

# Abraham Shows Us How to “GET WITH THE PLAN!”

After the sins of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the Tower of Babel, and the people of Noah’s time, God put into action his plan to make things right. That plan begins with a man called Abram (later Abraham) and his wife Sarai (later Sarah). Read the following passages in your Bible and list 3 to 5 bullet points that summarize the key parts of the story.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 12: 1-8</b></p> <p><b>1 (Abram’s call and migration)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God tells Abram to leave his homeland</li> <li>● God tells Abram he will make him a great nation</li> <li>● Abram departs with Sarai and Lot</li> <li>● God promises the land of Canaan</li> <li>● Abram builds an altar to God</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 17: 1-9; 15-22</b></p> <p><b>4 (Abram’s and Sarai’s names changed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At 99, God tells Abram he will be a father of many nations</li> <li>● God changes Abram’s name to Abraham</li> <li>● God changes Sarai’s name to Sarah</li> <li>● Abraham laughs because he thinks he and Sarah are too old to have a child</li> <li>● God tells Abraham that Sarah will give birth to Isaac in a year</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 13: 1-18</b></p> <p><b>2 (God’s promise of land/a home)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abram and Lot leave Egypt</li> <li>● Abram and Lot are very wealthy</li> <li>● There was strife between Abram and Lot</li> <li>● Abram and Lot separate; Abram in Canaan</li> <li>● God promises the land to Abram and his descendants</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 18: 1-15</b></p> <p><b>5 (3 visitors and the promise of a son)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God appeared to Abraham</li> <li>● Abraham sees 3 men and offers them hospitality</li> <li>● The men ask where Sarah is and tell Abraham that when they return, Sarah will have a son.</li> <li>● Sarah laughs because she thinks she is too old</li> <li>● God tells Abraham that nothing is impossible with God</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 15: 1-8</b></p> <p><b>3 (God makes a covenant with Abram)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abram has a vision</li> <li>● Abram asks God how this will be possible since he has no son</li> <li>● God tells Abram his descendants will be as numerous as the stars</li> <li>● God tells Abram to perform a covenant ritual</li> <li>● God makes his covenant with Abram</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gn 22: 1-18</b></p> <p><b>6 (God tests Abraham’s faith)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God calls Abraham who responds “Here I am.”</li> <li>● God tells Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice</li> <li>● Abraham obeys and takes Isaac who asks where the lamb is for the offering</li> <li>● Abraham says that God will provide and then prepares to sacrifice Isaac</li> <li>● God sends an angel to stop Isaac and rewards Abraham for his faithfulness</li> </ul>

## Abraham Shows Us How to “GET WITH THE PLAN” (PT 2)

Through the stories of Abraham, we learn how to “get with” God’s plan of making things right. Abraham shows that it takes 6 qualities to “get with” God’s plan:

1. Listening
2. Courage
3. Obedience
4. Letting Go
5. Trust
6. Commitment

Quality	How Did Abraham Practice...	How Can you Practice...
Listening	By listening to God’s call to leave his homeland; by listening to God’s directions; by listening to God tell him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.	
Courage	By leaving his hometown at such an old age; by entering a new land; by starting a new life; by being willing to sacrifice his son even though he didn’t understand.	
Obedience	By agreeing to leave his homeland; by following God’s directions; by following God’s command to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.	
Letting Go	By letting go of his previous way of life; by letting go of his belief that he and Sarah were too old; by letting go of his son Isaac when God asks him to sacrifice his only son	
Trust	By trusting the God will provide in a new land; by believing that God would provide him and Sarah with a son; by trusting God even though he didn’t understand why God would ask him to sacrifice his only son.	
Commitment	By remaining committed to God even though it meant big changes in his life; by remaining committed even when he didn’t understand what God was asking him to do.	