

Story 15/16: God Chooses Abram

Terah was a man who lived in the city of Ur in the country of Babylon. Terah was a descendant of Noah's son Shem. One day he decided to leave Ur and take his family to a country named Canaan. He took his son Abram, Abram's wife Sarai, and his grandson Lot. But they did not go all the way to Canaan. They stopped at the city of Haran and settled there. While they were living in Haran, God spoke to Abram. Abram loved and obeyed God and did not worship idols. God was happy with Abram's life. Abram was 75 years old when God told him to leave his father's house and go to another country God would show him. God promised to bless Abram in many ways. God said: "You will have many descendants and they will become a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you." Abram believed God and obeyed him. He took his wife and nephew Lot and left Haran.

Read this entire story in the Bible in Genesis 11:26 - 12:5

Words to Know

settled – made a home in one location

obeyed – did what you were told to do

idols – an object that represents a god that is not real

be blessed – have good things happen

ancestor – a family member who lived before you

Questions:

1. Who was Terah's ancestor?
2. How many sons did Terah have? (See Genesis 11:26-27)
3. Why do you think Terah decided to move from Ur?
4. Why do you think they did not go all the way to Canaan?
5. What happened when Abram was 75 years old?
6. Why was God happy with Abram's life?
7. What did God ask Abram to do? Do you think this was an easy thing to do?
8. What promises did God make to Abram?
9. How did Abram show that he believed what God promised him?

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