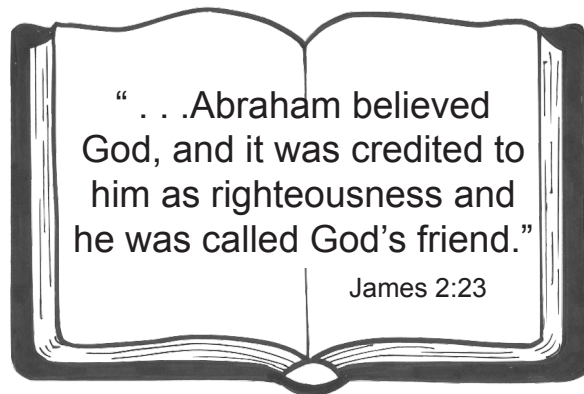


Abraham

Friend of God



TRUTH SEEKER



ACTIVITY

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"Teachable Moments"

OBJECTIVE: The focus in this lesson will be on God's relationship with people He chooses to be His own. Over the next few lessons we will learn how to be a good friend and how to choose friends carefully. Abraham's friendship with God will provide a great example for this study.

★ **Simple Truths:** The simple truths in this lesson will help your children learn how important friendship really is to God. He does want us to be His friend, but He chooses those friends very carefully and He wants us to do the same. This lesson is intended to be introductory.

★ **Activity Pages:** These are learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Be sure to use the four-step Truth Seeking guides presented in previous lessons.

#1 - PRAYER TIME
STORY TIME

#2 - Abram's Ancestors
Abram's Homeland

#3 - The HAND of the LORD

#4 - Abraham . . . A Friend of God (word search)

#5 - GENESIS Review

I Wonder ? ? ? (It isn't necessary to complete this entire activity in one sitting. You decide what is best for your family.)

★ **Enjoy singing & learning together:** *Friend of God* (activity page 4)

★ **Memorize** together : James 2:23
Reflect on this thought: GOD called Abraham his friend.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

1

GOD chooses His friends.

How do people become God's friends?

- We can not earn friendship with God.
- God knows our hearts; He **chooses** and **calls** to Himself those he wants for His friends.

*"But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom **I have chosen**, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners **I called you**. I said, 'You are my servant', **I have chosen you** and have not rejected you." (Isaiah 41:8-9)*

*"... **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and appointed you to go and bear fruit---fruit that will last. . ." (John 15:15, 16)*

2

GOD wants us to be His friend.

How can I be a friend of God?

- Jesus told His disciples they must accept what He says and obey His commands if you want to be His friend.
- What we say and do is very important to God.

*"Jesus said--You are my friends **if** you do what I command. " (John 15:14)*

What does God do for His friends?

- He helps us to learn about Him and He answers our prayers. In fact, He loves to hear our prayers

"... I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. . . Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (John 15: 15b and 16b)

- As our friend, God's love is everlasting.

"A friend loves at all times . . ." (Proverbs 17:17)

3

GOD wants us to choose friends carefully.

How should your friends treat you?

- They need to be kind to you; they need to be honest, caring, helpful, thoughtful and loving.

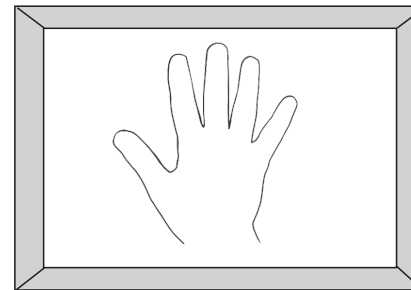
How should you choose your friends?

- Carefully consider: Do they love God?
- There are bad consequences for choosing wicked or mean people, so be careful.

"A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." (Proverbs 12:26)

Activity page #3 provides an opportunity to discover how God treats His friends and then on page #4 you will see how Abraham demonstrated his friendship with God. These actions of Abraham will be discovered in future stories about his life.

Word pictures can help us understand Biblical Truth.



- We do things for others with our hands.
- God does not have hands, true.
- Referring to "God's hands" in the Bible, pictures how He does things for us; He is at work in us and for us.

Parents: Remember, God has recorded for us all the things He wants us to know. There will be "missing details" that cause us to wonder, but we certainly do not want to make assumptions or arguments "based on silence". Help your children in their study to always accept what God says and not worry about what He does not tell us. That's where our faith becomes stronger.

REMEMBER, TRUTH SEEKERS-----

Ask God to guide your study and help you learn.



