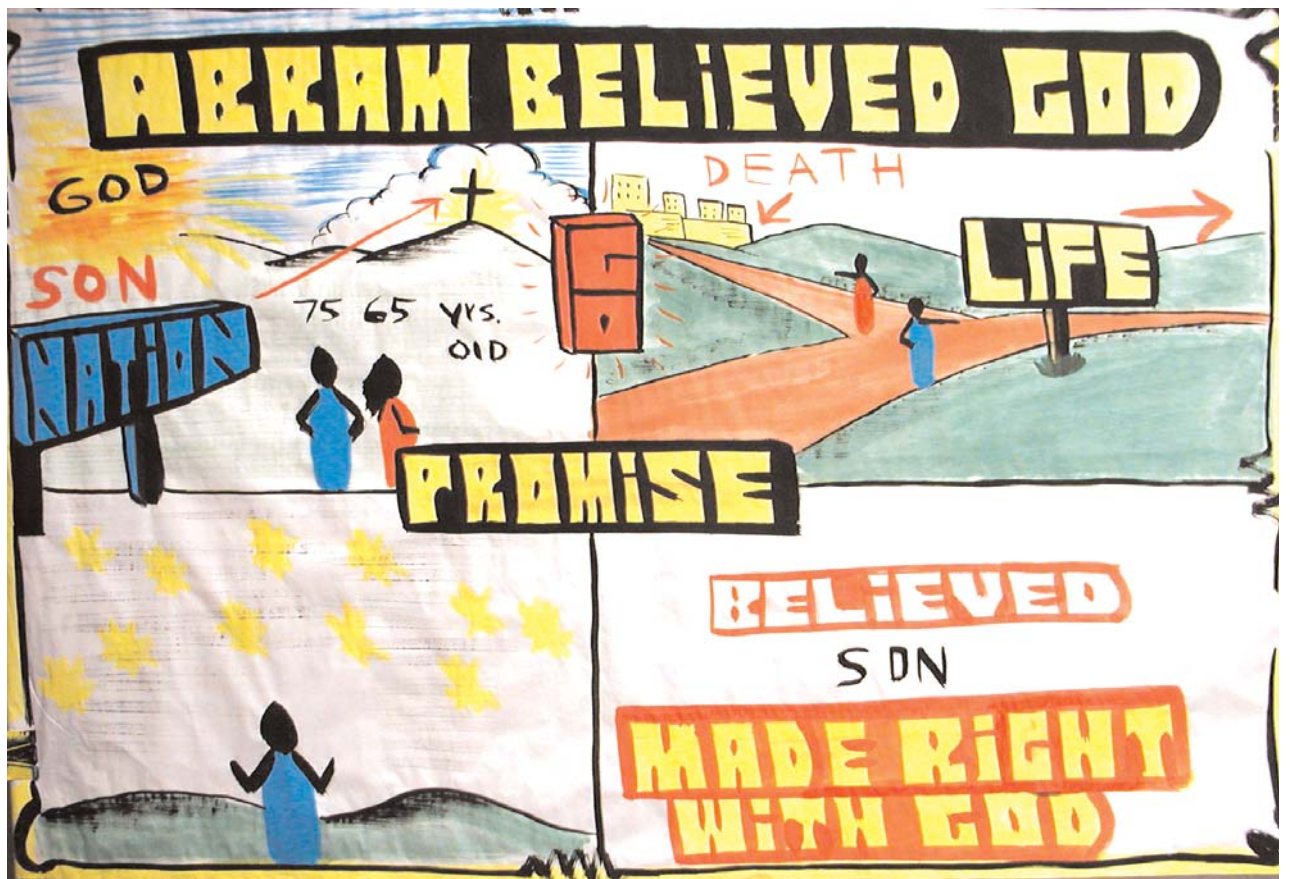


THE CALL OF ABRAM

BEFORE



AFTER



The Abraham Series

Day 3: The Call of Abram

Sketchboard title: "The Call of Abram"

Text: Genesis 12,13,15

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Introduction: How many of you have ever been told something that is amazing? Do you have any examples? Today we are going to learn about God doing something amazing things so people all over the world can have forgiveness with God.

