

Pre-Lesson Downloads

Lesson #4 - Father Abraham & Mother Sarah

Dear Families, I am very excited to hear about the hits we are receiving on our online lessons. I pray you are all enjoying the singing, the art and the stories. I am enjoying sharing them with you. I wanted to let you know about some other resources available to you. First, I looked online and found a few sites that sell Bible Picture stickers. Many children love stickers. I still would like them to do a lot of drawing themselves. Children reach a point where they don't like their drawing because they cannot make it look like what they see. This usually occurs around 10-12 years old. Before that they have built a schema of symbols for certain things: circle for a person (2-3 yrs); a triangle on top of a square for a house (4-6 yrs) even in the Southwest where we have so many flat roofs. A cube (6-up) is tricky to draw. The children know a cube has square sides, but one must draw a square, a rectangle and a rhombus for it to look like a cube on paper. These symbols, and many more, are very common throughout many cultures and are a healthy growth for children's art. The more they draw, the better it is for them to develop through the stages. Of course these stages take place at different times in different children. We should not try to get them to draw differently unless they specifically ask for help. This is from our art consultant, Ms. Nancy. She suggested a book on the subject, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*, by Betty Edwards. I used this book when I taught 5th grade and there was no art instruction in APS. My students really enjoyed the activities even though I am not an artist. P.S. I did not get the Bible animals puzzle in the last download packet, so I am including it in this one.

Materials:

Stick Stars:

- *thin sticks-either gather some from outside or buy at craft store (in floral arrangement area?)
- *aluminum foil
- *hot glue gun and glue sticks
- *glitter glue or Elmer's glue and loose glitter (good project for outside if you use this)
- *clear fishing line

Instructions:

1. Cut or break sticks into 5 equal pieces.
2. Plug in the glue gun to warm up hot glue while you assemble star.
3. Tear a piece of aluminum foil about 8" long. Place the foil on a flat surface and lay out a 5 point star by over lapping the sticks so the ends of the sticks touch and form points.
4. **An adult needs to do this next step!** Carefully put small globs of hot glue at the points of star. Make sure the ends are touching. **But, keep your fingertips away from the hot glue!** You can add a second set of sticks on top of the first 5 sticks by gluing them at the same 5 points.
5. Once the hot glue has set up, carefully lift the star off the foil. If any of the end points need more glue, carefully apply it while you hold the star.
6. Put the stick star back on the foil and paint both sides with glitter glue or with Elmer's then sprinkle with glitter.
7. After drying, cut an 8" or longer piece of fishing line. Put through one point and double knot it.

Foil Stars:

- *star patterns from downloads or draw your own star
- *thin cardboard (ie: from a graham cracker box or other thin box)
- *string or yarn
- *aluminum foil
- *permanent magic markers in various colors
- *Elmer's glue

Instructions:

1. Cut a star or more than one, out of the thin cardboard and prepare a place to work by putting down paper that can be thrown away later.
2. On a piece of newspaper or other disposable paper, squeeze a daub of glue onto the paper.
3. Cut string into about 6 different length pieces. Lay the pieces on the star so that the strings connect in different places making divisions on the star. Let dry. Cover the star with a small piece of foil that is just bigger than the star. Use fingers (no finger nails) to push the foil down in between the string pieces. Fold the foil around the star. You will need to cut the foil from the outside into the inner corners.
4. Tape the foil down out the back.
5. Color in the shapes formed by the string pieces with permanent magic marker. **Be careful because this marker will not come out of your clothes or off the surface on which you are using it.**
6. *If you want to do the same to the back, you will need to cut a star shaped piece of foil, repeat number six and glue the star foil to the back.*
7. If you want to hang it up punch a hole in one point and use yarn, fishing line or string. Cut an 8" or longer piece of string and put it through the hole. Tie string ends by holding both together into a double knot.

Stars in the Sky:

- *black paper, ie: construction paper or a piece of paper painted black
- *star stickers (can be found in the grocery sometimes, as well as, construction paper)
- *metallic gel pens in gold and silver

Instructions:

1. Place star stickers randomly on the black paper.
2. Use gel pens to draw various sizes of stars. Color them in so they show up well.
3. Use gel pens to draw stars with criss crossing lines.
4. Use gel pens to make many small dots all over the black paper to give the idea of the many millions of star far away in the distance.

****I will show the finished products at the end of the video in case our instructions were not clear enough. There are also some instructions and pictures next to the larger star patterns that just require paper.**

Science/Social Studies Connections:

- Study online or in books about stars.
- Study about travel in Bible times. Write about a time when you traveled and compare the two.

