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A MONTHLY UPDATE FOR KIDS AND PARENTS AT LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October

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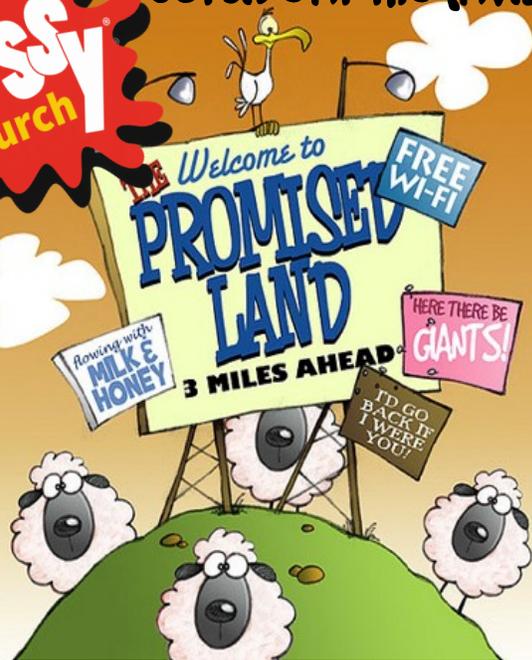
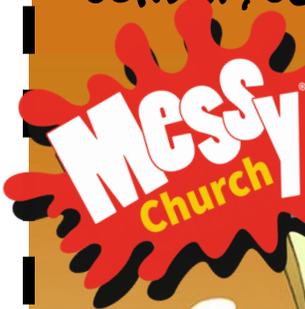


Pictures from the September Messy Church



Join us in October...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 9:30-11:00 A.M.
OUTSIDE AT THE PAVILION



DESERT WANDERINGS TO THE PROMISED LAND

God is with us, so trust God! God gives us what we need, so trust God! God gives us strength, so trust God! God saves us, so trust God! God guides us, so trust God!

Through the desert wandering of the Israelites, God guided, cared for His people until they learned to trust Him and through the leadership of Joshua, entered the Promised Land.

Join us outdoors at the Pavilion for family activities, crafts, games, worship, and Brunch!



MESSY CHURCH SAFETY PROTOCOLS



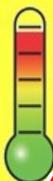
Face Masks are required for all participants regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn to cover both mouth and nose and can only be removed to eat.



Hand Sanitation stations will be available at each activity. Participants are asked to sanitize their hands upon entering Messy Church, before handling materials at the activities and before eating.



Family groups will stay together. Participation at the activity stations will be limited to allow for some social distancing while engaging in the activities. Family groups will eat apart from each other.



If any family member exhibits a cough, fever, or a sore throat we ask that the whole family not attend Messy Church.

Risky behavior such as singing during the worship time and eating will be limited to the end of Messy Church.



New in October



Do you feel uncomfortable returning to in-person worship in the Sanctuary? Do you have young children who are unvaccinated?

Are you yourself an at-risk person? If you fall into any of these categories but would like to find a way to participate in community worship, Lewinsville has created another worship opportunity in a safer environment outside at the Pavilion at the Lewinsville Gardens. This service will be an informal gathering for worship at 9:30-10:30 a.m. and will be led by one of the Lewinsville ministers. All participants will be masked regardless of vaccination status.

This service will not be held on the third Sunday of each month when Messy Church will be in session at the Pavilion.

This service is scheduled to begin Sunday, October 10. Watch for more information in the Thursday Update.

ESSAY & ART CONTEST

“A WHOLE NEW WORLD STARTS NOW”

Sponsored by Tysons Interfaith
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Connecting Learning Serving

Possible topics:

Positive lessons I learned from Covid; Heroes I admire from the pandemic experience; How my faith or cultural values helped me during Covid; Expectations of new life adventures coming out of the pandemic.

1st, 2nd, 3rd PLACE CASH PRIZES FOR BOTH ESSAY AND ART:

Youth (12 and under) \$100, \$50, & \$25

Teen (13 - 18) \$200, \$100, \$50

Adult (19 - and up) \$200, \$100, \$50

Details:

- Submission deadline: Midnight October 15, 2021
- Send essays to: essay@tysonsinterfaith.org. Recommended 300 words or less.
- Send scanned art to: art@tysonsinterfaith.org. Art can be photos or drawing mediums on one 8 1/2 x 11" page.
- For each submission include: Full name; Age group; Category (Essay or Art); Email; and Mailing Address
- By submitting an entry, you consent to Tysons Interfaith sharing your essay or art, with your name, on the Tysons Interfaith website and in local newspapers.
- Send questions to above emails.

