

## Church at Home Pack – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

### GATHER TOGETHER

#### *A prayer to start –*

Father God

Just as you blessed Abram, you bless us.

Help us, guided by you, to use those blessings to bless others

**Amen**



#### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

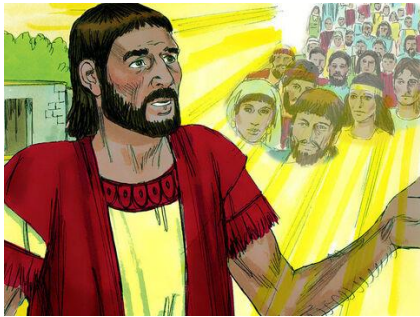
## READ TOGETHER

### Genesis 12: 1-9



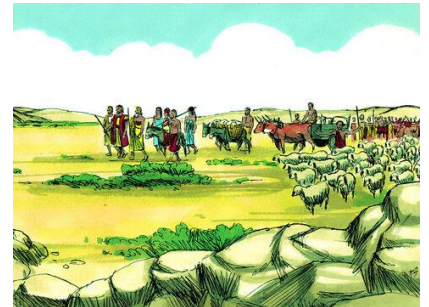
### International Children's Bible (ICB)

**12** Then the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you.



<sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation,  
and I will bless you.  
I will make you famous.  
And you will be a blessing to others.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you.  
I will place a curse on those who harm you.  
And all the people on earth  
will be blessed through you."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram left Haran as the Lord had told him. And Lot went with him. At this time Abram was 75 years old. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and everything they owned. They took all the servants they had gotten in Haran. They set out from Haran, planning to go to the land of Canaan. In time they arrived there.



<sup>6</sup> Abram travelled through that land. He went as far as the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. The Canaanites were living in the land at that time. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram. The Lord said, "I will give this land to your descendants." So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> Then Abram travelled from Shechem to the mountain east of Bethel. And he set up his tent there. Bethel was to the west, and Ai was to the east. There Abram built another altar to the Lord and worshiped him. <sup>9</sup> After this, he travelled on toward southern Canaan.

### New International Version (NIV)

**12** The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> "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.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."



<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Abram travelled 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.



<sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

## WATCH TOGETHER



*Blessed to be a blessing* – Douglas Talks: <https://youtu.be/N4yinc9ZkY0>



For an overview of **Genesis 12 – 50** you might like to watch this video by The Bible Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo&t=23s>



Terry showed us some domino runs in our service. Here's another one to amaze you.

*The amazing rainbow spiral (12,000 dominoes)* – Hevesh5:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zJ4xdNPccU&list=PLNPDtUHUKSPbgQ5sGPAsPAJm0Mzr7Jy-w>

## TALK TOGETHER

- What does it mean to be blessed by God?

## STUDY TOGETHER – Read Genesis 12:1-9

- Nicky said that the first 11 chapters of the Bible give us some of the “bigger picture” stories. Can you remember any of them?
- In Genesis 12 we then zoom in on one person. Read Gen.11:27-32 and Gen.12:4-5. What do we find out this man from these verses?  
Is there anything that makes him special or different from others?
- God makes a covenant or an agreement with Abram. Read Gen.12:1-3. What will God do?  
What does Abram have to do?
- Imagine you were Abram. What would you think about these promises?
- What does Abram do?
- Nicky mentioned that this blessing is fulfilled most fully in the coming of Jesus.  
Read Matthew 1:1.  
What is the connection between Jesus and Abram (or Abraham as he later became known)?  
How is this blessing fulfilled in Jesus?
- Look again at v.2-3. Notice what God says, “I will bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Abram was blessed to be a blessing.  
How are you blessed by God and how can you be a blessing to others because of that?

## PLAY TOGETHER

### *Domino Run*

We tried to create a domino run in church today! Just for fun, try to set up your own at home.



