


# HILLSIDE STUDENTS


## Call of Abram

### CONNECT

 Set out snacks! Add new students to the groups app! Take Attendance!

 Play **Penny Chinny**! In this game, each player begins by placing a penny on their chin. After each player has their penny balanced, the game begins. Once the game begins, players can no longer touch the penny on their chin with their hands. The goal of the game is to be the last player standing with a penny on their chin. You can't touch any other players, but you can try to make them laugh, scare them, walk close to them, or do anything else you can think of to force them to drop their penny.

### WATCH

 **Set up Discussion:** We all have to make big decisions about the future at some point in time: will you go to college? Which school should you go to? What should you major in? what job are you going to take? When we make these decisions, we also have to choose which voices, influences, or factors we listen to and trust. Let's take a look at the story of Abram and the choice he made to trust God.

 **Pre-Video Question:** Have your group answer one or both questions below!

- What's something you think should be taught in schools but isn't?
- How is it possible that a bus can fit in the same size lane as a car? Propose your answer.

Split up into smaller groups and navigate the discussion below:

### READ + DISCUSS

- **Read Genesis 12:1-5.** How do we see Abram trust God?
- **Read Proverbs 16:9-10.** What does it mean that "the Lord establishes their steps"? Why should we trust God with our plans?
- **Read Matthew 6:9-11.** What does Jesus mean when he says "daily bread"? What does this teach us about how we're supposed to trust God?
- **Read John 10:4-5.** What are some ways we might hear God's voice?
- Who is someone you know who listens well to God's voice? What does that look like?
- **Read Genesis 12:1-5 again.** How could you grow in trusting God like Abram did?

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Abram's story gives us an example of what it looks like to trust in God's promises and calling. Instead of choosing the plans he already set in his homeland, Abram chose to follow the path God set out for him. In this, we see what it looks like to listen to God's voice, and then live in faith and surrender to God's will in our current lives and our future plans.

When we rely on God and depend on Him daily, as Jesus teaches us to do in the Lord's Prayer, we learn to better listen for His voice and trust in His provision for our lives. Just like Abram, we do not know exactly where God will lead us next or what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that we can depend on Christ to be our good shepherd.

Leaders, we know that many students have questions and worries about their future and God's will for their lives. As you walk through these conversations, have a listening ear for where your students are at, and guide them towards the truth of Scripture with the understanding that while dependence on God and trusting Him seems hard, it is worth it.

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**Read Genesis 12:1-5** *"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.*

**Read Proverbs 16:9-10** *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."*

**Read Matthew 6:9-11** *"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread."*

**Read John 10:4-5** *"When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."*

# **Genesis Reading Plan**

## **Week 5 | Genesis 15**

**Day 1 – Genesis 15:1-3**

**Day 2 – Genesis 15:4-6**

**Day 3 – Romans 4:18-24**

**Day 4 – Genesis 15:7-11**

**Day 5 – Genesis 15:12-16**

**Day 6 – Genesis 15:17-21**

**Day 7 – Catch Up/Memorize/Nothing**