

YouTube video and discussion - Scraps

Using this secular YouTube video you can talk with the children about issues raised in the Bible story of Abram.

A mouse wants to go to the moon because he thinks that the moon is made of cheese. He builds a rocket, flies off and lands on a large piece of cheese. He thinks that this is the moon, but he has landed on a large piece of cheese in the cheesemongers.

So what makes this film suitable for a discussion on the story of Joseph?

Both Abram and the mouse go on a journey because they have a dream. Abram dreams of the promised land and a large number of descendants. God has promised him this. Do they both reach their destination? Why (not)?

Important questions:

Before showing this video to the children it's important to ask yourself the following questions:

- is this something I want to show to the children?
- is it compatible with the age and the context of the children with whom I work?

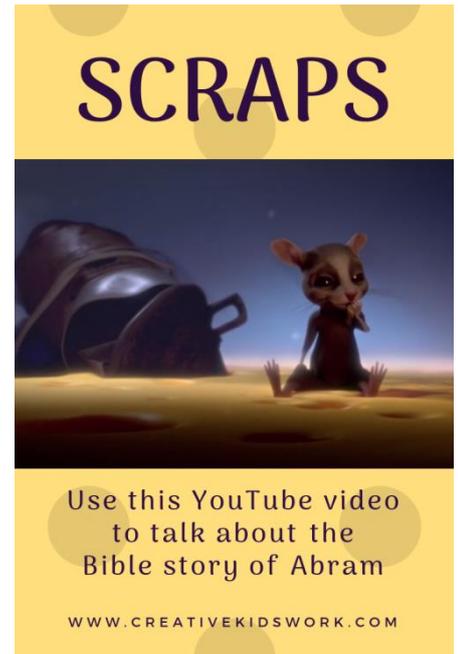
Step 1 – A bite of cheese

Give all the children piece of different sorts of cheese to taste. Which cheese is your favourite?

Step 2: Watch the film Scraps together

You can find this video here on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2KZP2FZqrE&t=5s>

The film lasts a couple of minutes.



Step 3: Throw the mouse at the cheese

What do you need:

- a toy mouse – preferably a cuddly toy
- a piece of cheese wrapped in plastic, or a piece of yellow cardboard.

What do you do:

Do: Divide the group into two. Ask each group in turn one of the following questions. If they get the answer right, one of the children in the group can try to throw the toy mouse at the cheese. How often can they hit the cheese with the mouse?

Ask: In what way is the mouse like Abram?
- they both went on a journey to follow their dream.

What was the mouse's dream?
- to reach the moon which was made of cheese.

What was Abram's dream?
- to reach the promised land.

In what way did the mouse fulfil his dream?
- he landed on a huge piece of cheese

In what way did the mouse not fulfil his dream?
- he didn't reach the moon.

In which way did Abram fulfil his dream?
- he reached the promised land.

God promised Abram a new country and a large people. Did Abram see both of these dreams fulfilled?
- no, he never saw Gods promise of a large people fulfilled.

How do you think the story of the mouse ends?

How do you think the story of Abram en