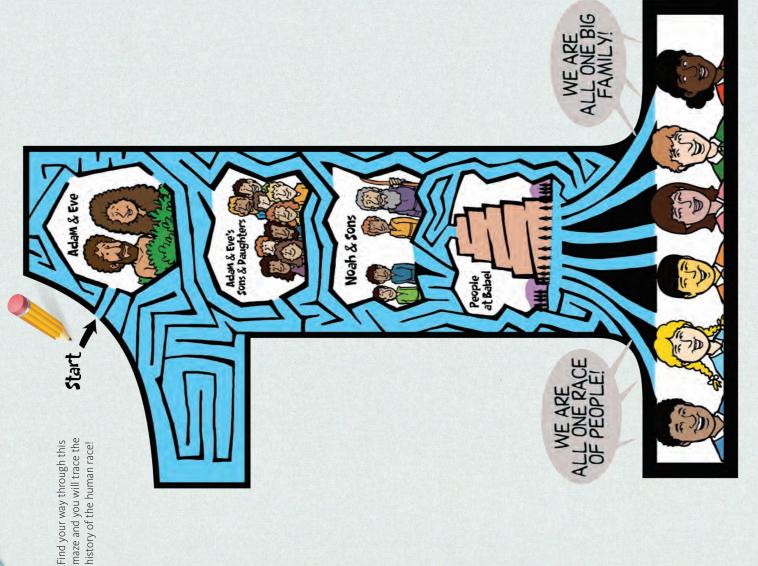
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Grades 2-3 • Unit 4 • Lesson 31

Human Race

Genesis 11:8-9; Acts 17:26; Genesis 3:20





Hebrews 11:18.6

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.

- The Bible says all people on earth are descended from one man, Adam. This means there is only one race—the human race.
- When the families scattered at Babel, many of them lived in caves to survive. These were the first cavemen. They were NOT part ape but intelligent people created in God's image.

OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose your friends are talking, and they say, "We know cavemen lived a long, long time ago—like hundreds of thousands of years ago." What would you tell them?

We do see cavemen on TV and in movies, and they are often shown as being stupid and animal-like. But that is not what the Bible tells us. The Bible says the first people were Adam and Eve. God created them about 6,000 years ago, and everyone descended from them. The cavemen I know about from the Bible were the people God scattered at the tower of Babel when they disobeyed him. They were very intelligent, and they lived only about 4,000 years ago!

Justin & Jessie

Justin slowly trudged to his room to find his shoes. This was going to be a terrible night; he just knew it.



In "Just Like Me" Justin is invited to meet two adopted kids from another country—and he's sure it's going to be scary. Find out what really happens when he meets Chika and Udo!

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Hebrews 11:1 & 6

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> Match the color to fill in the blank.

> > These verses tell us about

- God is in control. He is sovereign over good things, bad things, weather, sickness, death—everything!
- Because Job trusted God, he could worship him even in hard times.

OutWord For Family Discussion

What if your friends are all talking about the destruction of an earthquake or some other disaster, and you realize they don't believe that God would ever have anything to do with something that terrible? **What could you say?**

The Bible says over and over that God is the Creator of the universe and he controls all of it. If we don't believe God is in control, why would we pray for a sunny day or for more rain when it's dry? Why would we pray that our sick friends get well? Listen to your own prayers, and I think you'll agree that God is in control of everything! The disasters we have on earth are the result of man's sin. But one day, God will make a new heaven and earth where there will be no death, disasters, disease, or sadness.

Justin & Jessie

"You know what, Jessie? I don't have the answers to your questions," said Dad. "Sometimes God allows things to happen that we just don't understand."



When Jessie's uncle loses his job and his family has to move, no one knows what will happen. They just have to trust God in "Watch and See."

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God Calls Abram

Genesis 12:1-5; Hebrews 11:8-10, 11:6

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.







Hebrews 11:1 & 6

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.

Faith is the assurance of _____ for.

- 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.

Q OutWord For Family Discussion

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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 will 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!

Justin & Jessie

"What's the matter? Why are you crying?" His mom sat down on the bed and pulled him close.

"I'm scared," Jeremy answered. "I don't know anybody at the new house. I don't want to go."



In "Cousins Coming" Jessie's cousin Jeremy is worried. He has to move away from his school and his friends on the soccer team. But what will happen in the new place? Will he be able to find new friends or a new soccer team?

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Grades 2-3 • Unit 4 • Lesson 34

Abram and Lot

Genesis 13:5-13, 14:14-16, 14:18, 14:21-23

Circle the words that were part of today's lesson about Abram and Lot. Then cross out the words that were not part of the lesson.

