

The Chosen People

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At this stop on your faith trek, you'll see how God deals with sin and evil in the world. God chose a special people, Israel, so that all people would know God's love for them and share that love with others.

For

Just for Kids

Season

Spring

Needed

Blank scrapbook or sheets of paper, markers or crayons



Prepare in Advance

For this stop on your journey, you'll see what it's like to share God's love with others, as God's chosen people were called to do. Plan a time to do a Random Act of Kindness.

Activity Plan

1. Read some of the big adventures of the chosen people:
 - God chooses Abraham and Sarah to begin a great nation! (Genesis 12:1-8 see last page)
 - After years and years of adventures the people go to the Promised Land, and Israel becomes a great nation! (1 Chronicles 17:21-27 see last page)
 - Will the people remember their purpose? (Deuteronomy 6:6-9 see last page)
2. Read or listen to this commentary about the chosen people.

Even though people choose to live apart from God, and we experience sin and evil, God still loves people. God decides to choose some people, and become their king so that through them all the world will know God's love and

blessings. God makes a great nation, even when it seems impossible. Through every mistake that the people make, God remains faithful to the promise to Abraham.

3. Add the story of God's chosen people to your **Bible Trek: Through the Bible** book. Draw some pictures and tell the story in your own words.
4. Think of a way that you could show God's love to others by doing a Random Act of Kindness.
 - Visit someone in a nursing home, or help someone rake leaves, etc.
5. Talk about it with a grown-up.
 - God keeps God's promises in this story. When have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?
 - Do you think the chosen people will be faithful to God, and show God's love to others?
 - How does it feel to show God's love to others?
 - When have you kept a promise? Broken one?
6. Pray together using Psalm 28:2-6

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.

Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back on them what they deserve.

Because they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again.

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. Amen.



Genesis 12:1-8

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."

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. 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.

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. 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.

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.

1 Chronicles 17:21-27

And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth whose God went out to redeem a people for himself, and to make a name for yourself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? You made your people Israel your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.

"And now, Lord, let the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house be established forever. Do as you promised, so that it will be established and that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, 'The Lord Almighty, the God over Israel, is Israel's God!' And the house of your servant David will be established before you.

"You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him. So your servant has found courage to pray to you. You, Lord, are God! You have promised these good things to your servant. Now you have been pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Lord, have blessed it, and it will be blessed forever."

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

