

Preschool Summer
Lesson 5:
Genesis – Abraham’s Three Visitors

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Genesis Chapter 18: Abraham is kind to three visitors
- 2) Learn of Abraham’s willingness to be hospitable.

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.
All sheets and templates will be on the CD or in the Binder.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Abraham and the Three Visitors Color Page – one per student
- Be Kind Goodie Bag Sticker Template – one set per child – 2 sets on a page
- Paper Lunch Bag – one per child
- Glue sticks or Tape – to share
- Scissors – to cut out template
- Goodies to put into bag as a gift ex: pencil, small paper pad, candies, chocolates, etc.
*If cost is a factor, provide a piece of paper for each child to write a nice message and insert into the paper bag as the “gift”.
- Ways to Show Kindness like Abraham Activity Sheet

Optional Activities

- Storybook of the life of Abram with pictures to show kids (if available) and/or
- Flannel Display Board or Visual Aids with the story of life of Abram etc. (if available)
- Real tent or blanket to use as tent
- Dolls or Play dough for children to make Abraham, Sarai and the three visitors to pretend different ways that Abraham was kind.
- Soft Ball
- Snack – 2 Graham Crackers and 4 Mini Marshmallows per child
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk
- Puppet to tell students the real events from the Bible

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Write each child’s name on the sheet provided. Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Have them sit around the table.

Say to students, “**Last week what did we learn about? We learned that Abram was promised by God that he would have a family even though he and his wife were older and had not had any children.**

This week we will continue to study about the life of Abraham, we will see him get visited by three special men.

First let’s sing a song about worshiping God – just like Abram did.

This is the Way

Sung to the tune of Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush

This is the way we sing to God,
Sing to God, sing to God.
This is the way we sing to God,
When we worship Him.

This is the way we pray to God,
pray to God, pray to God.
This is the way we pray to God,
When we worship Him.
(Show hands together as if in prayer)

This is the way we read our Bible,
Read our Bible, read our Bible.
This is the way we read our Bible, When we worship Him.
(Show hands opening as if your hands were a book and you were trying to read)

We are going to continue to study about Abram and his family!

2) Abraham Takes Care of Three Special Visitors 10 minutes

***Optional:** If you have a puppet you can use the puppet to tell the event in the Bible.

***Optional:** if you have a book with pictures showing this story you can show the pictures as you read from the Bible, or if you have flannel characters, etc. you can use those as visuals while reading from the Bible.

Note: Optional – Abraham and his family lived in tents. Let the kids help you set up a tent as you tell the story, or if you don’t have a tent, use a sheet or two and drape them over a table and crawl inside while you share the story of Abraham.

Turn to **Genesis 18**.

Read the story aloud for students in **Genesis 18:1-8** as they listen and follow along.

Then ask:

How was Abraham hospitable or kind to the visitors that came?

He was eager to welcome strangers into his home, provided water to clean their feet, to rest and brought them a meal.

How can we be hospitable or kind today? Be kind when friends come over – offer them a drink or snack. Welcome family into our home and be helpful to them when they come. Help your parents when people are over – be willing to get drinks or snacks or help clean up!

Isn't that great! Abraham was kind to the people that came to visit him, he took very good care of them. Let's remember that when we have people over to our home, we should be very kind to them as well. We should also be very kind to people that come to our church. We should be kind and welcome them.

Sing:

Father Abraham Song with Actions
(See song sheet in binder for website that shows how song goes.)

Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let's all praise the Lord.
Right arm! (Wiggle right arm)

Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let's all praise the Lord.

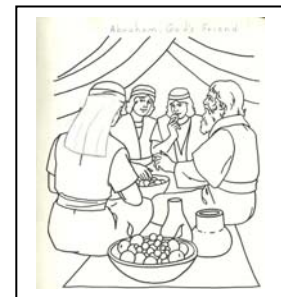
Right arm, left arm! (Wiggle right and left arms)

Continue singing song and add right leg, then left leg, turn around, and finally sit down!

3) Abram and Three Visitors Color Page

10 minutes

Hand out one color page to each child with crayons, help them to write their name on the page and then color the page. You can talk about the idea of being hospitable and how nice it is to be kind to others, just like Abraham did!



Have students finish coloring before moving onto the next activity.

4) Follow God – Abraham Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: I am going to say "Abraham and then an action word." I want you to follow and do what I say. Just like Abraham followed God and went where God told him, we are going to follow along and do what I say, ok? Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job

Abraham – touch your hands together

Abraham – say "Thank You God."

Abraham – pack your bags (pretend to pack bags for moving)

Abraham – say "I follow God"

Abraham – say "God made our family"

Abraham – say “Lot you can choose first”

Abraham – count the stars in the sky (pretend to count stars in sky)

Abraham – pray to God

Abraham – hand out food to your visitors (pretend to hand out food to everyone)

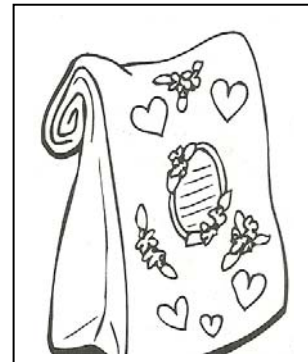
Abraham – sit down!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

5) Be Kind Goodie Bag Craft

10 minutes

Before class cut out template there is one set for each child and two sets are on a page, no need to cut out each sticker, just cut each set as a large rectangle and they can glue the entire section onto the paper lunch bag.