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SELFISH

TREES

Best

Name



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.

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- Abram and Lot had to separate from each other because the land couldn't support all their animals and their servants were fighting. Lot chose to live near Sodom, but Abram chose to settle in Canaan.
- Lot's choice led to his capture, but Abram rescued him. We must trust God and his Word to help us make the right decisions.

OutWord For Family Discussion

What if your friend says, "God doesn't care what TV shows you watch or what music you listen to." **How could you answer?**

God cares about every decision we make. What we watch or listen to makes a big difference in how we think and talk. Sometimes what seems good or popular

is not always God's best. I'd rather rely on God's help when making decisions than try doing things on my own.



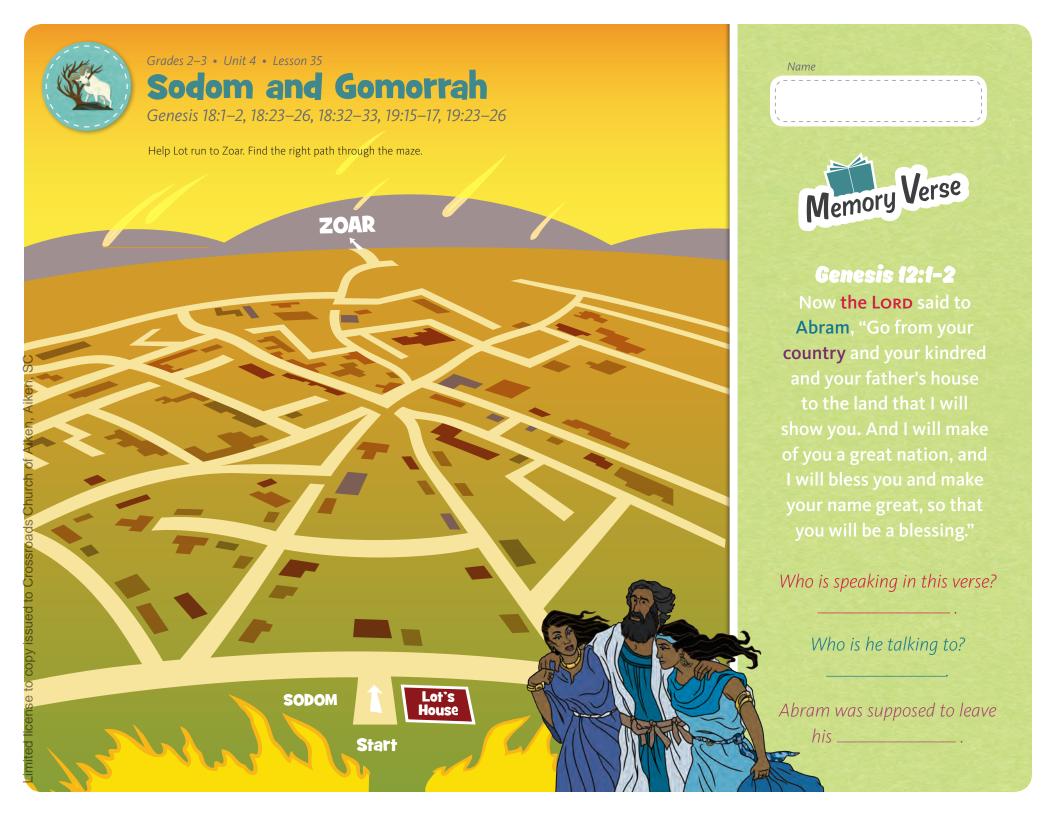
Matt finished his sandwich. "Hey!" he whispered. "Now's our chance."

"Huh?" said Justin. "What are you talking about?"



Justin has to make a choice: should he wait for Mom, or should he believe Matt and eat some of the warm, chocolatey cookies piled high on the kitchen counter? Find out what happens in "Chocolate Chip Choices."

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- God is holy and just. He had to punish the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- God showed mercy to Lot and his family by sending angels to rescue them from the city.

OutWord For Family Discussion

You might be talking to friends or even family members who don't believe that the account of Sodom and Gomorrah really happened. They don't believe that God destroyed those cities—or maybe they don't believe those cities ever existed! What could you tell them?

I am very sure that Sodom and Gomorrah were real cities and that God destroyed them because of the sin he saw there. I believe the Bible and that's where we read about it. Jesus himself mentioned Sodom in the gospel of Luke. He said that fire and sulfur came from heaven and destroyed them all. If Jesus believed it and talked about it—I think we should, too. Also, archaeologists have found a city near the Dead Sea covered in ash, which fits the biblical account of how the cities were destroyed by fire.