Results and prizes announced Nov. 1, 2021

Children in Worship @ 11:00 A.M.

THE "CONSTRUCTION ZONE" WORSHIP BAGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE. THE BAGS CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE NARTHEX AND USED IN THE SANCTUARY DURING THE SERVICE.

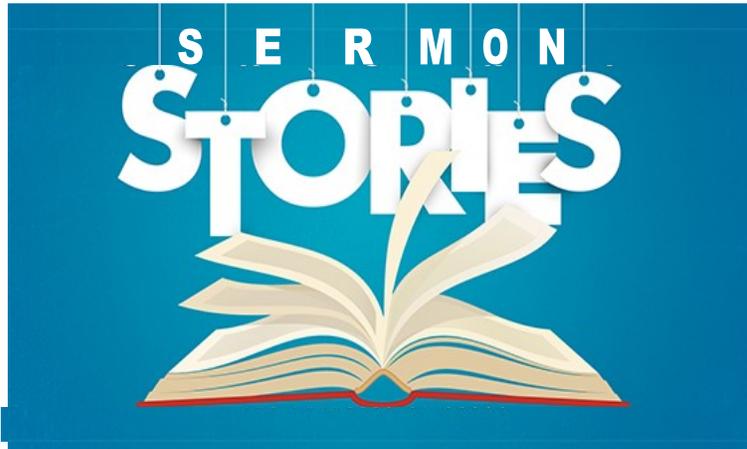
THE BAGS WILL BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY WITH NEW ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN TO ENJOY IN THE PEWS WITH THEIR PARENTS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE, THE BAGS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE BLUE BINS.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

WORSHIP BAGS FOR KIDS



DURING THIS TIME OF RENOVATION, THE BETHANY ROOM BEHIND THE PULPIT/CHANCEL AREA HAS BEEN REFITTED INTO A CHILD CARE ROOM. OUR CHILD CARE WORKERS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AND WILL BE WEARING FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES.



CHILDREN, AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 2, ARE INVITED TO EXIT THE 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S MEDITATION FOR SERMON STORIES. WHILE THE ADULTS ARE HEARING THE SCRIPTURE AND SERMON, THE CHILDREN WILL BE EXPLORING STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THROUGH CRAFT, GAME AND VIDEO ACTIVITIES. ALL CHILDREN WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK AND SERMON STORIES WILL MEET OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH'S FRONT PORCH AREA. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON, CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY AND THEIR PARENTS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE.

NOTE THAT SERMON STORIES IS SUSPENDED ON MESSY CHURCH SUNDAYS (THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH), WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THIS ALTERNATIVE FAMILY WORSHIP EVENT.

SERMON STORIES FOR OCTOBER

Date	Season	Theme/Story	Activity/Project	Location
October 3	World Communion Sunday	People of Faith Around the World	Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World Accordion Fold	Outside Front Porch
October 10		The Bible	Bible Pictionary Game	Outside Front Porch
October 17	Messy Church/To the Promised Land (Wilderness Journey to Joshua) at the Pavilion			
October 24		The Bible	Bible Book Tabs	Outside Front Porch
October 31	Reformation Sunday Halloween	Reformation	Reformation Party	Outside Front Porch



**BEGINNINGS:
PROMISES TO
ABRAHAM**

OCTOBER 3, 2021

LEW INSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - "BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

The Life & Journey of Abraham,

Abraham's Faith
in God's promises
led him to move far
from all he knew!



Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3



Bible Hero

Abram

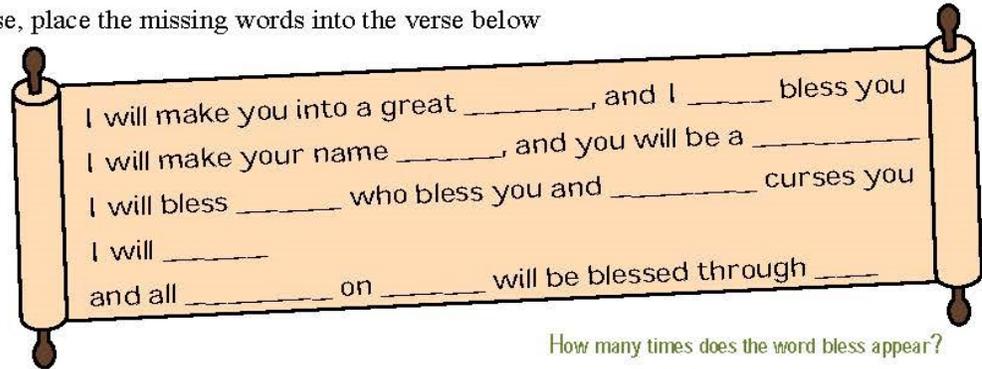


Journey to a nation

Abram didn't know where he was going, why do you think he left?

