

Adam and Eve's disobedience separated them from God. Yet God did not forget his special creation. God wanted a relationship with people. Many years passed. Eventually God chose one man from whom to raise a people that would be his. This is the story of Abraham.

God said to Abraham, "Leave your native country, your relatives and **go to the land that I will show you**. I will make a huge people from your descendants. **I will bless you** and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abraham left as God had instructed. Abraham was seventy-five years old when he left his homeland. He took his wife, Sarah and all his wealth, his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household and headed for the land that God would show him. When they arrived there, Abraham traveled through the land. When he eventually stopped, he set up camp beside a great tree.

Then God appeared to Abraham and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abraham worshipped God, who had appeared to him.

Some time later God spoke to Abraham in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, I will protect you, and you will receive a great reward."

But Abraham replied, "O God, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, a servant in my household will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

Then God said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." Then God took Abraham outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the **stars** if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

And Abraham believed God, and God considered him to be in right relationship with him because of his trust.

Drawing Elements: Stars, Path, Promise

**Drawing Note:** The path represents Abraham's obedience. He followed when God told him to leave his land.