If you don't have dominoes, try it with books, CDs, DVDs or small toys. As you topple your 'dominoes' think about the blessings you have been given by God and they could be passed on and bless another and another and another!



## MAKE TOGETHER

### *Blessings jar*



***This is a way of recognising your blessings and how they can be used to bless others.*** You will need an empty, clean jar, with a lid and some things to decorate the jar with: For example - Paper, Pens/Pencils, Stickers, Ribbon, Glue

Decorate your jar.

Cut up some slips of paper and put them by the jar with some pens or pencils. Put the jar somewhere accessible to everybody in your house (e.g. kitchen table).

As you go through the week, try to think about the things that God has blessed you with. Write or draw it on a piece of paper and put it in the jar.

Make a routine of opening the jar once a day or once a week when everyone is together, reading the slips and saying thank you to God for His blessings then chat about how you could use those blessings to bless others. If you live alone, you might like to find a 'Blessings Buddy' to share this practice with.

## SING TOGETHER

**Give it away** – Lifetree Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywCiDhbD-Js&t=42s>

**Pass it on** – Covered Musik: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY8u4BZNfDw>

**Blessed to be a blessing** – Noel Robinson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkjozTcAqcU>

**Count your blessings** – St Luke's Church Junior Choir, Bangalore: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Kx6frMsqcQ>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

### **Bless You!**

People say, 'Bless you!' when you sneeze.  
'Bless' has turned into a bit of a feeble word.

But in the Bible it's much stronger.  
(And it has nothing to do with sneezing!)

When God promises to bless you, he is saying,  
'I'm going to make you into everything I ever meant for you to be!'

It means that God is taking every day and every single thing that happens in it – good or bad – to make you stronger, to mend whatever is broken inside, to change you into the person you were always meant to be.

Just as a caterpillar is totally changed into a butterfly, being blessed means being totally transformed.

God is transforming everything – his broken world – and you.  
*(Thoughts to make your heart sing by Sally Lloyd-Jones and Jago)*

### **Blessings in disguise?**

Sometimes when we are going through difficult times it can be hard to see how God is blessing us. As you listen to this song reflect on those difficulties and ask God to show you how he is using them.



Even the most difficult of situations can be used by God and can even be a blessing when shared with others going through something similar. Think about how you react to difficulties and how you might show Jesus to someone through that.

**Blessings** – Laura Story (Live) - [https://youtu.be/OxRRnh\\_SE](https://youtu.be/OxRRnh_SE)

## PRAY TOGETHER

### *Sung Blessing Prayer*

**The UK Blessing** – Churches sing 'The Blessing' over the UK: <https://youtu.be/PUtI3mNj5U>

**The Blessing (Kids)** – featuring children from different nations: <https://youtu.be/uiWZXLsdE9w>

Choose a version of The Blessing to listen to. Think about people and situations you know where God's Blessing is really needed right now – as you listen, name them to God. Listen to the song again and sing the blessing over those people and situations.



### **Blessing Blocks**

All you need are some blocks (wooden, Lego/Duplo or Mega), thin labels and pens/pencils.



Think about people, places and situations that need God's blessing. Write them on the labels, stick them on a block and build them into a tower. Each time you add a block to the tower ask God to bless that person, place or situation. Each visible side of the block can be labelled. You can add to the tower throughout the week and see just how many blessings you can pray for.

### ***Some prayers of blessing***

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Amen**

*(Numbers 6.24-26)*

May God, the source of all,  
bless us in our growing and going,  
so that we may be a blessing to others  
in their striving and thriving.

**Amen.**

## DO TOGETHER

We sometimes say to people “God bless you” or sign off emails with “God bless”. It’s like a little prayer asking God to bless them. We’ve been challenged today about God using us to be a blessing to others so here’s something for you to do this week. When you say or write “God bless”, think about how you could be an answer to your own prayer. What could you practically do to be a blessing to that person today?

**You might like to link this in with the ‘Make Together’ idea above.**



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