God made Abram a promise, place the missing words into the verse below

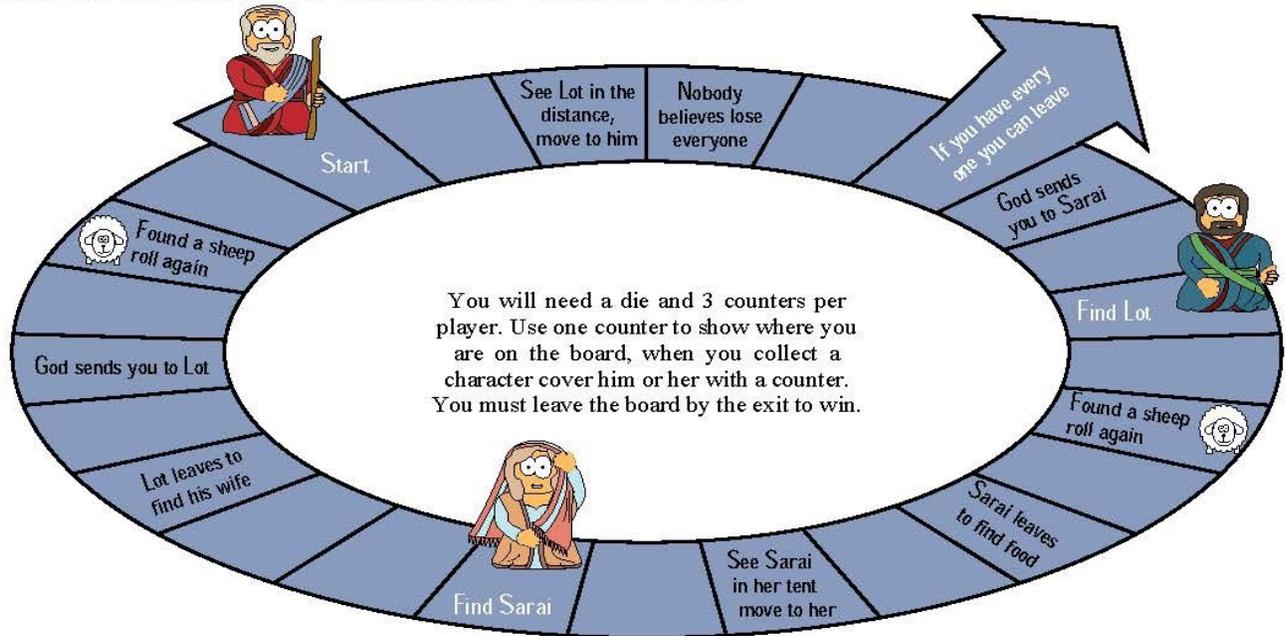
- those
- curse
- peoples
- nation
- will
- great
- blessing
- earth
- you
- whoever



How many times does the word bless appear?

7 2 4 3 5

Abram needs to ask his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot to join him on the journey, then he needs to pack up all their belongings and gather all their sheep so they can start travelling. Find a friend and play the game below so help him get ready to leave



