

GOD'S CALLS ABRAM

GENESIS 12:1-5; HEBREWS 11:8-10, 11:6

LEARN THE WORD

Hebrews 11:1 & 6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

- Abram obeyed God. His faith allowed him to trust in God.
- Rewards on earth will not last. Only God's eternal rewards in heaven will last forever.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

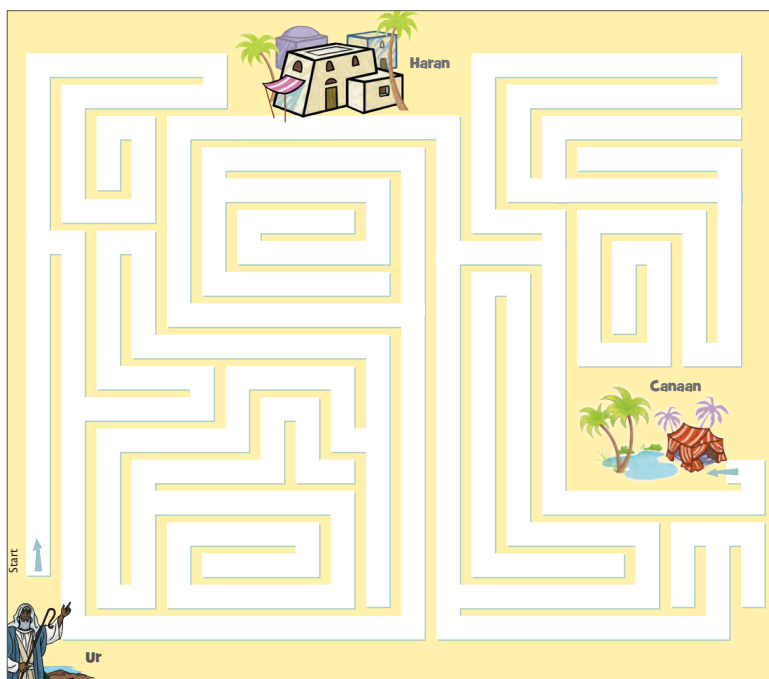
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend says to you, "I don't think there is a heaven. No one has ever seen it. How can we know about it? I just don't believe it."

What could you say?

No, we can't see heaven. But God doesn't want us to see it yet; He wants us to have faith in Him and His Word. Faith is believing things we don't see. But the Bible has a lot to say about heaven. Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for those who believe in Him and that we would one day be in that place with Him. These are promises from the Bible, and I believe them. Jesus wouldn't lie!

Activity: Abram started in Ur then moved to Haran. Follow the path to help Abram follow God's command and move all the way to Canaan.



HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

As we learn of God's call to Abram (later renamed Abraham), we see more of the promise whose fulfillment is revealed throughout Scripture. God's eternal plan to bring redemption continued with the Abrahamic Covenant—God would make Abraham a great nation that would in turn bless all nations (Genesis 12:1–3). Abraham was called physically to be the father of the Jewish nation; but more than that, he was called to be the father of all those who believe by faith in the promised Messiah, both Jew and Gentile (Romans 4:9–12).

Abram was born in Ur, an ancient city that worshiped the moon god. His family left Ur and went to Haran. It was there his father died. Abram was commanded by God to leave Haran along with his wife, servants, and possessions. He obeyed and went to a land that he had never seen before. God promised Abram that he would be blessed and that any who blessed him would also be blessed. God promised Abram that the whole world would eventually be blessed through him and his descendants (Genesis 12:1–3). This promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

It was because of Abraham's amazing faith—faith in things hoped for but not yet seen (Hebrews 11:1)—that he could obediently follow God's lead and believe the incredible promises made to him (Genesis 17:17). In fact, his faith provided the stamina for him to leave his home, go to a foreign country, and wait for his wife Sarah to conceive and bear a child. This was the child who would produce descendants as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand by the sea (Hebrews 11:8–12). These descendants would become a new nation, appointed by God Himself, through which He would ultimately bring a Savior, Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1).