Bible Text: Genesis 12:1-5; Genesis 15:1-5; Genesis 17:1-8, 15; Genesis 18:1-8

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you, I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. So, Abram went, as the lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go the land of Canaan . . .

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus. You have given me no offspring" . . . "No one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them, so shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall you name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful . . . God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai, your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is 100 years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child? . . . God said, "Your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac."

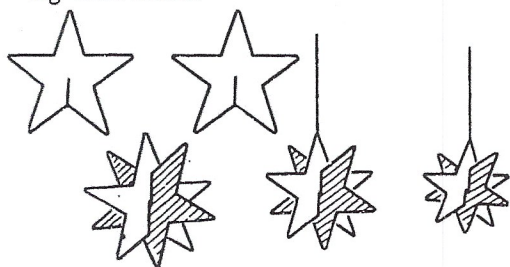
The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree . . . (food was prepared for the visitors) . . . They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" . . . And he said to them, "There is the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son" . . . Sarah laughed (because she and Abraham were so old.)

Bible Verse: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7a

Books for children to read or to be read to: *The World God Made* retold by Alyce Bergey and illustrated by Obata Studio from Arch Books; *The Big Flood* retold by Evelyn Solomon and illustrated by Pat Karch from Standard Publishing Co.; *Noah's Ark* retold by Lawrence T. Lorimer and illustrated by Charles E. Martin; *Abraham Trusts God* retold by Jennifer Holder and illustrated by Terry Julien from Tyndale House Publishers.

