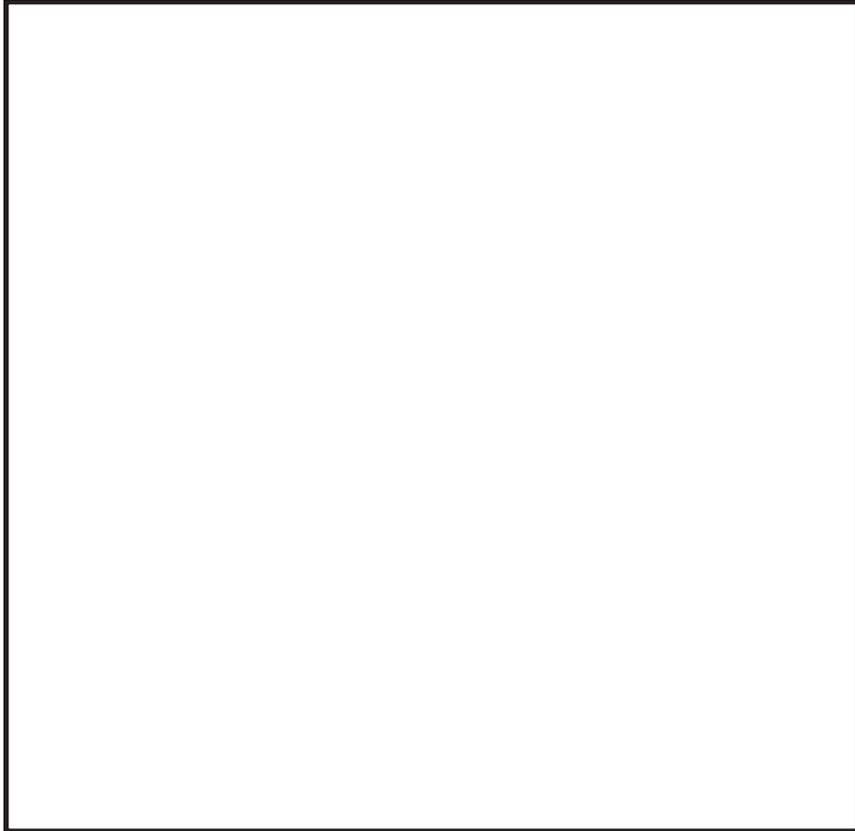


Abraham: Father of Many Nations

Genesis 11-23



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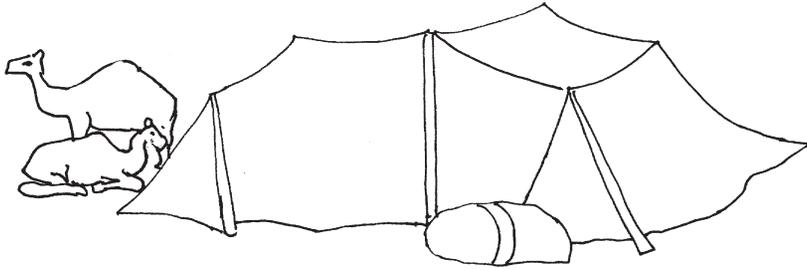
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Once a long, long, long time ago, there was a man named Abram and his wife Sarai. This was so long ago it was even before Moses and the _____ commandments! Abram learned some things about God from just praying and listening.



Abram had herds of sheep and goats. They went where the herds went and lived in tents.



Sometimes it was hard to find water or grass but Abram always turned to God to help him. His herds grew big. They were so big that they needed to split up. He told Lot to pick the way he wanted to go and Abram would go the other way. He said that there was no need to fight.

What did he learn about God?

God had promised Abram that he would have many children but he and Sarai were getting really old. Sarai told him to have a baby with Hagar. They called the baby Ishmael. Abram was 86.

God made a deal with Abram. God said “Walk before me and be perfect.” In return God promised to take care of him and promised him that his family would be too large to count. This “deal” is called a

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In the new deal God also changed their names. They were now Abraham and Sarah.

What new thing did he learn about God?

The things that Abram learned about God were very new ideas at the time he lived.

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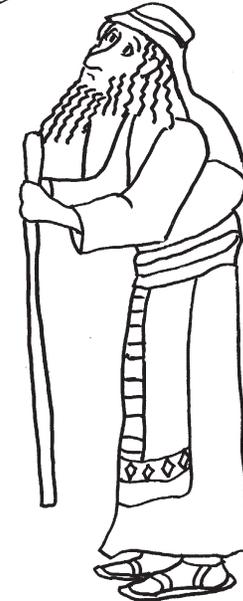
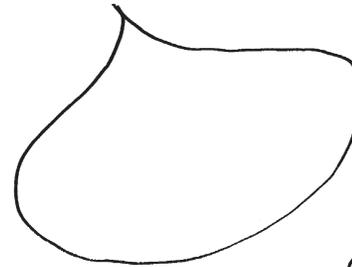
He learned that there is only one, true God. Most people at that time had lots of gods.

