



## THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

*Unit Theme:* Exploring the Stories of the Old Testament

*Today's story:* Abraham's Covenant with God (Genesis 17:1-8)

*Key Verse:* "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations." Genesis 17:4

*Questions to go deeper into the story:*

- What is meant by God's covenant with Abraham? What is a covenant?
- Why do you think God changed Abraham's name?
- What did God mean that this would be an everlasting covenant?
- The "everlasting" nature of this covenant is still very visible in the Middle East today. How? Ask an adult if you aren't sure.

*Activity possibilities:*

- Check out the coloring picture on the back of this insert.
- In this particular part of the story about the covenant between God and Abraham, God continually tells Abraham that this will be an everlasting covenant and that Abraham will be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. How might you create a drawing or artistic creation of "everlasting" or "multitude?" What kinds of images do those words create in your mind? Can you draw it, sketch it, paint it? Try!
- God and Abraham talk a lot about ancestors. Ask your mom or dad or one of your grandparents to tell you a story about one of your ancestors. You can help them by asking questions. Where was the person born? Where did he/she live? What did he/she do for a living? What about that person's family? Etc...



Check out this link to a format for creating your own family tree:  
<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/39/52/37/395237boadb3528258430456f8df677d.jpg>

Make it a family project one night! See how far back you can go!

As you look at your family tree and hear your family stories from your parents and grandparents, what do you think God's covenant with your family might be? What would you like it to be? Can you create a prayer asking God for this covenant you desire? Give it a try...

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime! Call, text, or email her or stop by the Savoy any Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm!!