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The Call of Abram

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”



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

5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

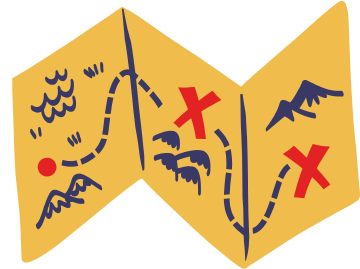
6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

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



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8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.



9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

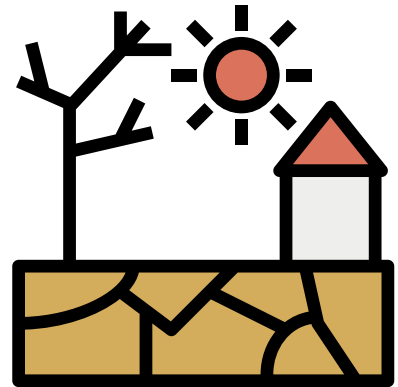
Abram in Egypt

10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are.

12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.

13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."



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FAKE NEWS

There's no such thing as a harmless, little lie.

Not a day goes by we aren't tempted to lie. We're tempted to lie to get ourselves out of trouble. We lie to protect the feelings of others. "No, no, that shirt looks great on you." We lie to protect ourselves. "No, Mom, I don't know how the window got broken."

Sometimes lies can get us out of trouble. They can keep us from having to pay for a new window. But very often, one lie leads to another, and the more lies we tell, the more likely it is we will be caught. When we are caught, we ruin our reputation in the sight of others. We lost trust with our parents, teachers, and even our friends. No one will trust us because they know we've lied to them before.



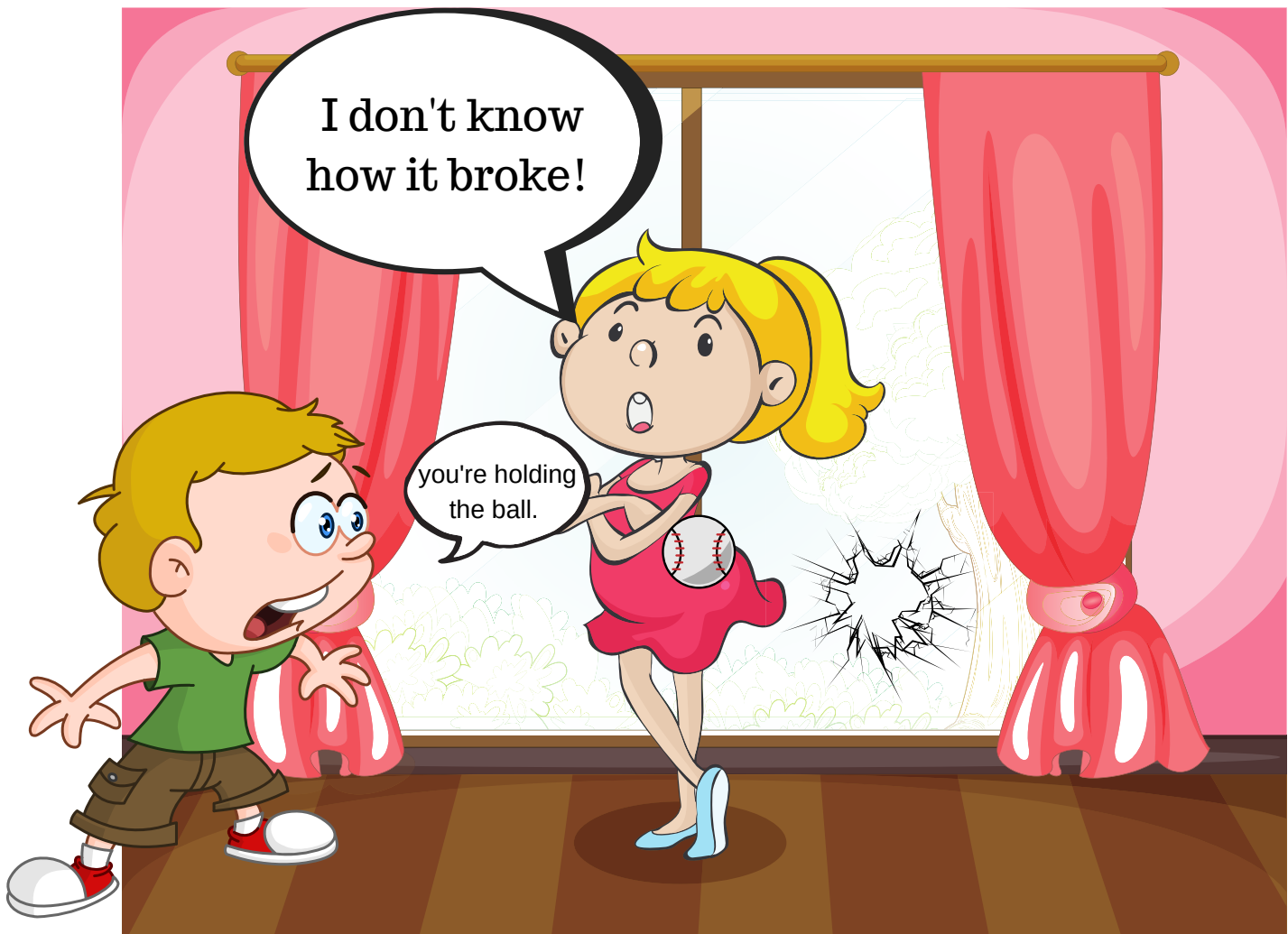
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Telling the truth isn't always easy. It may mean you have to pay for a window. But telling the truth up front will keep you out of bigger trouble. The kid who lies about breaking the window may have to pay for the replacement. But is it better to lie up front to try to cover yourself - or is it worse when the lies unravel and you DO get caught?