ABRAHAM

Friend of God

(Based on Genesis 11:10 - 32)



STORY TIME

Terah was 70 years old when his first born son, Abram, was born. He had two other sons--Nahor and Haran. All of their ancestors had moved into the area of the Chaldeans, south of the Tower of Babel, and settled in the city of UR.

Remember, God had scattered the people from Babylon all over the face of the whole earth. (Gen. 11:8,9) Why? because of the sinful pride of their hearts and disobedience to God.

Terah's family settled first in UR and while living there the three sons married. Terah's youngest son, Haran, had a son named Lot, but Haran died there in "*UR of the Chaldeans*" while his father, Terah, was still alive. Nahor's wife was Milcah. Abram's wife was Sarai, and sadly, she could have no children.

Even though their home in UR was a good place to live, Terah decided to take his family and move north into the land of Canaan. Abram, Sarai, and Lot, Terah's grandson, set out from UR together. When they came to Haran they decided to settle there and Terah lived to be 205 years old and then he died in Haran.

In future lessons you will learn about Abram and Sarai's names being changed, and why?

Abram's Ancestors

Genesis 11: 10 - 24



Shem (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 500 yrs. old.)



Arphaxad (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born when his father was 100 yrs. old.)



Shelah (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 35 yrs. old.)



Eber (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 34 yrs. old.)



Peleg (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 30 yrs. old.)



Reu (Abram's _____ Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 30 yrs. old.)



Serug (Abram's **Great** Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 32 yrs. old.)

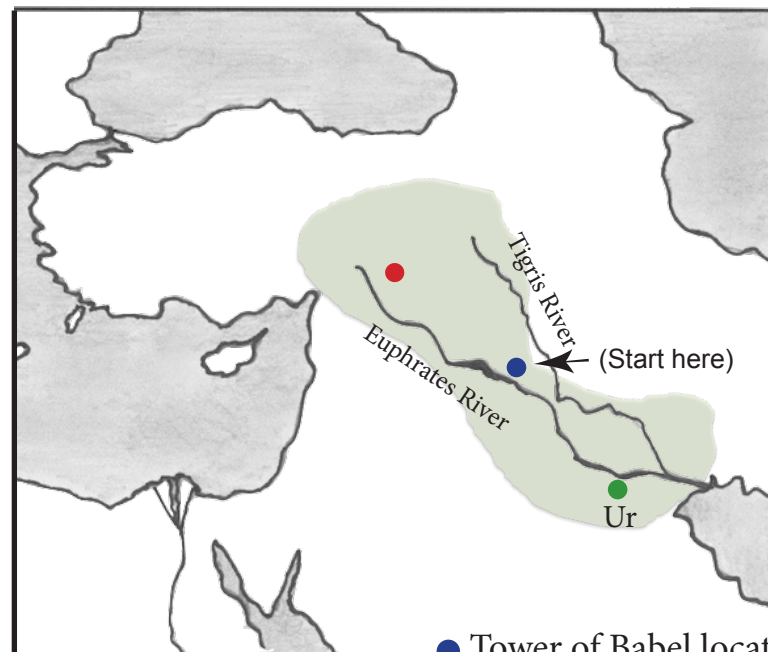


Nahor (Abram's Grandfather)
(Born after his father was 30 yrs. old.)



Abram's Homeland

Trace Abram's family moves by connecting the dots.



- Tower of Babel location
- Possible location of "Ur of the Chaldeans"
- Haran

➤ Abram's ancestors moved southeast from the Tower of Babel.

➤ **UR** was a city.

➤ **CHALDEA** was an area (green shaded)



Terah (Abram's Father)

