



# K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



**AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Bible Story:** God Chooses Abram • *Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6*

**Bottom Line:** You can trust that God has a plan.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*

*Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)*

8:45/10:45/12:30	PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group
9:15/11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown</li> <li>■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out</li> </ul>
8:48/10:48/12:33 9:18/11:03	<b>SFX: 30 Second Countdown</b> Bustout – Hope is Alive
8:51/10:51/12:36 9:21/11:18	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> Boo-YAH!! PRAY
8:55/10:55/12:40 9:25/11:10	<p><b>OPENER</b></p> <p><b>HOST:</b> "Hello, heroes! Welcome to <i>(name of kids' environment)</i>. I hope you all are ready today, because I need some heroes who can help me with some target practice! But you won't be doing the shooting—our aquatic friends will!</p> <p><i>Put away the giant water blaster. Take out a squirt gun that looks like a fish, and shoot water over the audience so it rains down over them all—not targeting one kid in particular.</i></p> <p>"That's right! I need some water shooters for our Aquaman challenge! As you may or may not know Aquaman is the greatest hero of the sea, and one of his powers is talking to the creatures of the deep when he needs aid! You guys will use these fishies to squirt water at some enemy jellyfish.</p> <p><i>This game can get really wet, so play it outside if possible!</i></p> <p><i>Set up boxes of varying heights and distances. Place upside down plastic cups on top of the boxes to represent the jellyfish. Have one set of 6 or 8 cups in different colors for each small group. Choose 3 or 4 kids to represent each small group and rotate shooting at the cups.</i></p> <p>"Each group will take turns shooting at the jellyfish. After you hit one, pass your 'fishie shooter' to the next kid on your team. You'll keep rotating until all your jellyfish are down. The first team to knock off all their jellyfish will be the winner.</p> <p><b>AUDIO: Upbeat Game Music</b></p> <p><i>Host picks the kids for each small group team. Make sure they all know how to use their squirt gun. Make commentary on the game play. If things are going too slowly,</i></p>

	<p><i>let the teams move closer. Host can jump in and help shoot if a team is really behind or if a kid is struggling.</i></p> <p>"Great shooting, everyone! I think we beat the jellyfish scourge! Let's all celebrate by getting up on our feet and praising the God who made the oceans and everything in them!"</p>
<p>9:00/11:00/12:45</p> <p>9:30/11:15</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP</b>  <i>Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.</i></p> <p><b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b> "Hey, friends! I'm so excited to worship with you! One way to worship is by giving praise and honor to God through singing and dancing. Let's worship together!"</p> <p><b>AUDIO:</b> "Follow You" / track 7 from <i>Ready, Set, Move!</i>  <b>Optional Video:</b> "Follow You" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video</p>
<p>9:03/11:03/12:48</p> <p>9:33/11:18</p>	<p><b>BIBLE STORY</b>  <b>SLIDE:</b> <i>Theme Background</i></p> <p><i>Storyteller enters and sets the prop box on the table as Worship Leaders exit. Set the fake tree at the opposite end of the table from the prop box.</i>  <i>NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!</i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION</b>  <b>STORYTELLER:</b> "Greetings, all! Are you guys ready for another outstanding story from the Bible? This year, we're reading through the Bible, talking about some of the important stories in it!"</p> <p>"And we're not going through the Bible just to learn the awesome stories in it! No! God gave us the Bible so we can learn about Him! So hopefully, as we go through some key stories in the Bible, we'll learn about God!"</p> <p><b>GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)</b>  <b>STORYTELLER:</b> "We're going to go through God's Big Story together! <i>(Gesture to slide.)</i></p> <p><b>SLIDE:</b> <i>God's Big Story</i></p> <p>"Each week, we'll talk about a different story in the Bible that's important to the big story God is telling—and we'll add a picture that goes along with that week to our timeline! <i>(Gesture to the timeline.)</i> And at the end of the year, we can follow our timeline to see the big story God is telling!"</p> <p><b>SETTING UP THE STORY</b>  "Today's story is going to take us on a little journey. But before we get too far down the trail, let's set things up.</p> <p>"We're still in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, the beginning. <i>(Hold up Bible.)</i> There was nothing, then God spoke and created <i>everything</i>. The heavens, the Earth, and every living thing on the Earth: animals, plants, oceans, and finally us!"</p> <p>"God made us in His image, to show the world what He is like. God created us to be His close friends! But the very first people God created chose not to follow Him. They sinned. Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways—who He is or what He has said.</p>

"When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, when they sinned, they ushered in a curse of sin that affected them and affected everyone who would live after them.