Justin & Jessie

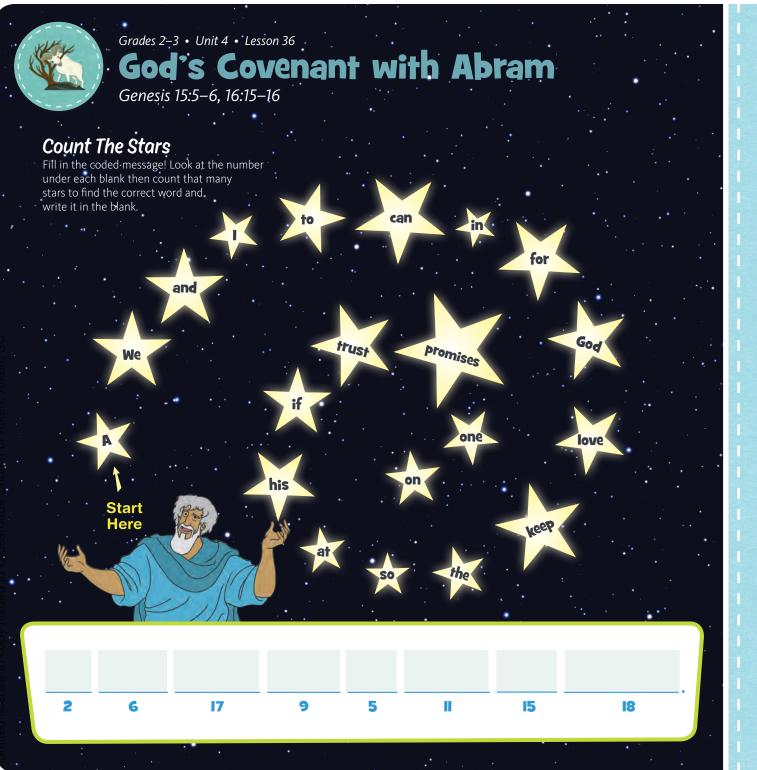
Clunk. Crash! "What was that?" asked Jessie's mom.

Jessie ran into the kitchen to see what was making all the noise. Oh no! Freckles was up on the counter—and he was eating the banana bread!



In "You Don't Spank a Cat," Freckles keeps jumping on the kitchen counter. Will discipline make him stay down? Jessie and Justin learn that discipline is more than just getting a spanking.

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Genesis 12:1-2

Now the LORD said to Abram,
"Go from your country and your
kindred and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.
And I will make of you a great
nation, and I will bless you and
make your name great, so that
you will be a blessing."

The LORD said, "I will make of you a _____

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What You Heard In the Word

- God made a special promise to Abram that he would have many descendants.
- Abram and Sarai's servant Hagar had a son named Ishmael because Abram and Sarai grew tired of waiting for God to fulfill his promise.
- We should wait for God to do things in his time, not ours.

Q OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose your friend tells you that the Old Testament has some interesting stories in it, but it isn't really important because it's so old and doesn't have anything to do with Jesus. **What would you say?**

The Old Testament is just as important as the New Testament. In fact, the whole Bible is

about Jesus. As you read and study it, you will see that a lot of what God did in the Old Testament points right to Jesus. For example, in Genesis God promised Abraham a special descendant who would bless all nations. That special descendant is Jesus! The whole Bible tells us about God's plan to save us from our sins.

Justin & Jessie

"Come here, Jessie," Justin said as he led the way into the family room. "See what I'm going to build?" He showed her the picture on the box.

"Cool! You're going to build that?" Jessie asked.



In "Waiting for Friday" Justin finds out how important it is to be patient and wait for his dad to help him at the right time.

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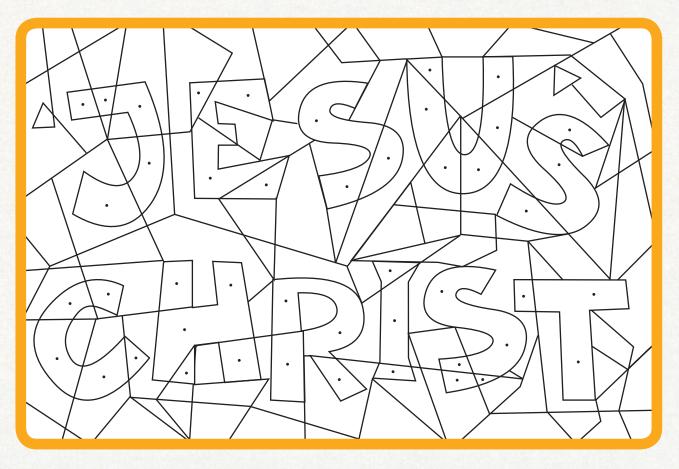
Isaac: Child of Promise

Genesis 17:1-5, 17:19-21, 21:1-3; Galatians 3:16



Abraham's Descendant

Color the shapes with dots one color. Color the other shapes with different colors. Then finish the sentence below with the words in the puzzle.



