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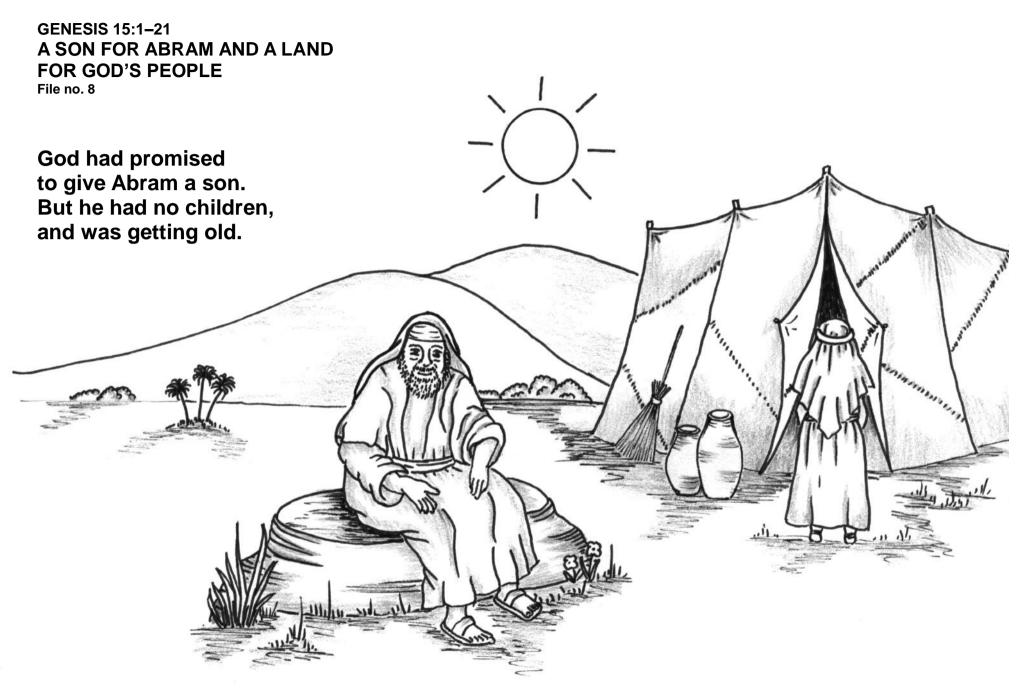
A SON FOR ABRAM AND A LAND FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

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God spoke to Abram in a vision saying, 'I am the One who is looking after you. I have a very great reward for you.'

But Abram said, 'What use is the reward when I have no son. When I die everything will belong to my slave.'

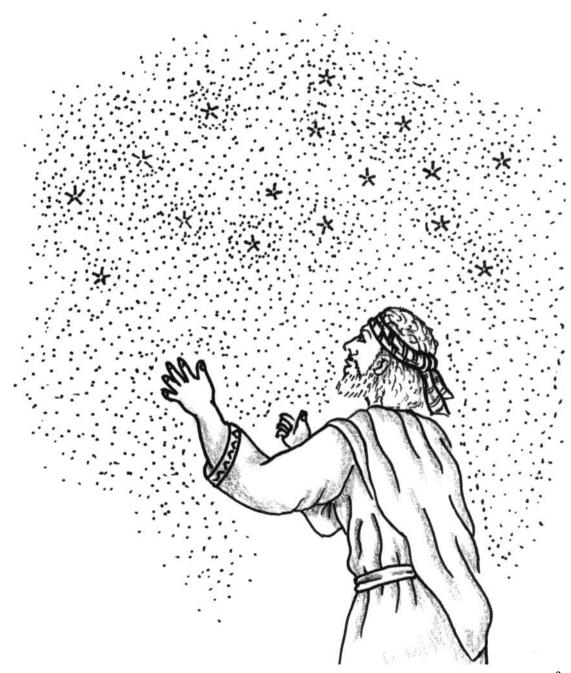
'No,' said the Lord, 'everything will belong to your son.'

God was talking about His promise. What is a promise? What had God promised to Abram?

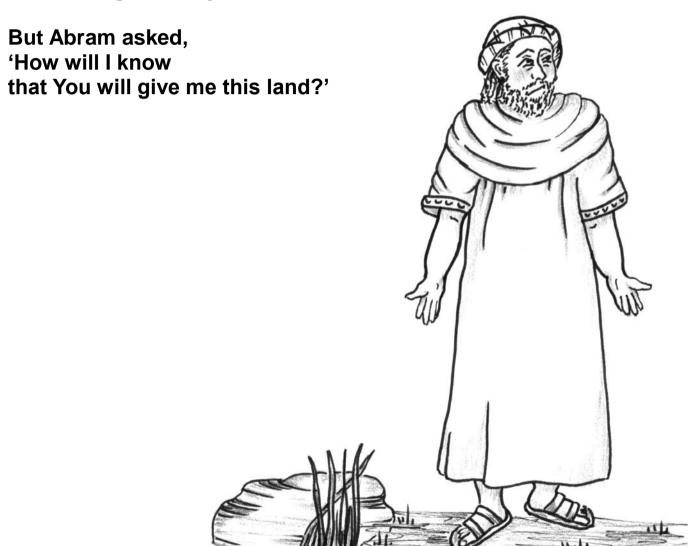


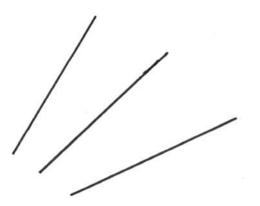
God took Abram outside and said: 'Look at the stars.
Count them if you can.
I promise that you will have as many sons and daughters as there are stars.'

Abram believed God. The Lord saw that he believed, and accepted him as someone who had done what was right.



Then God said, 'I brought you to this land so I could give it to you.'





God said,
'Bring Me a cow, goat, sheep, dove
and a pigeon.
I will cut a covenant with you,
a promise that I will keep.'

So Abram brought the animals and birds. He killed them and made them ready, just as God told him to.

That night while Abram slept, God showed him a smoking firepot and a blazing torch moving between the animals.

He said, 'I will give this land to your descendants.'



