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Q&A

To whom did God promise the land of Canaan?

Why did Abram and Lot part ways?

Read about it in Genesis 13

Bible Trivia

How old was Abram when he left for Canaan? (Hint: Gn 12:4)

About 75 years old.

An Old Testament Tale

God Calls Abram's Family

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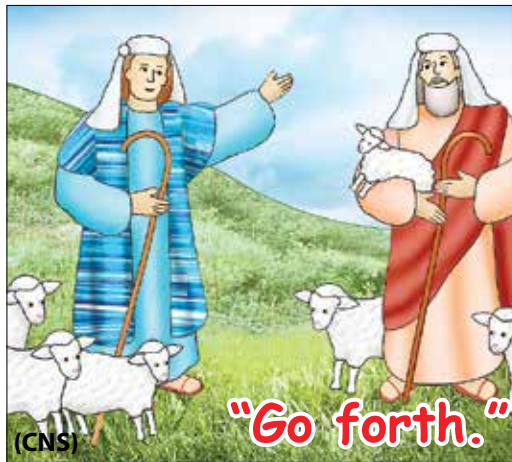
After the flood, the number of Noah's descendants grew and grew.

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. Terah took his grandson, Lot; Abram; and Abram's wife, Sarai, 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."

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.

Coloring Contest Honorees Receive Gifts

DIOCESE— Shortly after the three winners and one honoree of the Diocesan Appeal Coloring Contest were chosen on May 16, prizes and gifts from the Office of Charitable Giving and *The Observer* were mailed to the young artists.



(Photo provided/Courtesy Harks Family)

Merritt Harks (Ages 7-9 winner)

Merritt Harks, whose rainbow-colored entry won the ages 7-9 group, received a winner lanyard featuring her artwork from *The Observer* and varied gifts from the Charitable Giving Office. The other two winners, Finn Hallahan (ages 4-6) and Elli Bland (ages 10 and up) received the same.

Three-year-old Greta Ochs, whose black-and-yellow-marker entry did not fall under any of the age groups, was honored with a scapular and rosary from the Charitable Giving Office and a "Littlest Observer" certificate from *The Observer*.

That certificate included a fitting artistic quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta: "The child is the beauty of God present in the world."



(Photo provided/Courtesy Ochs Family)

Greta Ochs (Age 3 honoree)

Third-Grader Starts Kids Bible Podcast

NEWPORT, Mich. (OSV News)— When he grows up, third-grader Teddy Howell, a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newport, wants to be a podcaster and a priest. At nine years old, he already has achieved one of those goals with the recent launch of his podcast: "Kid's Bible In A Year with Teddy."

In each 10-minute episode, released Sundays and Wednesdays, Teddy leads his listeners in prayer and through a series of Bible verses. Teddy has been given permission by Ascension Press to use the "Catholic Bible Chronicles" as his reference.

Subscribers can listen to Teddy's podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and other podcast hosting platforms.

If his podcast sounds familiar, that's because it's inspired by Father Mike Schmitz's chart-topping podcast, "The Bible in a Year (with Father Mike Schmitz)." The priest, of the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., created the Bible podcast with Scripture scholar Jeff Cavins with the backing of Ascension.



(OSV News photo/Courtesy Howell Family)

Teddy Howell

Teddy's podcast is geared toward other children, since Father Schmitz's podcast addresses adult themes that are not suitable for young children.

"I like to read about the Bible, and I pray," Teddy said. "If you want to follow me, you can subscribe if you want."

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