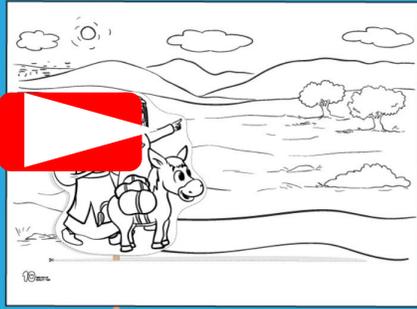
Player 1

Player 2

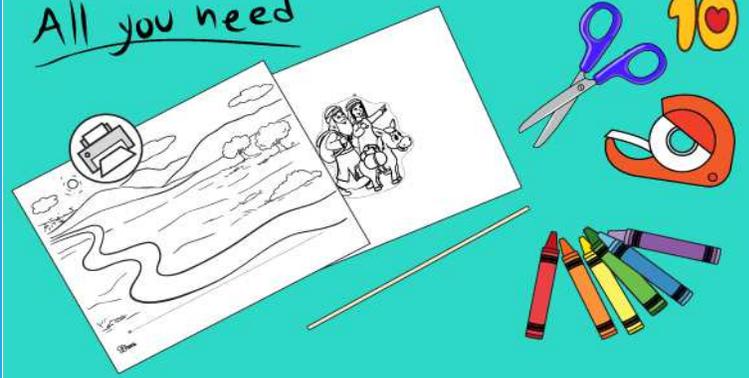


Abraham's Journey to the Promised Land

10 MINUTES OF QUALITY TIME

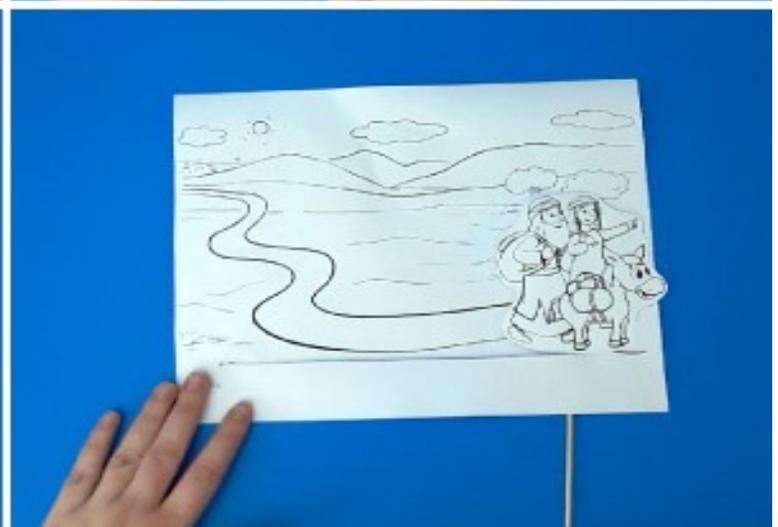
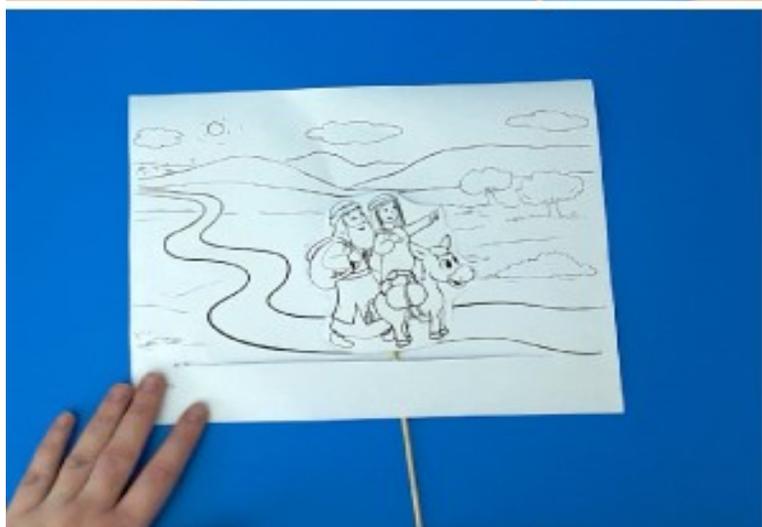
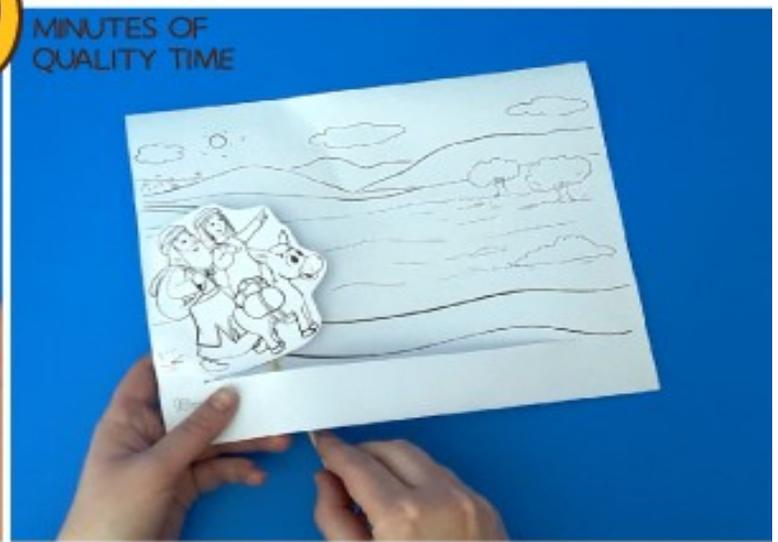
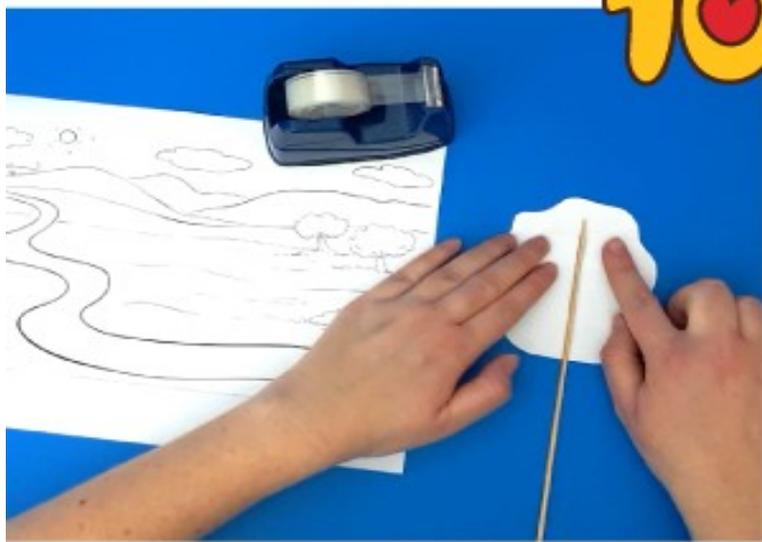