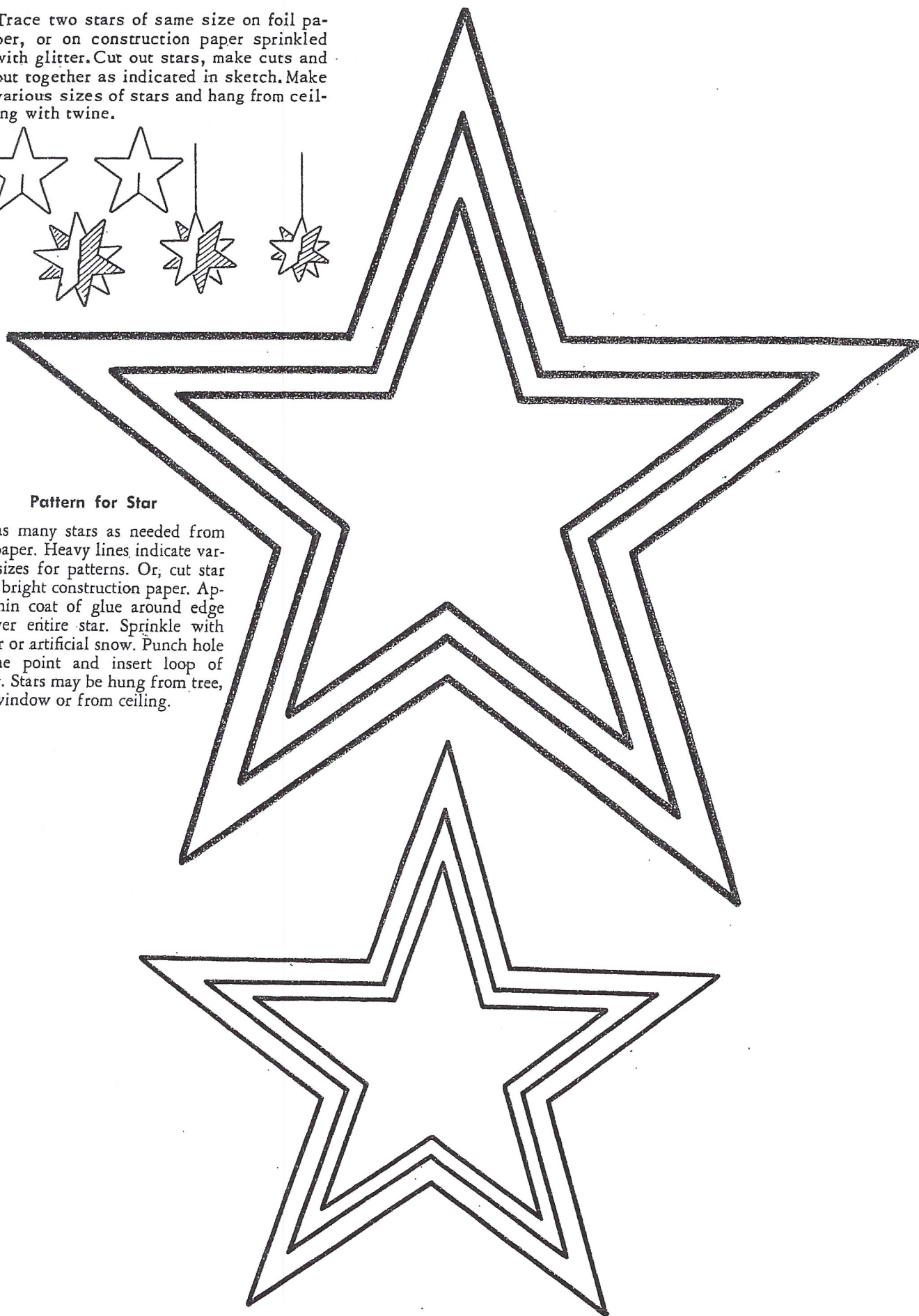
3-D Star Room Decorations

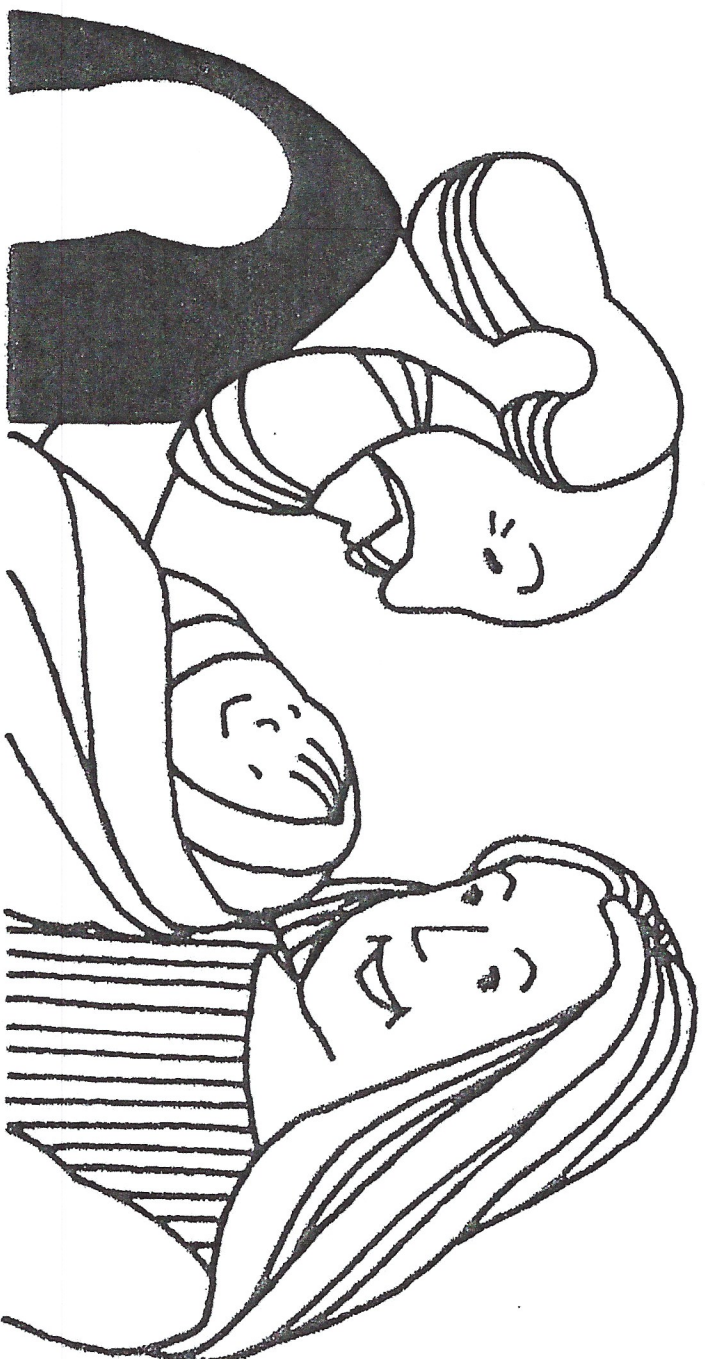
Trace two stars of same size on foil paper, or on construction paper sprinkled with glitter. Cut out stars, make cuts and put together as indicated in sketch. Make various sizes of stars and hang from ceiling with twine.



Pattern for Star

Cut as many stars as needed from foil paper. Heavy lines indicate various sizes for patterns. Or, cut star from bright construction paper. Apply thin coat of glue around edge or over entire star. Sprinkle with glitter or artificial snow. Punch hole in one point and insert loop of string. Stars may be hung from tree, in a window or from ceiling.





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Genesis 15:5

"Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7a

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes and its leaves shall stay green. Jeremiah 17:8

