



Be a Witness!

Bible Treasure: Genesis 15:12-18

It was a quiet night, and Abraham was outside. God surprised Abraham with a message: “Abraham, it’s time for you, Sarah, and your family to move to a new land where you will have lots of children and your name will be known.” Abraham thought to himself, *Wow, God is promising me a new land and more family. I can’t wait to tell Sarah.*

Sarah came outside with a surprised look. “Why are you out here in the dark? Are you OK?”

Abraham replied excitedly, “God has told me to move our family to a new land to reach more people—a land where we will be known for future generations as a huge family.”

Sarah had a confused look on her face and said, “I’m nervous about this move because we are leaving everything we know.” Abraham encouraged Sarah, letting her know that God would make a way. Abraham had lived in the land called Ur his whole life, but He trusted God’s promises to make the big move.

Can you imagine being told by your parents that you must move to a new school, church, or neighborhood, where you must make new friends?

On the way to this new land, Sarah, Abraham, and his nephew Lot carried their dishes, furniture, and clothes on their camels. Sarah complained, “It’s so hot in the desert.”

Lot grumbled, “I feel weak and thirsty.”

Abraham responded trustingly, “I am feeling tired too, but we are almost there.” God protected them till they arrived safely.

During this trip Abraham,

Sarah, and Lot walked a lot along with their camels. They saw interesting towns as they got closer to their destination. They finally arrived in the land of Haran.

Then God told Abraham to move again! This time God said that Abraham would move to what was called Canaan. Sarah and Lot were surprised that they would need to pack up and move again. It was another long trip of walking, but God got them safely to this new land.

In Canaan God would make this land Abraham’s, where he would have many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Abraham, Sarah, and Lot unpacked all their clothes, dishes, and furniture and set up their tents for their new home in this land. It was a foreign land, but God would help them as they would witness to others around them. Abraham was a stranger in a foreign land. He was a witness to the love and power of God. You too can be a witness for God in a new neighborhood or church.

IT’S YOUR TURN

- What would you take with you on a trip? Draw something that you would take with you on your trip.
- What was the name of the final land that Abraham, Sarah, and Lot moved to?
- Have you ever had to move to a different neighborhood, country, or city? How did you feel?
- What can you share with others when you move to a new place with strangers or new friends?