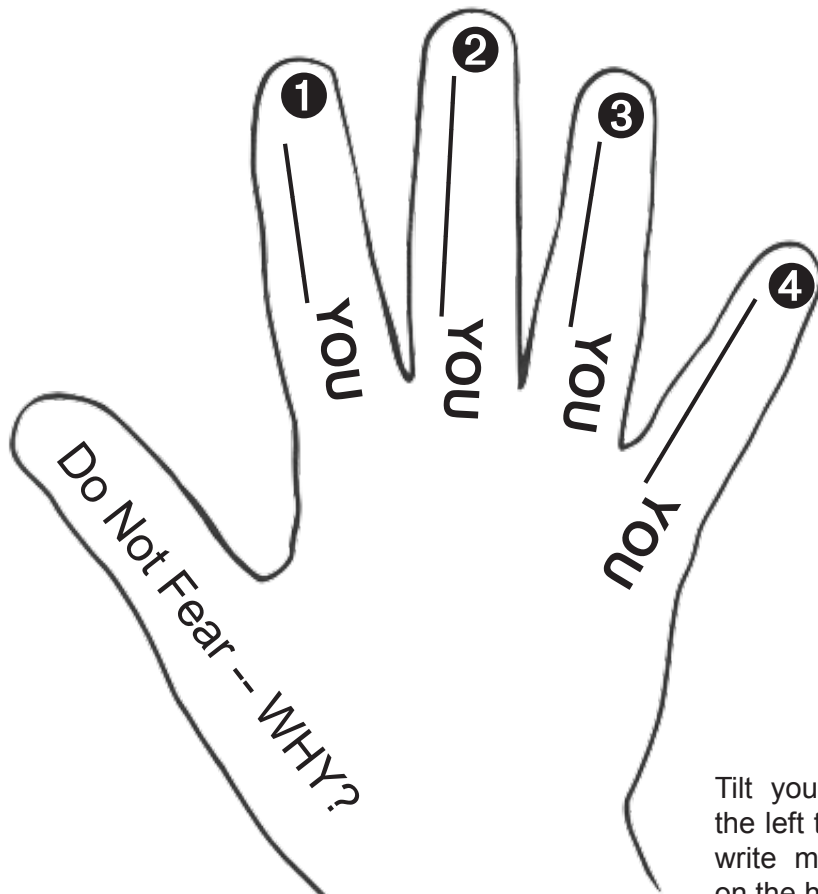
(Born after his father was 29 yrs. old.)

1. Abram
 2. Nahor (Grandfather's name)
 3. Haran
- } (Born after their father was 70 yrs. old.)

The HAND of the LORD

Isaiah 41:9-13, 20

- Read the verse and find the things that **God will do for us** when He is our friend.
- Write them on the fingers of the hand.



Tilt your page to the left to see and write more easily on the hand.

[#1 - 4]

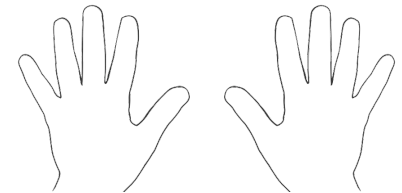
"So do not fear, for I am _____;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I
will _____ and _____;
I will _____ with my righteous
right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)


How many hands do you have? _____

Do you do things with your hands? ☐ YES ☐ NO
(Tell your parents some good things you do with your hands.)

Does God have hands?

Circle the hand
mentioned in this
verse.





Help me to choose and obey your Word.
I want Your hand to help me.
I want to be your friend, just like Abraham.
(Prayer based on Psalm 119:173)

Abraham . . . A Friend of God

WORD SEARCH

- We show our friendship with others, by our **actions**.
- Abraham did these things to show his friendship with God.

LOVE God
TALK to God
TRUST God
FEAR God
OBEY God

SEEK God
LISTEN to God
FOLLOW God
DEPEND on God
WORSHIP God

D	E	P	E	N	D	L
F	N	V	L	T	T	I
O	O	F	E	A	R	S
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L	S	E	E	K	S	E
O	B	E	Y	A	T	N
W	O	R	S	H	I	P

In the future lessons we will see these **actions** in the life of Abraham.



Friend of God

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F Gm F

A - bra - ham was a friend of God; that's what I want to

4 C7 Gm C F Dm

be. _____ Learn - ing to trust and o - bey _____ Him,

7 Gm C7 F

that is God's plan for me. As my friend He will

10 Dm F Dm B^b Bdm7

hold my hand; He has pro - mised ne - ver to leave me. I will

13 F C7 F Cdm7 Gm C7 F

ne - ver fear for _____ He is near. He is my faith - ful friend.

GENESIS Review. . .

the first BOOK of the LAW

Activity Page #5

DO YOU REMEMBER these things that are true
in this book of GOD'S BIG STORY?

Put a check in each box that is true of this lesson's story.

- ☐ 1. Man keeps sinning.
- ☐ 2. GOD makes promises.
- ☐ 3. GOD does amazing miracles.
- ☐ 4. Generations of families keep growing.
- ☐ 5. GOD chooses people who love Him, for special work.
- ☐ 6. GOD tells people how He wants them to live.
- ☐ 7. Some people obey GOD, some do not.

