



# WEEK 3

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### **BIG IDEA**

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### **THE BIBLE**

**Abraham Left His Home:** Genesis 12:1-8

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- **ACTIVITY** | Would You Rather?

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### BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

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## WELCOME TIME

#### ACTIVITY | Land Mines

- Welcome to church! It's the third week of our series Double Dog Dare! We're learning about being brave and obeying God, even when it is challenging. Let's get started with a fun new dare! These bowls are landmines. Landmines are bombs that blow up when you step on them. Your challenge is to get to the other side of the room without stepping on one!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put some paper bowls down on the ground in the middle of your play area. Choose two kids to be blindfolded and walk through it, and give each one a "spotter" to make sure they don't get hurt. Tell the blindfolded kids to start at one end of the room and let their spotter give them verbal instructions to help them get to the other side of the room without stepping on a landmine. For younger kids, the spotter can lead them.*
- **Was it hard to get across the room when you couldn't see where you were going?** We're going to hear a story about someone from the Bible who went somewhere and didn't know where he was going.

#### ACTIVITY | Would You Rather?

- **Have you ever thought about living somewhere different? Maybe you have dreamed of living somewhere fun like a playground or your favorite restaurant?** We're going to play a fun game and think about where we would love to move to if we could choose.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the scenarios to the kids. Tell them to run to one side of the room for one option and the other side for the other option. You can use scenarios such as these:*
  - *The playground or your best friend's house*

- Walmart or McDonalds
- The beach or the mountains
- Somewhere really cold or somewhere really hot
- An inflatable house or a house made of pillows
- A firetruck for a house or a swimming pool for a house
- Sometimes, living somewhere else sounds fun, but if you suddenly had to pick up all your stuff and move somewhere new and you didn't know where you were going, it would be hard. Today we're going to hear how someone chose to obey God and move, even when he didn't know where he was going to end up.

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "I Can Clap My Hands" by Spring Harvest and, "Obey" by Yancy.

### THE BIG IDEA | We can obey God even when we don't understand.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:
  - Ask the kids to give you a drum-roll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
  - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections.)
  - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
  - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a "hunt" for it. When it's found, ask someone to come up and read it.
- This week's Big Idea: **We can obey God even when we don't understand.**

### BIBLE STORY | Genesis 12:1-8

- **Have any of you guys ever moved before? Was it exciting to get a new house? A new room?** We're going to hear a story about someone who had a big move with his family.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- **What did God tell Abraham to do?** He told him to "Go to the land I will show you."
- Abraham didn't know exactly where he was going. He just knew that God said to go. That would be really hard to pack up everything and not know where I was going.
- **Did Abraham listen to God and follow His instructions?** Yes! Abraham believed in the promises that God gave him and he chose to trust and obey God even when he didn't know what was coming. He trusted God to lead him and get him to the right place.
- We don't know exactly what is going to happen to us as we get older and we probably won't always understand what or why God wants us to do, but we can trust Him and follow Him.
- We can let God lead us and guide us. Just like Abraham, God wants us to trust and obey Him even if we don't understand why He is leading us somewhere to do something. We may not understand why our parents give us certain rules, but we have to trust them to know what's best for us.

**ACTIVITY | Following Line**

- Abraham trusted God, even though he couldn't really see where God was leading him. Let's play a fun game to help us remember our story about Abraham.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have all the kids stand in a line and put their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them. Then blindfold every child except for the first one. Tell the first child to lead the line around the room (walking slowly!) while the others follow. Let the kids take turns being the leader.*
- **Was it hard to trust that you were going to be safe as you walked even when you couldn't see where you were going?** You had to trust that your leader was going to protect you.
- Abraham probably felt the same way. He trusted God to direct him and protect him even when he didn't understand.

**PRAYER**

- Let's spend time talking with God in prayer.
- Dear God, thank You that we can trust You even when we don't understand. You love us and want what's best for us. Help us follow and trust you. Amen.

**DISCUSSION TIME**

**DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!*
- **Who did God ask to move?** (Abraham.)
- **Where did God tell Abraham to go?** ("To the land that I will show you.")
- **What did God promise Abraham?** (To bless Abraham, to protect him.)
- **Did Abraham do as God asked him?** (Yes.)
- **Who did Abraham take with him as he obeyed God and left his home?** (Abraham took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all their animals and the people who helped them.)

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids join you on the floor in a circle. Remind them that Abraham had to pack up all his belongings and move his family. Abraham didn't understand exactly what God was doing, but he trusted God. Get an empty suitcase, some pieces of paper and a marker. Go around the circle and ask each child this question: **What is the one thing that you would make sure got packed if you were moving?** Help the kids write or draw their response on a piece of paper and put it in the suitcase.*
- **Do you think it was easy for Abraham to pack up all his stuff and leave his home?**
- **Have any of you ever moved to a new house? If so, was it hard to leave your old house behind?**

**ACTIVITY | Pack It Up**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids paper and crayons and tell them to make a drawing of all the things they think Abraham might have packed when he took his family and left his home.*

- Abraham had to take all his stuff and animals with him and set out on a long journey! He trusted God's command to go, even though he didn't really understand. We can trust God and follow Him. We can obey Him even when we don't understand.

**MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 6:5**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .

**LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** (*hands over heart, then point up*)  
**WITH ALL YOUR HEART** (*pump hands over heart*)  
**AND ALL YOUR SOUL** (*bring arms down in front of you*)  
**AND ALL YOUR MIND** (*point to your head*)  
**AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH** (*flex your muscles*).

**PLAY TIME**

*While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids...*

**ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them about how Abraham obeyed God.

**ACTIVITY | Drawing Without Looking**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a paper plate and a crayon or marker. Have them hold their paper plate on their head and challenge them to draw a picture of a person on their paper plate (without looking).
- Look at the picture you drew. It's hard to do something when you can't fully see what you're doing. Abraham couldn't see every part of God's plan, but he trusted God.

**ACTIVITY | What's Inside**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pack a suitcase with things, clothes, food, sandals, blanket, etc. Have the kids feel inside and see if they can figure out what the items are without looking. Then let them take turns packing and unpacking the suitcase..

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*