"But God never left us on our own. He loves us! Even from the very beginning, God had a plan to rescue us and to fix everything through Jesus!

### **A NEW HERO**

**STORYTELLER:** "Last week, we talked about how every person who lived after Adam and Eve had to choose whether or not they would trust God. Sadly, most people didn't. But a man named Noah did!

"So even though God was going to bring a huge flood to stop all of the evil that was on Earth, God told Noah and his family to build an ark, so they and the animals on their boat would survive the huge flood.

"After the flood, Noah and his family quickly spread throughout the Earth. But sadly, once again, just like before the flood, a lot of people chose not to follow God. Even then, God had a plan to rescue us so we could be close to Him again!

*Reach into the prop box and take out the hiking boot to represent Abram and a pink colored sneaker to represent Sarai.*

"This part of God's plan began with a couple, Abram and his wife, Sarai. For years Abram and Sarai traveled really far with Abram's father, and his nephew Lot.

*Take out a kid-size boot to represent Lot. Walk all three about a third of the way across the table.*

"Together they settled in a place called Harran. Can you guys say that?"

**STORYTELLER and KIDS:** "Harran."

**STORYTELLER:** "Great job! They lived in Harran for a very long time, and while they did, their flocks of sheep and herds of livestock grew through God's blessings.

*Add 4-6 white baby booties next to the boots to represent their flocks and herds.*

"Still, they didn't have any children because they couldn't. But don't worry, God still had a plan for them!"

### **A NEW PROMISE**

**STORYTELLER:** "When Abram was 75 years old, God spoke to him."

*Open the Bible to 12:1-3 (NirV) and read.*

*"Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you.*

*"I will make you into a great nation.*

*And I will bless you.*

*I will make your name great.*

*You will be a blessing to others.*

*I will bless those who bless you.*

*I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you.*

*All nations on earth*

*will be blessed because of you."*

"Wow, can you imagine? You're hanging with your flocks or maybe eating dinner, and the God of the WHOLE universe makes you that kind of promise. Incredible! But

that meant they had to pack up everything they had and travel into the unknown. But Abram chose to listen to God and trust in His promise. So Abram packed up, he took his wife and his nephew Lot with them, and all their sheep and herds, and they headed toward the land of Canaan.

*Clumsily grab all the props on the table and walk them toward the other end. If one falls or gets left behind, hastily grab them and return them to the group. Make jokes like: "Wow, that's a lot of sheep!" or "Don't get left behind, you."*

"After a long while, they arrived in the land of Canaan. They set up their tents near a tree called Moreh in the land of Shechem. Again, God spoke to Abram.

*Open the Bible to Genesis 12:7 (NIRV) and read.*

*The LORD appeared to Abram at Shechem. He said, "I will give this land to your family who comes after you." So Abram built an altar there to honor the LORD, who had appeared to him.*

"Abram was encouraged to know he was on the right path. He wanted to honor God, so he set up an altar to honor Him.

*Take a shoebox out of the prop box and place it next to the tree on the table.*

"Abram and Sarai continued to travel.

*Clumsily grab all the props on the table and walk them toward the opposite end again, away from the tree.*

"Traveling with all their stuff and all those people must have been hard. And, they didn't know where they would finally settle. Abram must have trusted God a lot! When they arrived in the hills outside of Bethel, Abram built another altar to honor God there.

*Take a second shoebox and place it on the table at the opposite end of the table.*

### **A NEW HOPE**

**STORYTELLER:** "Abram and Sarai traveled around the land of Canaan, and sometimes into Egypt, for many, many years, yet they still had no children!

"I wish I could say they always trusted God and His promise to make Abram's family a great nation. But sometimes Abram and Sarai made the wrong choices while they waited for God to fulfill His promise. They let fear guide them instead of God. But God was still faithful to the end—He kept His promise and His plan to bless the world through their family.

"One night, God appeared to Abram again. He told Abram to go outside and to look up at the stars.

