**How is Israel’s story my story?**

1. **We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed…*

Genesis 12:1-4a (NLT)

1. **We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, “The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.” And Abram agreed with Sarai’s proposal.*

Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)

1. **We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac.*

Genesis 21:1-3 (NLT)

*Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.*

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT)