

Tell about these people making bricks and mortar and building the Tower of Babel, saying, ch. 11 : 4 ; and how God brought their plans to nothing.

*The First Nation*—Print ABRAM. On a map show Ur in Chaldea. Here lived a grandfather (Terah), his sons (Abram, Haran, Nahor) and a grandson, Lot. Lot's father died and the grandfather took Lot and his uncle Abram and Sarai his wife, and they went away towards the land of Canaan. (Map.) They did not go all the way but lived at Haran.

*Abram's Faith*—Tell of God's call to Abram and His promise. (verses 2, 3.) (Above the name "Abram" write "God calls.") Abram *trusted* and *obeyed*. (Like Noah.) He takes Sarai his wife, and Lot his nephew and all he owns and comes into this land of Canaan. (Map.) God appears to him and tells him this is to be his home and his children's home.

*Abram's Thanks*—Abram gave thanks. (Like Noah.) How ?

*God's Purpose*—Do we wonder why God told Abram to leave his old home and friends and go into a new country to form a new nation? "In thee shall all the nations of

the earth be blessed." God was going to show Himself to the Hebrew nation as He did not to any other, to teach them His will. Jesus was by and by to come amongst them and they were to tell other nations of God and of Jesus who died on the cross for us. God "doeth all things well" for those who trust and obey Him. Sing

"He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By His own hand He leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me!"

—No. 297, Book of Praise

*God's Call to Us*—God calls

Trust  
ABRAM to Obey  
Follow **HIM**

Erase name "Abram" and write "Mary" or "John" or "Fred."

*Faith*—HOW? Give illustration of faith *Golden Text*—The promise is for us if we trust and obey. WE can be a blessing; teach the Bible; have Jesus.

*Story Book*—4th page, "The First Nation." A Tower—Abram—Trusted; obeyed. The New Home—Canaan. A blessing to all. (See blackboard.)

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

**GOD**  
**ABRAM** **HONORS** **ABRAM**  
**GOD**

What is the greatest honor we can put upon any one? The scholars will probably give numerous and differing answers. Lead them to see that this is the true answer: "We honor any one most by trusting him." Bring out the trust that God put in faithful Abram, by setting him apart for a great mission, and by placing in his keeping that string of priceless pearls, the six promises of vs. 2, 3. When God intrusts us with an errand for Him (and our daily lives are full of such) it puts us, as it put Abram, on our mettle to do our very best.

And now for the other side of it. How does Abram honor God? Pick out the answers: (1) By obeying, v. 4; (2) By persevering, v. 6; (3) By worshipping, vs. 7, 8. It is not simply a duty—duty is too cold a word—it should be counted our privilege and glory to honor God in thought and word and act, and always.