During class, hand out one set of stickers to each child with crayons. As they color explain that, “**Today just like Abraham, we are going to be kind and make something nice for someone special** (you can decide before hand if they should give them to visitor’s in your church, to each other, or to take home to give to a visitor that comes to their house.) **We are going to decorate these special stickers.** (Read the comments on each sticker) **Then we are going to glue them onto a gift bag that we can hand out to someone special.**

After children color, help them to glue the set onto the bottom half of one side of a lunch bag, fill the bags with the goodies you already have (or if writing a message, help them think of a special message and you write it down for them and then fold the paper and insert it into the bag). Finally, help them fold the bag by rolling the top portion over a few times. And then say: **Isn’t this nice! We all made a special gift for someone to show them that you care and that you are kind – just like Abraham was to his three special visitors!**

6) Optional: Follow the Leader – Abraham Follows God Game 5 minutes

Have students line up behind you. Tell them they are going to play follow the leader – just like Abraham followed and obeyed God by being kind to his special visitors. Have teacher assistant go at the back of the line so he/she can watch the children and keep them in line. March around the room doing different actions that they are to follow as you go, examples are pat your head, once everyone is marching and patting their head, then switch to put arms in the air and back down, jump up and down, hop on one foot, tip toe, crawl, etc. The idea is to get the children to follow you. When finished, tell them “**Good job – you followed just like Abraham did. Abraham left home and went where God told him – you followed me and went where I told you. Let’s remember that it is good to follow God and do what He says. Abraham also followed God by putting others first before him. Abraham did that by letting Lot choose where to live first and by serving the people that came to his home to visit. We should put others first too and remember to be kind – just like Abraham!**”

7) Ways to Show Kindness like Abraham Activity Sheet 5 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each child with a crayon. Say, **“Look at each picture – decide what is happening and if the child in the picture is showing kindness to the people visiting him. If he is circle the picture. Let’s look at the first picture** (Go through first picture getting children to see what is happening and decide if it is showing kindness or not. If yes, circle it. Go through remaining pictures together. Go through all the pictures and discuss the importance of being kind like Abraham was to his visitor friends!

8) Optional: I Can Be Kind - Roll the Ball Game 5 minutes

During class, tell the kids, **“Let’s all sit on the floor in a circle. While we are in the circle we are going to pass the ball to one another, as you pass the ball gently to a person and the person gets the ball; I want them to say, “I can be kind!”**

You can only pass the ball to someone who hasn’t had a turn yet, if someone catches the ball that already had a turn, you must give it to someone who hasn’t so we call get a chance to play, ok? ”

Remember, the person who gets the ball, must say “I can be kind!”

Make sure each child gets a turn before doing another round or moving on to another activity.

9) Optional: Abraham and Visitors Play Dolls/Play dough 5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, play dough or books about Abraham and the Three Visitors and other things that will help children remember that they learned about the fact that Abraham was kind to visitors

Say, **“The Bible tells us that Abraham was kind to three strangers that came to visit and he took very good care of them. In our case we might have people to come and visit our parents or us; and we need to remember to be kind to them when they come to visit!**

Let’s play with the dolls/play dough or books and remember that Abraham was kind to visitors and we should be too! Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

10) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder especially songs about Abraham

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Continue singing song and add right leg, then left leg, turn around, and finally sit down!

11) Optional – Circle Game – Abraham’s Stew**2-5 minutes**

Form a circle and tell the children they are going to help Abraham make stew today. Teach the children the song to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”

Abraham’s Stew Song
Abraham had visitors
And made them stew to eat.
We can help him,
We can help him, won’t that be a treat!

Then ask: **What would you like to put in Abraham’s stew?** (Point to the child on your right).

Whatever the child says goes – anything from carrots to dirty socks. Pretend to put the child’s suggestion into an imaginary pot of in the middle of the circle. If you can it is even more fun if you and the children pretend to cut up the carrots or hold the stinky socks at arm’s length while you put them in the stew. Then ask the next child what he or she would put in the stew.

After everyone has put an ingredient or two into the pot, yell – **Soup’s on!**

12) Optional – Snack Build a Tent**5 minutes**

Hand out 2 graham crackers and 4 mini marshmallows to each child along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Explain that, **“As we have been studying about the people from the Bible we have learned that Abraham and his family lived in tents. To help us remember we are going to make tents out of our crackers. Lean the 2 crackers together to make the tent then put a marshmallow at each corner as tent pegs.**

Once you have it standing – eat it! Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

13) Close in prayer

Ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray, then say: Thank You God for the world You made and for showing us people in the Bible who followed You. Thank you God for our families too. Thank God that we can follow You and worship You and we pray that we will remember to be hospitable, kind and prayerful like Abraham was! We pray also that we always remember to thank God like Abraham did for what God blesses us with!

Thank you God for your Son Jesus who loves us too and thank you God for everyone here today and those who could not be here because they were sick or away. We pray you will bring us all back to Sunday school next week safely. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!