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1. The Christmas story begins with a promise.

- To a man named \_\_\_\_\_,

<sup>1</sup>The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

**Genesis 12:1 (NIV11)**

- The components of the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation....

**Genesis 12:2 (NIV11)**

- a great \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great....

**Genesis 12:2 (NIV11)**

- a great \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup>“and you will be a blessing.

**Genesis 12:2 (NIV11)**

- You will be a \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; ...”

**Genesis 12:3 (NIV11)**

- I’m going to be \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

**Genesis 12:3 (NIV11)**

- The world will be \_\_\_\_\_ through you.

- Abram chose to \_\_\_\_\_ the unbelievable.

2. The promise looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ promise

<sup>6</sup>... I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

**Isaiah 49:6b (NIV11)**

<sup>11</sup>My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.

**Malachi 1:11 (NIV11)**

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

**Galatians 4:4 (NIV11)**

3. The promise is \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s timing.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” ... <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

**Luke 1:26-28, 30-33 (NIV11)**

- All the nations would be \_\_\_\_\_ through Abraham.
- Israel would in fact be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the gentiles.
- The Jewish God would be \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the world.

So who needs Christmas?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ needed Christmas

**My Next Step Today Is To...**

- Meditate on and/or memorize Galatians 4:4
- Accept that Christmas is God’s gift of love to the world and to me. (No matter how stressful it is).
- Trust that God is active in the world around me and in my life guiding me to life and blessings even when I don’t see it.
- Accept Jesus as my Savior and the Lord of my life.