

# God's Covenant with Abraham



Know about the covenant God made with Abraham.  
Reflect on Abraham's trust in God.

## The God of Surprises

When Abram was a very old man, God chose him for a new mission. God told him to leave his home, his own country and go to a land that God would show him.

Abram placed absolute trust in God, packed his belongings and set off with his wife Sarai, not knowing what was going to happen next. In total uncertainty, he obeyed God and set off in **faith**.

God shared with Abram and Sarai His plan for their future and in this way made a covenant with them.



## God's Covenant

"I will make a covenant with you," God told Abram.

"This is what you must do. I am God. You must believe in Me and worship only Me. You must walk in My ways and live as I ask" (Gen 17:2).

"This is what I shall do. I shall keep this covenant I have made with you. I shall give you many descendants and you will be the father of many nations... The covenant I have made with you will last forever... I shall call you by the name of **Abraham**, and your wife will be called **Sarah** from now on. I shall bless her and give her a son..."



“Sarah will have a baby and she will call him Isaac. Then I shall keep the covenant I have made with Isaac, just as I said.”



Abraham fell on his face and laughed. The thought of his wife having a baby, when she was well past child bearing age, was just too much (Gen 17:1-9, 15-19, 21).

### God asks Abraham

### God's promise of blessings

To go to the land that God will show him.	God will make Abraham the father of a great nation.
To leave his country.	God will bless him.
To leave all his friends.	God will make his name great. He will give him a new land and a son.

### God's Promises Fulfilled

God was faithful to His covenant. Sarah gave birth to a son and called him Isaac. When Isaac grew up, he married Rebekah. They had two sons, Esau and Jacob. When Jacob married, he had twelve sons; then generation after generation, the descendants of Abraham spread throughout the land of Canaan, the Promised Land.

The covenant with Abraham is passed on, father to son, through each of these generations.