He also learned that God is Spirit. You can not see him with your



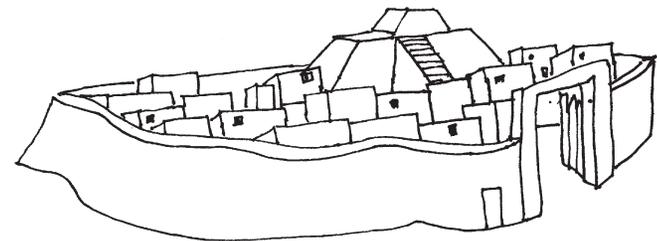
At that time people made idols, gods made out of stuff. Can you imagine praying to something that you had made yourself!

One day God called Abram. God

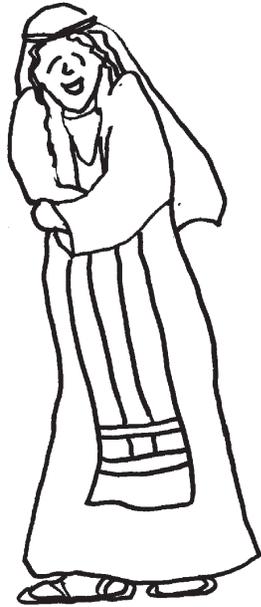


told him that he and Sarai must leave the city they were living in. God said that he would show them where to go. He would make him a great nation. He would make him a blessing. Abram was

about 75 years old. That is pretty old to start all over!



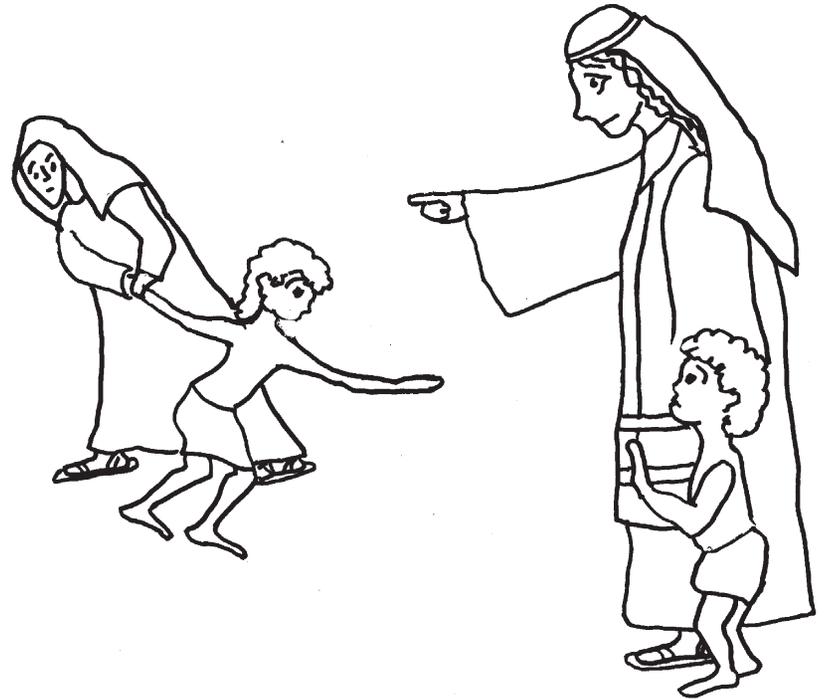
When Abraham was 99 God send 3 messengers to tell him that Sarah would finally have a baby. Sarah was outside the tent and heard them. She was so old that she thought it was a joke!



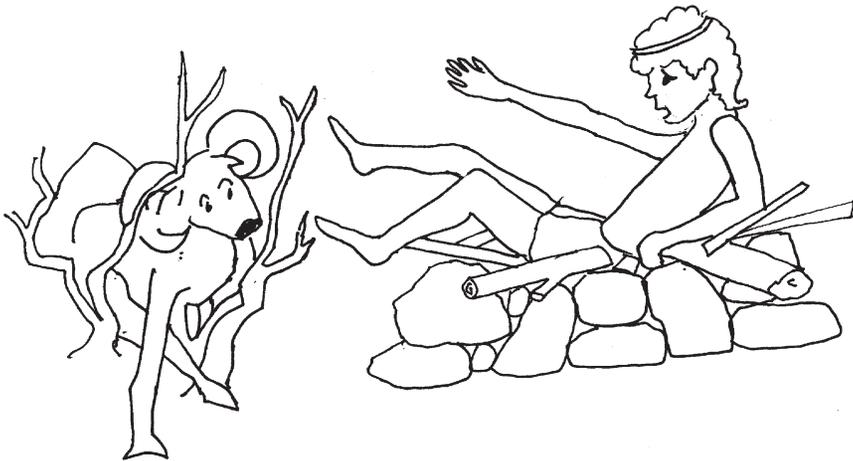
But then, Sarah had a baby boy and they named him Isaac.

What new thing did Abraham learn about God?

Sarah did not want Hagar and Ishmael around any more. So she sent them away but God took care of them too.



Abraham loved Isaac so much that God made a test. He told Abraham to take Isaac and sacrifice him! It was hard for Abraham to do this but he had to obey God. He went ahead and built an altar. He put Isaac on it and took out his knife. Then God said “Stop, use this ram instead.”



What new thing did Abraham learn about God?

So Abraham only had the two boys. Isaac had twins, Jacob and Esau. Jacob had 12 sons that became the 12 tribes of Israel. So Abraham was the father of the Jewish people.

What about Ishmael? His family grew large as well and became the Muslim people. So Abraham really was the father of many nations.