Let's keep reading and see what happens when Abram gets caught in his lie.



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14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman.

15 And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.

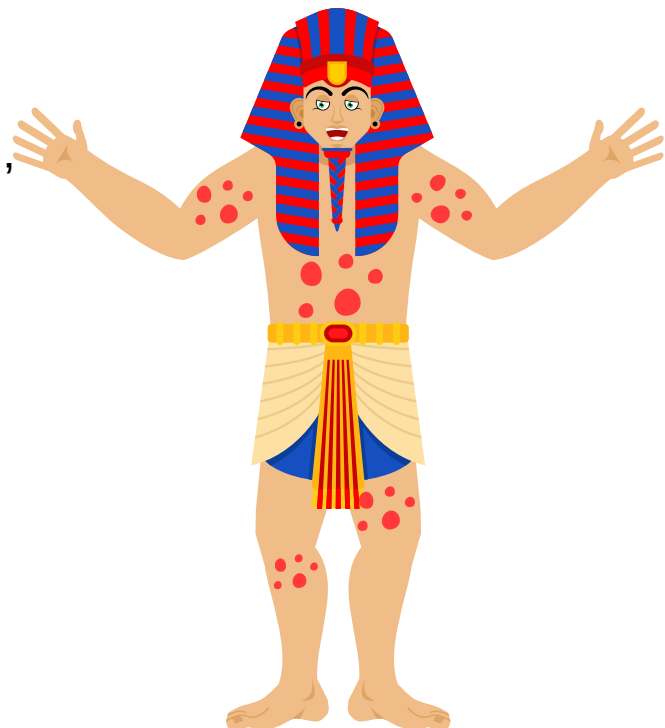
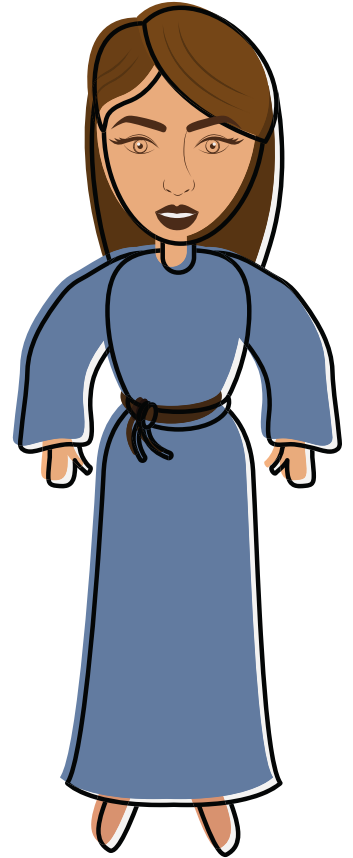
16 He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

17 But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

18 So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?"

19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!"

20 Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.



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What? The Pharaoh took his wife and made her his wife? And then after she was living with him in his palace, God punished the Pharaoh? Not Abram?

The Pharaoh had to suffer terrible disease for doing something right in his eyes. No one told him the truth. It is okay to marry a woman? Yes. Is it okay to marry a woman who is already married? NO! He did not know that Sarai was already married. What a horrible thing to learn.

He immediately gave Sarai back to Abram and asked him why he lied to him. Abram had to face the shame of his lie. Be sure you sins will find you. Even the ones you want to hide. They will find you and make your life miserable.

Sin never wins.



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God punished Pharaoh to teach Abram an important lesson. Remember, the sins we do, don't always hurt us, they can really hurt other people and that is MUCH worse of a punishment. If you do something wrong and get hurt, you are the only one who suffers most of the time, but that is not always the case.

Sometimes you can do something wrong and really hurt other people. If your wrong choice ends up hurting someone else, you have to live with that shame for your whole life.

Let's use drinking and driving as an example.

You drink and drive. You lose control of your vehicle. You hit a family and kill the mom. Now that family has to live without their mommy for the rest of their lives, just because you decided to drink and drive. You get punished too, you go to jail forever, but nothing can ever compare to the sadness you feel for the rest of your life, knowing you can never give that mommy back to her children.

Drinking is a terrible sin and it is not a good choice. Stay away from alcohol and you will live a better life.



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Some people think lying is okay. They see no problem with little white lies or tiny fibs. In God's eyes there's no such thing as a little white lie. God wants us to be honest, and there's no excuse for bending the truth - even just a little.

Dear God,
Help each one of us to be truth
tellers. When the pressure
comes to tell a lie, I pray we
will all find the courage to tell
the truth. In Jesus' name,
Amen



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