



# WEEK 1 (7/10/24) LESSON



## BIG IDEA

God blesses us so we can bless others.

## BIBLE

**The Call of Abram:** Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18;  
Psalm 89:1-4

It's time for a *Staycation!* . . . We're going on a vacation without going anywhere at all! Our series this month focuses on being at home and the people who make you feel at home. In this week's Bible story, you will hear about how God called Abram to leave his country and lead a new nation. You will also learn how it is important to bless others as God blessed us.

### WHAT? What are we talking about today?

#### Icebreaker Question:

**Have you ever had to stay inside because of a massive rainstorm or a blizzard?**

Sometimes when the weather is severe or something wild is happening outside, we need to stay indoors. Instead of feeling down, we can be thankful that we are safe inside our homes.

**What's your favorite thing to do at home when you can't go outside?**

#### Lesson | Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18 (The Call of Abram)

I'm so glad you are here for our *Staycation!* story time! Let's watch a little movie about Abram together.

*[Show video on your phone/ipad or tell the story that the video refers to]*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Show [this video](#) then continue teaching the story from Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18.

Youtube link if needed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmAHlwX1des>

**Have you ever been playing a game on your computer and your parents called you in for dinner?** In the moment, you might feel frustrated that you have to stop playing your game! Your parents are calling you because they want to bless you with a yummy meal and spend time with you! **It is good to be called in this way, right?**

God called Abram in a similar way, but to bless him with something more than dinner! God had something amazing planned for Abram, but it was probably really hard for Abram to leave his home and

everything he knew. **Can you imagine being asked to leave everything and everyone that is familiar?** Even though this would have been really hard, Abram listened to God. It's like God was saying, "I want what is best for you and you don't have to try to figure this out on your own. I will provide for you." Blessings are given when someone wants what is best for us. God gives us God's presence — which comes with peace, joy, and hope — so that we have what we need to navigate through each day. Not only did God want to bless Abram, but God wanted Abram to blessing to others. God didn't want Abram to hold tightly to the gifts he was being given. God wanted Abram to receive the blessings, but then keep his hands open to share them with others.

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**MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 6:10 (NIV)**

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

**DISCUSSION**

- Where did God tell Abram to go?
- Who did Abram take with him?
- What was God's promise to Abram?
- What do you think it means to bless someone?
- Name some ways you have blessed others.
- How has someone blessed you?

**PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for blessing us. You not only give us good things, but you invite us to bless others with what you've given to us. Let us always remember that you have blessed us so that we can bless others. This is the best way to live. Amen.

**If Extra Time:**

1. Work on Books of the Bible

2. **Extra Scripture:** Read *Psalm 89:1-4*.

Wow! Here we read more about God's amazing blessings! We heard about God's faithfulness, God's love that stands firm forever, and God's promise to a kingdom — a perfect home —that will last for all generations!!

The promise of a forever home was made possible through Jesus, God's son. When we decide to have a forever friendship with Jesus, we become a part of the family of God.

Although homes may not always be perfect here, we have the promise of a kingdom coming—a forever home—that will make all the wrong things right. Knowing that promise is coming, gives us hope, and changes the way we live now.

The thing I love most about this Psalm is that the author says that he will share the good news of these blessings! He is going to tell others about the blessings! That's what we get to do too! **God blesses us so we can bless others.**

**Discussion Question:** What is the writer of this Psalm going to do to bless others?