had a plan to show love to the world. Abram and Sarai’s family grew over many, many years, until one day, Jesus was born into their family. Jesus is the biggest part of God’s plan to love and bless the whole world!

“That’s why we can believe that God STILL has a plan to show love to the world. No matter what we’re going through, or what the world is going through, we can know that one day God will make everything right again.”

OFFERING:

“As you may know, all this Summer we are raising money to dig water wells in the Country of Malawi. When you bring your offering in, you are helping many people in Malawi to have clean water to drink and cook with. So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!”

CG: Malawi Wells Pictures