



GOD THE LIFE - GIVER

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Lesson 5



GOD WHO PREPARES THE WAY FOR SALVATION





Man who was created by God sinned against Him. God punished them. But he did not desert them. He loved even sinners and prepared the ways to save them from sin.



God called Abraham specially for this. He lived in Haran. His wife was Sarah. Both of them obeyed God. God said to Abraham: **Leave your own homeland, home and relatives and go to the place which I show you. I will make you a big nation. I will bless you. Through you, the whole earth and its people will be blessed** (Genesis 12:1-3)





As instructed by God,
Abraham left Haran
with his wife and Lot
- his nephew and
dwelt in Canaan. God
appeared to Abraham
and said: **I will give
this land to your
descendants.**
(Genesis 12:7).

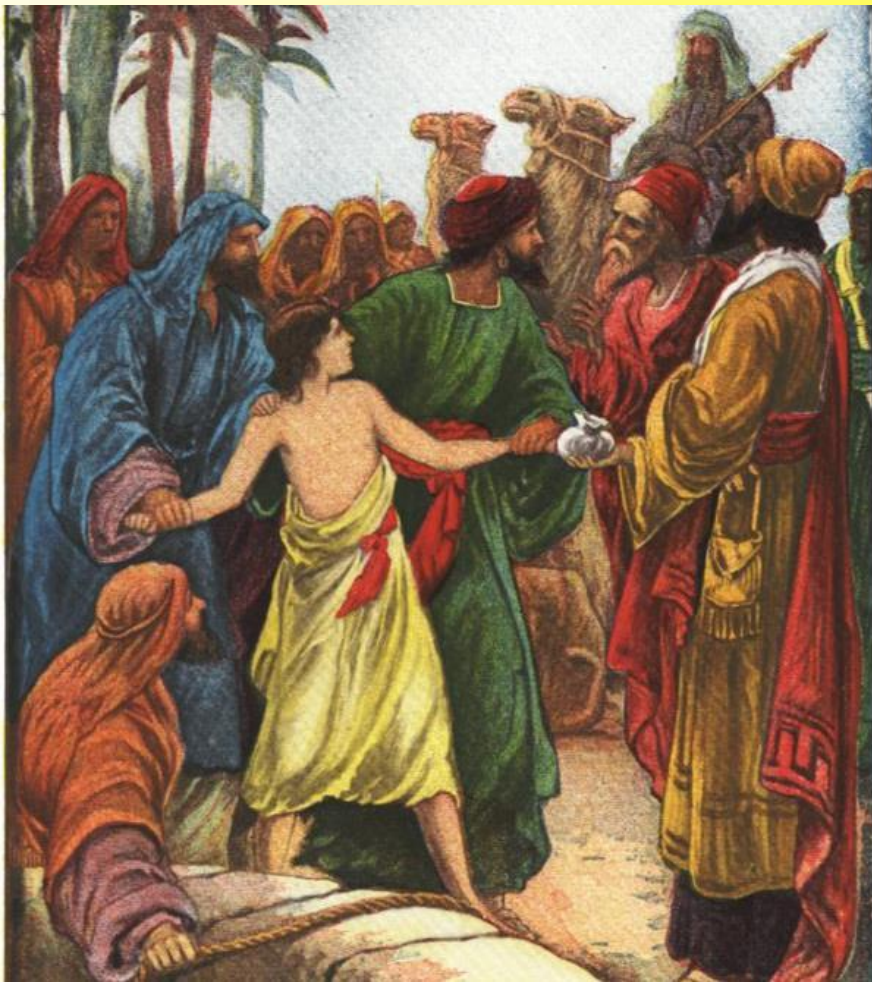


Abraham and Sarah did not have children. They were very old. But God promised them a son. Abraham believed in God's promise. They got a son as God promised. His name was **Isaac.**

Isaac had children-Esau and Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. Through them Abraham's descendants grew and they got divided into twelve tribes. They lived in the promised land. **The descendants of Jacob are known as Israel.**



Joseph was one of the twelve sons of Jacob. Jacob was well pleased with Joseph. As he was liked most, some of his brothers hated him. They sold him as a slave to the Egyptians. **But God was with him. By God's providence, he was appointed the ruler of Egypt.**





Canan, Where Jacob's children lived, faced a severe famine. They came to the pharaoh of Egypt to buy corn. Joseph. The ruler, recognised his brothers. He took them to Egypt and made them stay there. Thus the Israelites began to live in Egypt.



When Joseph died, the Egyptians made them slaves. They tortured them in many ways. God chose Mhose Moses the prophet and saved them from slavery through him. All these were God's ways of salvation. God prepared these ways to save men who became slaves to sin.



Israel has a prominent place in God's plan of salvation: for, it is from the tribe of Israel, Jesus, the saviour of the world, was born.

Let us find out the answers

1. Where did Abraham live as per the instruction of God?
2. What is the name of Abraham's son?
3. Who is called Israel?

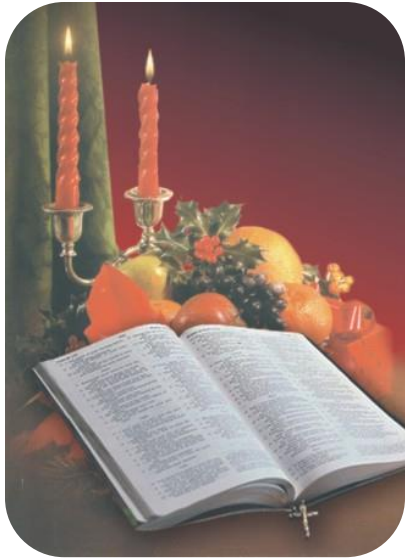
Let us pray

O God! Lover of sinners who prepares
The way for salvation, give me the grace
To grow in virtue, doing good.



Bible reading

Genesis 12:1-9



My favorite Bible sentence

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Riddle

Present in apple.	Not in Mango
Present in bat.	Not in sat
Present in rat.	Not in cat
Present in art.	Not in orbit
Present in hat.	Not in boat
Present in ant.	Not in end
Present in merry.	Not in worry

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Answer: Genesis 17:15



Let us find out

Choose the appropriate letters from the columns below and fill in. The numbers of correct answers are given in brackets.

1. The person whom God gave a special call (5,1,4,5,7,5,9)

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2. The Saviour of mankind (2,12,8,13,8)

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3. The place where Abraham first lived (7,5,4,5,10)

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4. The number of Jacob's sons (1,3,12,6,14,12)

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Repeat the slogan

God is our creator! Jesus is our Saviour!

(Write three similar slogans)

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3.





Thank you