All you need



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MINUTES OF QUALITY TIME





DID YOU KNOW??

How far was Abraham's journey from Ur to Canaan?

From Ur, Abraham traveled 700 miles to the borders of present-day Iraq, another 700 miles into Syria, another 800 down to Egypt by the inland road, and then back into Canaan - what is now Israel. The miles based distance from Ur to Canaan is 3461.2 miles.



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The Faith of Abraham.



FATHER ABRAHAM



Father Abraham
had many...
Many kids...
Father Abraham

Colin Buchanan & Quiz Worx



Best
Lyrics
for
KIDS



GOD
made a promise

ABRAHAM

Abraham Obeys God

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**THE
Promised
Land**

Start ▶



- Help Abraham travel to the promised land.
- Use the symbols along the way to find from the list below what else Abraham was promised.
- Then using those promises find the answer to this question:

What was the name of the promised land?

- * • have many descendants (C)
- ⊗ • live in a castle (O)
- * • be blessed (A)
- * • have great peace (U)
- * • be famous (N)
- * • be a king (H)
- * • have total happiness (I)
- ⊙ • be a blessing (A)
- * • be wealthy (D)
- + • have many cattle (K)
- ⊙ • be protected (N)

God said:
"Leave your country
your family and
your father's house
for a land which I will show you."

Moving to a New Land

One day, God told Abraham to take his wife, Sarah, and move to a new land. Abraham obeyed God. Help Abraham and Sarah find their new home.



Traveler's Restaurant



Sheep for Rent



Fishing Hole



Canaan Luxury Hotels



HOME SWEET HOME

IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST BUSY FAMILIES, FINDING TIME TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER CAN BE DIFFICULT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEVOTIONAL IS TO GIVE YOU, AS A PARENT, A TOOL TO MEANINGFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS, AS YOU ALL GROW TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY.



God's Promise to Abraham

Introduction

God established a covenant with Abraham. He asked him to obey and start a new life; in return Abraham would be blessed and be the father of many nations.

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "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. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Lesson/Application

Have you ever had to move to a new city? How about a new school or start a new job? Those can be scary things, especially if you don't know anyone. You have to trust that God will help you in your new assignment. That's what our devotion is about today.

Sometime after the days of Noah, God handpicked a man named Abraham to play a vital role in His big story. God had a plan to create a group of people whom He would save and lead. The beginning of this new nation would begin with Abraham. God made a covenant and promise to Abraham, asking Him to leave his land and his family and go to a brand-new place he knew nothing about. Talk about scary! Abraham chose to obey God and started a new life.

The blessings of God's promise eventually led Abraham to become what we call the father of many nations. God told Abraham that his descendants would be greater in number than the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore. As we read through more of God's big story, we will find out that God kept His promise.

Question Time

1. How would you feel if you had to leave everything and everyone you knew?
2. What is something hard that you have had to do recently?
3. How has God kept His promises to you?