



The Beginning of God's People

5. GOD CALLED ABRAM

God called an old man named Abram to leave his home country and go to a new land. God calls each of us to follow Him with the same faith.

- 1 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.
- 2 And 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.
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,



6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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DID YOU KNOW



The promise God gave Abram in verses 2-3 also applies to all his offspring, including followers of Jesus (Galatians 3:6-9). We are blessed so that we can be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:2). Do we want to bless others, or just ourselves?



The land of Canaan was named after Canaan, the son of Ham, the son of Noah. Ham had shamed his father, and Noah spoke a curse over Canaan because of it (Genesis 9:25-26). A father's sin always hurts his children.



Archeologists have learned that Ur, Abram's homeland, was a well-developed, wealthy city (Genesis 11:31). Abram left all this comfort to live in tents and travel through land he didn't know (Hebrews 11:8). We need faith like Abram!



Ur was a place of idolatry. Even Terah, Abram's father, worshipped idols (Joshua 24:2)! It's no surprise God called Abram away from there. God calls us to come out from among sinful places so we can come close to Him (2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

Read Deuteronomy 31:6 in your Bible and write it below. The Lord goes with us as He did with Abram!



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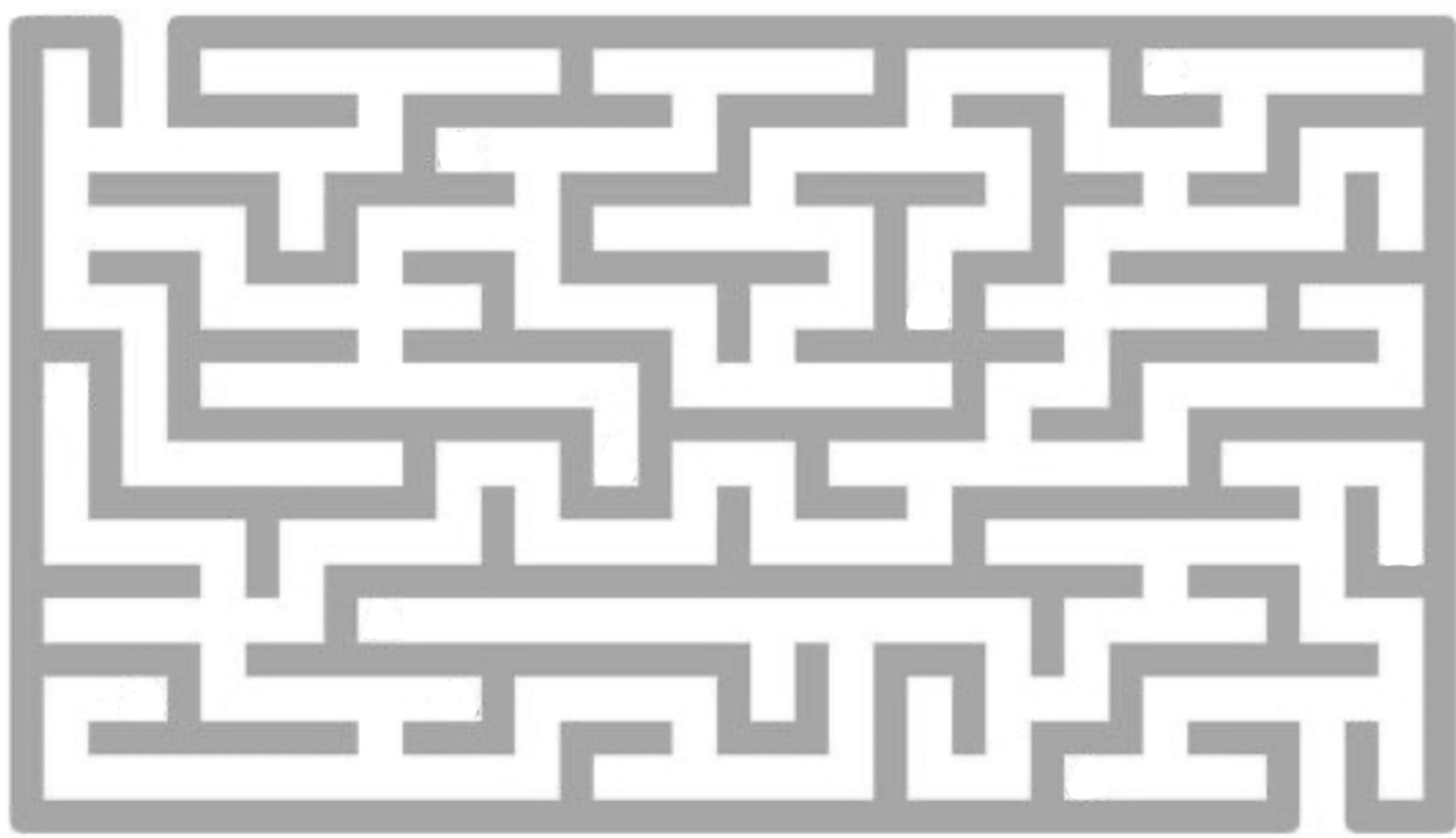
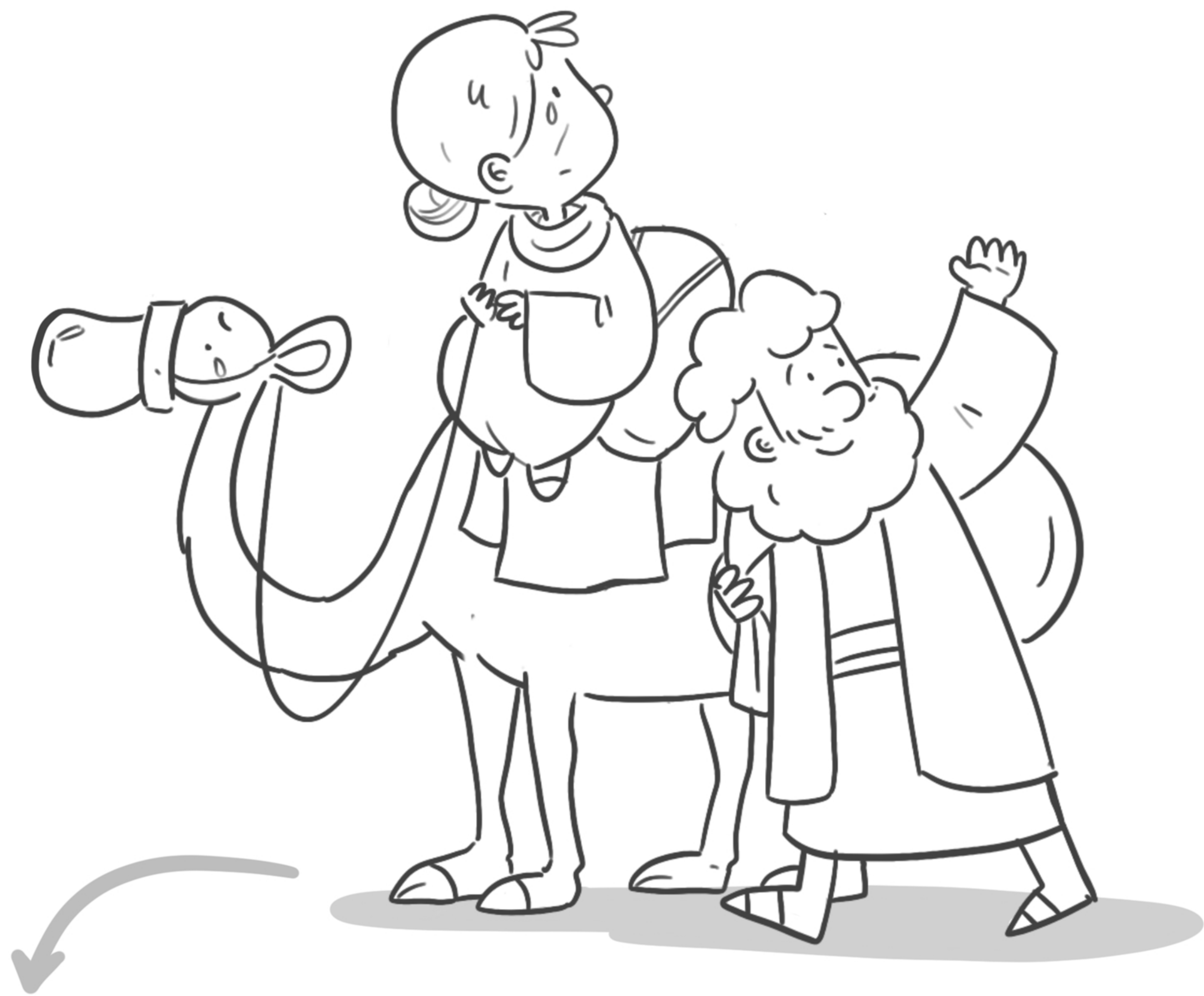
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Color Abraham and Sarah and help them get to Canaan.



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