

Abraham Believes God's History-changing Promise  
About 5 minutes, from Genesis 12:1-3; 18:1-19

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Abraham

Voice (of the Angel of the Lord, appearing as a human)

Sarah

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Abraham I am Abram, Terah's son. We live in the land of Ur.  
In the future, people will call this land Iraq.  
My neighbors all worship stars and the moon.

Prompter & Echoes Idol are everywhere!

Voice Abram! Abram!

Abraham (*Look up and around.*) Who called me?

Voice Leave your land and your kin; I have prepared you a place.  
You will become a great nation, and bring a blessing to all.  
Those who bless you I will bless, those who curse you I will curse.  
In your seed every race will be blessed and be free.

Prompter & Echoes God will bless all nations!

Sarah My husband Abram obeys, and off we go!  
Our family and servants travel hundreds of miles  
through dangerous lands, with flocks of many sheep.

Prompter & Echoes Baaa! Baaa!

Abraham We finally arrive where God has been leading us,  
the Promised Land!

Voice Abram, because you have believed my promise and obeyed,  
your name shall be Abraham, meaning "father of nations."

Abraham Later, while resting by my tent door in the heat of the day, I look up.  
Where did those three men come from?

Sarah How odd!  
They look like men, but something is strange about them!

Prompter & Echoes Greetings, Abraham!

Abraham I run and bow to the earth before the one who leaves me awestruck.  
I beg, "My Lord, if I have found favor in your sight,  
then please stop here a while. Let me bring water and wash your feet.  
Rest in the shade under the tree; I'll bring bread,  
and you can refresh yourselves."

Voice Go and do as you have said.

Prompter & Echoes Such unexpected guests!

Abraham Sarah, quick! Make bread cakes while they wait in the shade.  
I will run to our herd, catch a tender calf, and have my servants prepare it.

Prompter & Echoes Hurry!

Sarah The meat is ready, Abraham. Here are the curds and milk.  
Take it to them.

Voice Thank you, Abraham. Now, where is Sarah your wife?

Sarah Oh! Why does he ask about me? I'll hide behind the door and listen.

Voice Abraham, I will return a year from now,  
and Sarah your wife will have borne a son.

Sarah A son? Impossible! Abraham and I are both too old.  
(*Laugh*)

Voice Abraham, Sarah laughed at my words.  
Is anything too difficult for the Lord?

Sarah I did not laugh.

Voice Yes, Sarah, you certainly did laugh.  
Abraham, I will return to you a year from now,  
and you will have a son.

Prompter & Echoes A son in her old age!

Abraham God later repeats his promise to me.  
Through this son, God will make a great and mighty nation.  
He tells me to command my children, and my family after me,  
to keep the way of the Lord, doing what is right and just.

Voice In your descendant I will bless all peoples.

Prompter & Echoes God will bless us all!