

# CALL OF ABRAM

## GENESIS 12:1-9

### God Story.

Call of Abram | Genesis 12:1-9

### Big Idea.

We can trust God even when we don't understand what he is going to do.

### Key Verse.

"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...All nations on earth will be bless because of you." Genesis 12:2-3

### Leader tip.

Pray for your kids before they arrive.

### Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**  
Have all kids share their names and something about themselves. Take time to hear from every kid.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**  
Have fun with this tasty trust activity.

### Gs God Story

### Ls Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**  
This video includes the God Story and Life Story as well as host segments and Key Verse game.

### Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes\***  
Take time to help kids digest the teaching from today's God Story and Life Story, and continue the learning with this activity.
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**  
Kids will learn a Key Verse together today, and have a sign to take home.

### Os Our Story

- 6. Dismissal**  
Connect with parents. Don't forget to give take home cards!



# Ms My Story

## 1. CONVERSATION STARTER

### Supplies:

- None

### Leader Tips:

- Use the Conversation Starter to set the tone for your group's time together.
- Be prepared to kick-start the discussion by sharing your own answers to the questions below.

### Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, gather them together into a group.
- ASK:
  - What do you think "trust" means? [provide examples as necessary, such as telling the truth, counting on someone, believing what they say they will do, etc.]
  - Who is the person you trust the most?
  - Who do you think trusts you the most?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the person sitting closest to them or with the whole group.

## 2. INTRO ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Mini chocolate bars

### Instructions:

- Gather everyone to sit together on the floor.
- Instruct the kids to close their eyes. Explain that you trust them to keep their eyes shut during this activity.
- Hold up a number of your fingers in the air. Encourage the kids to guess how many fingers you're holding up.
- Follow up with correct guesses. Did they keep their word about keeping their eyes closed? Can they be trusted?
- Repeat up to 2 times, depending on time and interest.
- Instruct the kids to close their eyes again and let them know that this time you will give them a surprise.
- SAY: You need to trust me to keep my word about giving you a surprise, while I need to trust you to keep your eyes

closed and not to peek.

- Place a mini chocolate bar in front of each person. Note if anyone is peeking. Is there excitement building, smiles, etc.?
- Have the kids open their eyes. DISCUSS: Did everyone follow through on their word?

# Gs God Story Ls Life Story

## 3. WEEKLY VIDEO

### Supplies:

- Video file

### Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

### Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
  - Host segment
  - God Story (Call of Abram in Genesis 12:1-9)
  - Life Story (Kathryn Dorta on trusting God with her family life)



## 4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Chart paper
- Markers
- Small paper bags
- Items to fill bags (cue cards, rocks, stickers, erasers, buttons, hearts, chocolate coins)
- Item explanation cards

### Instructions:

- Divide kids into their small groups.
- ASK:
  - What was today's God Story about?
  - What was the Life Story about?
  - Can anyone remember our new key verse? [Genesis 12:2-3]
- Expand on your earlier discussion about what trust means, focusing on trusting God and being trustworthy.
- Write the kids' ideas on the chart paper. If they don't come up with the following ideas, steer the conversation towards them:
  - Truthfulness (believing what someone says is true)
  - Reliability (knowing that someone always tells the truth)
  - Confidence (believing that someone wants the best for you helps you trust them)
- Give each person a paper bag.
- Place the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Instruct the kids to write their names on their bags. They may also decorate their bags if they wish.
- As the kids write and decorate, hold up an example of each item and explain its significance:
  - Cue card [write "truth" on it first]: When you speak, you're truthful and honest.
  - Rock: You're a solid person. People know that you're reliable and honest.
  - Sticker: You stick up for others.
  - Eraser: You forgive others when they make mistakes.
  - Button: You "button your lips" and don't gossip or talk about others in a negative way.
  - Coin: You're valuable because you're trustworthy.
  - Heart: You have other people's best interests at heart. You want the best for them!

- Have the kids fill their bags with 1 of each item and an explanation card. Remind them to write "truth" on their cue cards.
- Encourage everyone to take home their bags and use the items as reminders of how to be trustworthy.

## 5. KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Key verse symbols page
- Pens

### Instructions:

- Remain in your small groups.
- Review the key verse: "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...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." Genesis 12:2-3, NIRV
- ASK:
  - Who is speaking in this passage?
  - Who are they speaking to?
  - What does it mean?!
- Give each person a key verse symbols page and a pen.
- Instruct everyone to complete the page.
- Encourage them to take the page home and use it to learn the verse this month.

# Os Our Story

## 6. DISMISSAL

**Supplies:**

- Take home cards
- Crafts

**Before Dismissal:**

- Place crafts and take home materials where everyone can access them easily.

**Leader Tip:**

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

**Instructions:**

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- b. Let parents know that the class began a new series called "GENESIS | Trust" today.
- c. Give take home cards to parents.
- d. Remind kids to take home their crafts.
- e. Make sure the kids' security numbers match parents' numbers before they leave.