**The Call of Abram**

**A Bible Story From**

**Genesis 11:27-12:9**

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**Bible Story**

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**Background**

Abram’s name is later changed to Abraham (Gen. 17:5) and his wife Sarai becomes Sarah (Gen. 17:15). This change occurs later in the life of Abram.

The event described in this section is often referred to as “the call of Abram” or “the call of Abraham.” This is the beginning of the Jewish people. Abram, or Abraham as he would be later known, is the father (patriarch) of the Jewish people.

**Story from the Bible**

**Genesis 11:27-12:9**

This is what the Bible says.

A man named Terah lived in Ur. He was the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. Haran had a son named Lot. Abram was married to Sarai, but she was unable to have children.

Terah took his son Abram, Abram’s wife Sarai, and his grandson Lot and set out to go to the land of Canaan. He traveled as far as Haran and settled there. Terah died while they were living there.

God said to Abram, leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. He made a profound promise, called a covenant, to Abram.

God told Abram:

I will bless you and make you the father of a great nation.

I will make you famous throughout history.

I will protect your allies and punish your enemies.

I will bless the entire world through your descendants.

Abram obeyed God and left Haran to go to the place God had promised to show him. Abram’s wife Sarai and his nephew Lot went with him. They took their possessions with them, including the people who worked for them.

They traveled as far as the place of “the great tree of Moreh” at Shechem. God told Abram that He would give Abram’s offspring this land. Abram responded by building an altar and worshiping God.

Abram traveled from there toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent there. Again he built an altar to God and worshiped. He set out again toward the Negev.

That concludes this story from the Bible.

**Retelling the Story**

Let’s review this story by retelling it as a group. We want to retell it as faithfully as we can to the story from the Bible. We do not want to add to it or leave out anything important. Who will get us started?

**Questions**

* What was Abram’s hometown? Where did he and his father leave from?
* Where did Terah first settle?
* Why did Abram leave Haran?
* Where was Abram going when he left Haran?
* What was the profound promise (covenant) that God gave to Abram?
* Who did Abram take with him when he left Haran?
* What did God promise to Abram at Shechem?
* How did Abram respond to God’s promise at Shechem?
* What did Abram do when he camped at Bethel? Did he stay there?
* What did you like about this story?
* What did you not like about this story?
* What did you learn about God from this story?

**Prayer**

Prayer is more than a way to end the session. It is time to talk to God. Public prayer is a model for others. Boldly ask God to guide participants to use the Bible story with others. Ask God to give you and the participant’s insight and understanding as you think about this biblical event.