

Children's Church at Home 29 November 2020

Genesis 12:1-3 and 15 The Patriarchs and Matriarchs

Craft ingredients: black or dark blue card, yellow paper or card, pens, scissors, pritt stick

First: What's your favourite story? Who are the main characters and what are they like? Amongst my all-time favourites are Winnie the Pooh and the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The stories are very different and so are the main characters. In the Bible there are stories about real people, lots of them. They are very different, and their lives follow very different paths. But the people in this week's Advent videos (on YouTube) were people who made mistakes but who knew and trusted God. And later we'll see that they were part of Jesus' family tree.

Story: Genesis 12:1-3 and 15. You can read the story here.

[Genesis 12:1-3 - God Calls Abram - The LORD said to - Bible Gateway](#)

[Genesis 15:5 ERV - Then God led Abram outside and said, - Bible Gateway](#)

Video: <https://youtu.be/FmAHlwX1des> (just the first 2.10 minutes)

Think: Have you ever made a family tree for your family? How far back does it go? Jesus' family tree goes all the way back to Abraham and beyond!

Advent is the time before Christmas, time for Advent calendars (with chocolate?) and candles. Each week we light a candle in Church. Advent is the time for waiting for Jesus. (And presents!) but actually, Jesus is more important than presents! Because he came to cancel out all the mistakes people have made in the past, and our mistakes in our lives. We just have to be truly sorry, and promise to try to do better, and God forgives us. And that's why he sent Jesus. While we wait for Jesus to come again, like the King in last week's story, let's do our best to love God and love our neighbour.

Craft: Abraham counts the stars.

Activity: Make a family tree. Ask your parents and as many other relatives as you can for help! You can fill in the picture on the next page or make your own.

Also: my friend Chris Berry at St Mary's Church, Hitcham, sent me this link. Have a look: it's got some excellent activities and some really interesting stories about people around the world. [2020-FF-Advent-Adventure.pdf \(opendoorsuk.org\)](#)

Prayer: Loving God, Christmas is so exciting! How can we possibly be calm and sensible when such a wonderful day is coming? Bless us with the best present ever, your love, and the best presents ever (and you know what we'd really like!) Help us to make Christmas a giving time, when we give our help as well as presents to everyone around us. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

My Family Tree

