

# God's promise to Abram

*Genesis 12<sup>1-9</sup> 15, 17*



Many years after Noah lived God called a man called Abram to leave his home and his family and to move to a new country that God said he would give to Abram's descendants. The trouble was he didn't have any descendants, he didn't have any children! He was 75 and Sarai his wife was 65 – they were too old to have children!

This is one of the promises God made to Abram:

*"Go from your country, your people and your father's household 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, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:1-3

Watch the story of God's promise to Abram <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6w0h6mzogA>

## 1. Our fourth decoration for the Jesse Tree

Cut a circle of black or navy card or plastic, or colour it, or cover it in an old black sock. Cover both sides in stars – colour them with silver pen or paint, or stick stickers on, or use glitter, or cut them out of foil, or stitch them. When you hang it on your Jesse Tree remember God's promises.



## 2. Look at the stars

On a clear night, wrap up warm and go outside. Try to avoid anywhere that has street lights, or is too crowded with buildings or trees. Look up at the stars – give your eyes a few minutes to get used to the sky, the longer you wait you should see more and more stars. Keep looking – can you see some of the constellations – the Plough, Orion, Pleiades, Cassiopeia, others? If it's not too cold why don't you sit down and keep looking? Remember that God made all those stars, which are millions of miles away. Can you count them?! Neither could Abram! That's a lot of descendants!

## 3. God's promises

Yesterday we learned that God made a promise to Noah and today we learned about the promise he made to Abram. God has made many promises. Can you write some down? Think about how God keeps each one and thank him. What are your favourite promises that God has made? Why not write them on separate pieces of paper and decorate them and put them where you can see them every day.