*Open the Bible to Genesis 15:5-6 (NIRV) and read.*

*"The LORD took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can." Then he said to him, "That's how many children will be born into your family."*

*Abram believed the LORD. The LORD was pleased with Abram because he believed. So Abram's faith made him right with the LORD.*

"Despite how old Abram and Sarai had become, they chose to trust God again and put their faith in Him. And because of Abram's faith, the Bible says it made him right with God, no matter what bad decisions he had made.

"As a sign of His promise, God changed their names to AbrahAM, and SarAH. Though they still made some bad decisions, finally when Sarah was 90 years old and Abraham was 100 years old, God gave them a son and He told them to name him Isaac.

*Take out the baby sneaker and put it between the Abram and Sarai shoes.*

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "You know what? Abraham and his family eventually DID become a great nation, just like God had promised! After many generations, Abraham's family grew and grew to become God's people. And God was going to bring His great rescue plan through a family—that family!

"You know what the really cool part of this is? Many, many years later, when God sent Jesus to Earth, He was born into Abraham and Sarah's family."

"And Jesus would break the curse of sin, pay for it, and make a way for us to be in a relationship with God again.

"Even though Abraham and Sarah didn't know where God was leading them, He was working on His great rescue plan. God is always up to something good. So even when YOU don't know what's going to happen . . .

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** "You can trust that God has a plan. Say that with me."

**STORYTELLER and KIDS:** **[Bottom Line]** "You can trust that God has a plan.

**SLIDE: Theme**

**Optional Video: Theme Loop**

"From the very beginning God had a plan to restore what the first people had broken. Throughout the Bible we can see God working on that plan through people like Abram. As we'll see, God was working out His rescue plan for a long, long time. And later we see how God's promises to bless EVERYONE through Abraham's family came through in Jesus!

"When Jesus came to Earth, He broke the curse of sin for all time! He made it so anyone who wants to can have a relationship with God!

"But that's not all! There's a second part of God's rescue plan! Jesus is coming back! When He does, we will live with Him forever and there will no longer be any pain, or sickness, or death.

"But for right now, we are still living in the middle of the story. There's still a lot of pain and darkness in the world. But when we go through hard times, we can trust God because He is good and He is always, always working for good. The Bible tells us this:

*Open the Bible to Romans 8:28 (NirV) and read.*

*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. (NirV)*

"Even when times are hard, we can trust in God's plan. NOTHING will stop Him from making good things come out of the bad, and making everything right in the end! We just don't know how long we have to wait to see God bring His plan to a conclusion.

	<p>"Abram and Sarai—oh sorry, AbraHAM and SarAH—had to wait until they were over 90 to see God answer His promises that He had made to them years before. But God was faithful. He always, always is.</p> <p>"When we think about Abraham and Sarah, we can remember that even if we can't see it, God is always, always working toward a good plan! He might be working toward the Jesus-is-coming-back forever plan. He might be working on another good plan of His. We don't know what His plan is, but we do know this: it is good and He is working for good.</p> <p>"So when things are hard, because they will get that way, we can still trust that God is good and He is working for good. If you want help believing that, just ask God for help. Let's go ahead and do that now!</p> <p><b>PRAYER</b>  <b>STORYTELLER:</b> "Dear God, we know You have an incredible plan to make everything right in the end. Thank You! But life can get so hard. Please help us to keep our faith in You when we are facing tough times. Help us hold Your hand and trust Your heart when life gets dark. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."</p>
<p>9:15/11:15/1:00</p> <p>9:45/11:30</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b> "That was great! No matter where we are or what is happening, we can trust that God is always with us. Let's go ahead and sing this next song together.</p> <p><i>AUDIO: "Jesus, I Will Trust You"</i></p>
<p>9:19/11:19/1:04</p> <p>9:49/11:34</p>	<p><b>LANDING</b>  <b>COMMUNICATOR:</b> So as you head to small group, think about this. . ."  <i>CG: Bottom Line Slide</i>  <i>[Bottom Line]</i> "You can trust that God has a plan."          It's time to talk more in Small Groups! Have fun!"</p>
<p>9:20/11:20/1:05</p> <p>9:50/11:35</p>	<p><i>Kids to Small Groups</i>  <i>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</i></p>