Abraham's descendant, ______, would bless all nations.





Genesis 12:1-2

Now the LORD said to
Abram, "Go from your
country and your kindred
and your father's house
to the land that I will
show you. And I will make
of you a great nation, and
I will bless you and make
your name great, so that
you will be a blessing."

Abraham would be ____

- God kept his promise and gave Isaac to Abraham and Sarah in their old age.
- Isaac was the son who inherited God's covenant with Abraham.
- Jesus would be the promised descendant who would bless all nations.

OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose your friend tells you she is confused about why Abram is also called Abraham. Why does he have two names? Which name is right? What will you tell her?

Abram and Abraham are the same person in the Bible. Back in Bible times people's names were very important and had different meanings. Abram means "exalted father" while Abraham means "father of many." When God called Abram to leave his homeland and promised that he would be the father of many descendants, God changed Abram's



Justin & Jessie

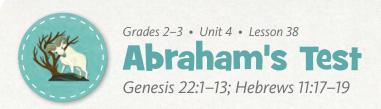
"I'll get it for you . . . uh oh," Emily's dad said with a sheepish look on his face like he did something wrong.

"Uh oh? What do you mean, 'uh oh'?" Emily's mom asked.



Emily's dad just wants to help out at Emily's birthday party. But he doesn't know the whole plan. Will he ruin the party? Find out what happens in "Ice Cream Soup."

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Abraham's Test of Faith

Look at the key below to see what word each picture stands for. Write the words in the blanks below the pictures then read it to a friend.















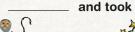


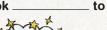
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Genesis 12:1-2

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

- Abraham obeyed God's command to offer his promised son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.
- Abraham trusted God and obeyed him even when it was hard.
- God provided a ram to take Isaac's place just like Jesus is the Lamb who took our place on the cross.

Q OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose you are talking after church one day, and your friend says, "I really don't get how Abraham and Isaac have anything to do with Jesus. It seems so unrelated." What would you say?

It's true that Abraham lived long before Jesus—in fact, he lived almost 2,000 years before Jesus. But the Bible is one historical account that is always leading us to Jesus. For example, when God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, we know that it was a foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for sinners. God stopped Abraham and provided a ram, a male sheep, in Isaac's place. In the same way, God provided the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to take the punishment for sin of everyone who would one day trust and believe in him.

Justin & Jessie

Jessie thought hard. She really wanted the doll with the long, curly hair. Then she could play dolls with her cousin Emily. She had been saving her money for a long, long time. But she also loved God and wanted to make him happy. Could she give up the doll?



In "Plain Rice & Piggy Banks" Jessie can help the missionary or buy her doll. Which will she choose to do?

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The Servant Finds Rebekah

Read the question then circle the picture of the correct answer.

Abraham's servant had to find a



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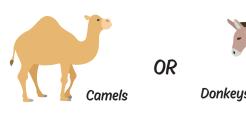


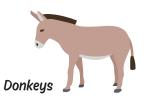
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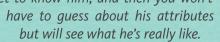
The LORD told Abram, "I will

- God is sovereign. He is in control of everything.
- Abraham and his servant trusted God to provide a wife for Isaac.

OutWord For Family Discussion

When people encounter the remarkable events of the Bible they sometimes doubt that it could be true. This is because they look at their own human abilities and imagine that God is like them. What could you say to give them an accurate understanding of God?

The Bible tells us about God and what he is like. He is in complete control of everything and does all that he pleases. He is all-powerful. Read God's Word and get to know him, and then you won't



Justin & Jessie

Jeremy frowned. "Now I don't know what to do."

"Well, you know there is someone you can ask to help you with that decision," Dad said as he pointed his finger up at the ceiling.

"Huh? You mean ask Mom upstairs?" Jeremy was a little confused.

"No!" laughed Jeremy's dad. "I mean God. You can pray about it.

Ask him to help you know what to do."



Jeremy loves soccer! Now he may have to choose between two different teams. Find out how God helps Jeremy make the right decision in "Jeremy and the Tigers."

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