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## A Bible Tale

# Abram and Lot Separate

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**A**fter the flood, the number of Noah's descendants grew and grew.

One of those descendants was a man named Terah, who lived in the land of Ur of the Chaldeans. Terah had three sons, Abram, Nahor and Haran. Haran also had a son, whom he named Lot.

Haran died while his father was still living. Afterward, Terah decided it was time to move out of the land of Ur. He took Abram, Abram's wife, Sarai, and his grandson, Lot, and traveled to the land of Canaan. However, before reaching Canaan, they settled in a place called Haran, where Terah died.

It was in Haran that God spoke to Abram.

"Go forth from your land, your relatives and from your father's house to a land that I will show you," God told Abram. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."



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### Bible Trivia

What were the new names God gave Abram and Sarai?

Abraham and Sarah

Abram took Sarai and Lot and set out for Canaan. They traveled as far as the sacred place at Shechem, by the oak of Moreh.

"To your descendants I will give this land," God told Abram.

Abram traveled a little further to the hill country east of Bethel, where he

pitched his tent and built an altar to God.

When there was a famine in the land, Abram, Sarai and Lot lived for a while in Egypt, where they accumulated many farm animals and servants. After the famine, they were very rich with money and possessions. They left Egypt and returned to Canaan.

On their way to Bethel, Abram and Lot realized that the land could not support all of their animals. So they decided to go their separate ways.

Lot chose to live on the Jordan Plain, pitching his tent near the city of Sodom. Meanwhile, Abram settled in the land of Canaan.

"Look about you, and from where you are, gaze to the north and south, east and west; all the land that you see I will give to you and your descendants forever," God told Abram. "I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth."

Abram then moved his tents and settled near the oak of Mamre in Hebron, where he built an altar to the Lord.



To whom did God promise the land of Canaan? Why did Abram and Lot part ways?

Read more about it in Genesis 13

## Children from Three Parishes Receive First Communion Together

On May 7, children from St. Patrick Parish in Amboy, St. Mary Parish in Walton, and St. Flannen Parish in Harmon received their first holy Communion. The first communicants received the sacrament at St. Patrick Parish in Amboy. With the students are (back, from left) Bonita Willis, second grade catechist; Deacon Kevin Prunty; Father Timothy Draper, pastor; Susan McCoy, coordinator of religious education, and Laura Morgan, second grade aide.



(Photo provided)



## Sterling Students Landscape School Grounds

The sixth- and seventh-grade students at St. Mary School in Sterling distribute and spread mulch to the plantings around their school. The students help keep the grounds beautiful all year round.



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