

# God Makes a Promise



“Where are we going Abraham?” Sarah asked, as she packed their belongings and those of their family.

“I don’t know,” Abraham said. He gathered their bundles and began to tie them on the back of his donkey. “The Lord told me to leave this land and my relatives. We will go to the land he will show me. Since we don’t know where the Lord will lead us, we will have to trust that he will take us there safely.” “And let us know when we have reached our destination,” added Sarah with a smile.

Soon, Abraham and Sarah were ready to leave. They took with them all their belongings, their servants and Lot,

Abraham’s nephew. They didn’t know where they were going, but God made wonderful promises to Abraham if he obeyed God.

“I will make you into a great nation,” he told Abraham. “I will make your name great ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Abraham was so grateful when God led them, under his protection, to the land of Canaan!

The Lord came to Abraham once more and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” Abraham was surprised, because he was 75 years old and had no children. In spite of that, he built an altar and worshipped God. Then they pitched their tents in Canaan and lived there. Several years passed.

One day, God spoke to Abraham once again. “Don’t be afraid,” God told him. “I am your shield, your very great reward.”

Abraham remembered God’s promise that he and his children would receive the land of Canaan. “You have given me no children,” Abraham said, “so a servant in my household will be my heir.”