

## Abram and Sarai's Journey

*Sand coloured fabric; Abram, Sarai, Lot, Pharoah, Hagar (Use doll's house dolls); Folded Card Tents; Farm animals; small wooden figures; laminated images of food; altar (a beautiful piece of wood is ideal); Pyramids (Wooden pyramid shapes are ideal, but as an alternative download a template from the internet and make these out of card); laminated pictures of frogs, locusts etc - and/or strands of 'plague wool'; green and blue fabrics for grass and a river; coloured sand in a small bowl; small gold stars; two babies - wrap a scrap of fabric around some flesh-coloured modeling clay and tie with thread; more blue fabric for Hagar's spring.*

*Lay out fabric*

*Take 3 figures out of the box*

There was once a man and a woman called Abram and Sarai who lived with Abram's family in the land of Haran.

*Take out tents from box put third figure by tent (card folded in tent shape) Add animals.*



One day when Abram was not so young as he once was, God told Abram and Sarai to leave their home and family behind and set out on a new journey.

*Move Abram and Sarah away from the camp*

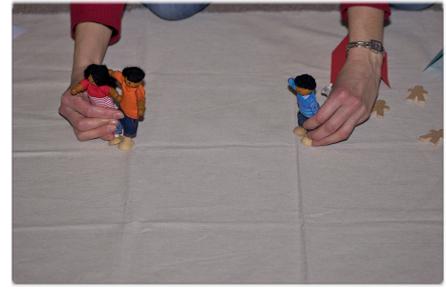
God promised to bless Abram and to make his descendants into a great nation. Now blessing in the Bible is an odd thing – it does not necessarily mean that good things are going happen but more that the person receiving the blessing is going to play an important part in God's story.

*Hold hand over Abram and Sarai*



So Abram and Sarai set out on their journey – Oh and Abram's nephew Lot goes along too seeking adventure!

*Catch third figure up*



Oh and they took some of their family and servants and livestock with them too

*Catch animals up too*



They travelled a long way from home – God didn't say where they were going just that God would show them where to go

*Take away tents and animals*

Each place they camped in, Abram built an altar and offered prayers to God

*Take out altar and pictures of food*



Everything was not too bad until a famine hit the land

*Take food away*



So they went to Egypt.

*Pyramids*

Now Sarai was very beautiful and Abram was worried that Pharoah might kill him in order to have Sarai for himself.

*Add Pharoah by pyramid*

So Abram told a big lie and pretended that Sarai was his sister.

*Place Sarai by pyramid*



So Pharoah took Sarai into his house and gave Abram all sorts of riches in the form of sheep, oxen, donkeys, camels and more slaves.

*Place animals by Abram*



But God sent down all sorts of plagues on Pharoah's house.

*Add pictures of locusts, frogs to pyramids*



So Pharoah was angry and returned Sarai to Abram and told them all to leave.

*Move Sarai, Abram and Lot and take pyramids and Pharoah away*

So now Abram is very rich and has lots of animals and there are not enough grasses and plants for them to eat.

*Add river and green grass*



And, as is always the way when resources are scarce, arguments broke out. So Abram tells Lot to choose a land and Lot chooses the luscious Jordan valley with its rivers and green lands

*Move Lot and some animals to green land far away*



God promises Abram a land for his offspring and tells Abram that his offspring will be as numerous as the dust of the earth

*Show sand running through fingers*



Well, it is a very long story, and Abram's household and their livestock continued to grow in number and there are many adventures and battles

*Add more tents and animals*



But Abram despite being very rich still has no children and complains to God. God again promises Abram that he will have many descendants that will be as numerous as the stars in the heavens. But God also warned Abram that it would be a long time before his descendants would claim the land as their own.

*Scatter stars*



But by now Sarai is now too old to have children. So Sarai comes up with a plan and tells Abram to have a child with her Egyptian slave-girl.

*Place Abram next to a tent with Hagar*



And 9 months later Hagar has a baby boy.

*Add baby*



And to make life even worse for Hagar and her baby son Ismael, Sarai gets jealous and drives Hagar out into the desert.

*Put Hagar and baby in desert*



But God had other ideas and found a spring of water for Hagar

*Add water (blue fabric)*



and promises her that her son descendants too will become a great nation and sends her back to Sarai. God says again that Abram will become a great nation and as a sign of this God tells Abram and Sarai to change their names and become Abraham and Sarah.

*Return Hagar and baby to camp*



And so again, God visits Abraham – this time as three strangers who tell Abram that Sarah will have a son. Sarah is listening to God’s promise and thinks it is so ridiculous that she laughs out loud.

*Add three stones*

But you know what? It was God that had the last laugh because Sarah did, after many more adventures, have a son and called him Isaac.

*Add another baby*



And really I guess that is just the beginning of two stories, one which follows each of the two sons and their children and their children’s children. For this is just the beginning of our journey!