The last time we were together, we learned about how God spread people all over the earth. Do you think those people and their children began to respect God after that? The answer is no they didn't. Why? Because each of us have the nature of Adam inside of us that always desires to walk away from God and sin. The people back then, and the people today are no different.

Hundreds of years after the Tower of Babel, there were many people living all over the earth. They did not seek God but instead worshiped all kinds of made-up gods. In other words, they made gods in their own image

Upper Left Hand Box

Even though the people of the earth did not seek after God, God sought after one particular man in order to bring salvation and forgiveness not only to him, but also to rest of the world. That means us too!

God came to a man named Abram and his wife Sarai (Genesis 12:1)

1. Draw in "God" in a cloud.

2. Draw in Abram and Sarai.

God told Abram and Sarai the plans He had for them and told them to leave their country and go to a place that He would show them.

3. Draw in the word Go.

How would you feel if God showed up and told you to pack your bags and leave your home, friends, family and city and leave to place you did not know? It would probably be pretty scary. But this is what God told them to do? Why? The reason is God had a great plan for them. What was that plan?

God told Abram that even though He had no children right then, that one day he would have so many children they would become a great nation (Genesis 12:2-3).

4. Draw in the word nation.

A nation is millions of people. How could this man and his wife become a nation? What did they have to have in order to some day become a nation? They needed to have a child, specifically a son.

5. Draw in the word son.

What big plans God had for Abram and Sarai!

This all sounds great, but there's a little problem. Guess how old Abram and Sarai was?

6. Draw in 75 yrs above Abram

7. Draw in 65 yrs above Sarai

That is your Grandpa's and Grandma's age! Do Grandparent's have children at that age! No way! What was God doing? God was beginning to test Abram and Sarai to see if they would trust God for everything; even having a baby at their old age. They had waited so long to have a son, and now it would come true.

Also, from this nation of people someday God promised that Abram's descendants would be God's chosen people. God promised Abram that out of this people would come Jesus, the Messiah, the Deliverer or Savior, and that through this Savior all the nations of the world would be blessed.

They believed God and went out on their journey taking all their belongings and some of their family with them.

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One of the family members was their nephew, named Lot. How about that for a name! Lot. Over time, Lot's people and Abram's people began to argue (Genesis 13).

8. Draw in Abram and Lot on the road.

Abram didn't want to argue and decided they should each go and live on different parts of the land. Abram allowed Lot to choose which part he would like. Abram trusted in the Lord to provide for him wherever he lived, but Lot chose to live close to the busy cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We will find out more about these cities later and how living near these evil cities will result in the death of someone Lot loves (Speak about the consequences of sin a little bit if you want).

9. Draw in Death for Lot.

10. Draw in Life for Abram.

God continued to speak to Abram and renewed His promise that one day Abram would have a son and become the father of a great nation.

11. Draw in the word promise in the middle of sketch.

Lower Left Hand Box

One night God came to Abram and told him to look into the sky. God said Abram would have as many descendants as there are stars in sky (Genesis 15:5).

12. Draw in Abram

13. Draw in the stars in the sky

Abram believed God's promise and God rewarded him by doing something wonderful. God justified Abram because of his faith. What does that mean?

Lower Right Hand Box

13. Draw in about Abram believing God.

Even though Abram was an old man he believed all that God had said about him having a son.

14. Draw in the word son.

Because of Abram's faith in God's promise, God forgave Abram's sins and made him right with God. This meant that instead of seeing all the sins Abram had made in his life, God now saw him as righteous and innocent.

15. As you are saying this draw in Made Right With God.

- Did Abram go to church to be forgiven?
- Did he get Baptized?
- Was he good enough to go to heaven? (This is a big one) etc.
- Use whatever you think kids would relate to.

Abram was made right with God because he believed God's promise. He was made right with God because of his faith. This is the same for us today. We are saved or made right with God because of our faith too. If we believe and trust in God's promise for forgiveness. Do you know what that is?

The Deliverer and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the special person who will someday come from the offspring or children of Abram. Jesus, will be God's Savior will come to save people from their sins. We will talk more about Jesus and what He did for us later.

END

Major Point: God is establishing salvation for people who don't deserve it.

