

Bible Lessons for Children
Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word
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Primary Lesson Twelve: Abram Called by God

Overview

Bible Facts: The books of the Bible Isaiah - Daniel
Bible Reading & Discussion: Genesis 11:27-12:9; Hebrews 11:8-10; Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:7-9,14
Bible Memorization & Art Activity: "A Baptist Catechism: A Catechism for Boys & Girls" Questions #6-10

Opening

Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.

Bible Facts
5-10 minutes

Materials: Bibles for students to use
Strategies: Sing It and Bible Drill Modified
Instructions: Sing the 4th verse of the "Books of the Old Testament" song. Have students hold their Bibles closed. Call out a name of one of the books of the Major Prophets. As soon as student has located the book in the Bible, have student stand until all students have found the book and are standing. Repeat the process until students have found all of the books of the Major Prophets.

Bible Reading
15 minutes

Materials: Bibles for students to use
Strategies: Popcorn Reading
Scripture: Genesis 11:27-12:9; Hebrews 11:8-10; Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:5-9,14
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. One person reads aloud, stopping at any point. As soon as one reader stops, another reader quickly takes over. There is no predetermined order. (Optional: Use a map to follow Abram's travels as described in the passage.)

Bible Discussion
10 minutes

Materials: Bean Bag, word poster: add "Providence=divine governing"
Strategy: Hot Potato
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. A bean bag or other small object is passed around the circle while singing a song or quoting a poem. When the song stops, the person holding the object answers the question.
Questions: Where did God tell Abram to go? ("...to the land that I will show you") Did Abram know where he was going? (No) In Hebrews it says Abraham obeyed God by what? (Faith) Hebrews 11:1 says that "faith...is the conviction of things not seen." How does this relate to Abram? (Abram obeyed God because he believed God, had faith in God even though he did not know where he was going.) What promises did God make to Abram? (God promised to make Abram a great nation, name, & blessing. God said that those who blessed Abram would be blessed and those who dishonored him would be cursed. God promised to bless all the families of the earth through Abram.) How did Abram respond to God's promises? (He built an altar to the Lord.) How old was Abram? (75 years old) God told Abram "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. "Matthew 1:1 says that Abraham was an ancestor of Jesus Christ. How is Jesus Christ a blessing to all the families of the earth? (He is the Savior from sin.)

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Galatians says God would justify the Gentiles or count them righteous by what? (Faith in Christ Jesus)

Show students the word poster and have them act out the words: Creator (use hands to make a ball), Omnipotent (make a muscle), Omniscient (tap head), Life-source (blow air), Just (thumbs up), Merciful (make "safe on base" sign with two arms), Righteous (with right hand make circular motion), Life-sustainer (hold both hands out as though holding a ball), Creator of Nations (sweep arm from left to right), God is in control (salute with hand to head), Long-suffering (fold hands together as though waiting patiently), Glory (spread fingers of both hands like light rays), Providence (point finger as though directing)

Group Prayer

Through prayer, praise God for Who He Is, for the work of salvation in Jesus Christ, and for the example of the faith of Abram.

Bible Memory 10-15 minutes

Materials: Bean Bag

Strategy: Bean Bag Toss and Stand Up/Sit Down

Instructions: Review the memory work from the last five lessons by having students stand. Ask catechism questions #6-10 and toss bean bag to someone to share the answer &/or verse. If student answers correctly, student sits down. Bean bag is tossed back to leader.

Bible Art Activity As time allows

Materials: Index cards and pencils

Activity: Memory Game

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student 15 index cards. Have students write the catechism questions 6-10, each on a card, each answer on another card, and each verse on another card. Continue this process until all five catechism questions, answers, and verses have been written. Backs of index cards must remain blank. Have students play memory. Spread out all 15 index cards upside down on table. Take turns turning over 3 cards. Try to remember where various cards are located. When a person turns over a question, answer, and verse that all match, the person can keep the 3 cards and take another turn.

Closing

Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week. Close in prayer & dismiss.

Note

It is very important that parents are informed of this lesson's Bible reading and discussion so that parents can follow up with children at home.