

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 19: ISAAC IS BORN
GENESIS 21:1-8

NOTE - MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE PAPER BAGS FROM THE ACTIVITY PAGE READY BEFORE CLASS FOR THE CHILDREN!

The LORD came back to visit Sarah as He said he would, and He kept His promise to her. At exactly the time God said it would happen, Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. Abraham named his son Isaac. Abraham did what God commanded and circumcised Isaac when he was eight days old. Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me. Who would have said to Abraham that I, Sarah, would be able to have Abraham's child? But I have given Abraham a son, even though he is old." Isaac continued to grow, and soon he was old enough to begin eating solid food. So Abraham had a big party.

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“And Abraham named the son that was born to him by Sarah Isaac.”
GENESIS 19:17

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MEMORY VERSE:

"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever..." **PSALM 89:1**

Review Questions

True or False

1. The LORD came to visit Sarah as He said He would; He kept His promise.
2. Sarah got pregnant and had a son by Abraham while he was still young.
3. Abraham called the name of his son that Sarah had Isaac.
4. Now Abraham was one thousand years old when his son Isaac was born.
5. And Sarah said, "God has made me cry, so that everyone who hears about this will cry with me."
6. She also said, "Who would have told Abraham that I, Sarah, would be able to have Abraham's child? But I have had a son for Abraham, even though he is old."

Questions

1. Did the LORD visit Sarah like He said He would?
2. How old was Abraham when Sarah had his son?
3. What did Abraham name his son that Sarah had?
4. What did Sarah say about laughing? (There were two things)
5. Why did Abraham have a big party?

Lesson 19 Activities

PAPER BAG SUPRISES (PREPARE BEFORE CLASS BEGINS!)

Tell the children that you have a surprise for them, but they will have to wait for it. Put a surprise of your choice (things such as stickers, erasers, or pencils) in a paper bag for each child. Make sure they can see the bags on the desk and promise them that they can each have a surprise. (Give them each one or two small items – mostly the same thing – like a couple balloons and a couple pieces of candy each). Remind them several times during class that there is a surprise waiting for them.

Remind them that Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for their promised child, but God never fails in His faithfulness. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES!

DURING CLASS ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS to pass out drinks, snacks, paper towels, to put up crayons and pencils, pick up trash, straighten up papers, help in any way possible – let them THINK that by doing these things they can have their prize early – but DON'T GIVE IT TO YOUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

TELL THE CHILDREN: “Remember, God keeps His promises. In today’s lesson we saw the beginning of the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham concerning Abraham’s descendants. God had given him a promise that He would make of him a great nation (Genesis 12:2) and that He would make his children and their children (descendants) as the dust of the earth (Genesis 13:16). After many years of waiting, we learned that Sarai grew impatient and told Abram to have a child by her handmaid, Hagar. Abraham listened and did what Sarah told him to do. The result was the birth of Ishmael. This created problems for Abraham and Sarah and later on, for the Israelites and the descendants of Ishmael. Abraham, knowing the promise of God, had taken matters into his own hands. But, Abraham’s plan to help God fulfill His promise was not God’s plan. So, Abraham waited another 13 years, a total of 26 years. This is a long time to wait for a promise to be fulfilled. Yet, [God is faithful to keep His promises](#). Abraham went through many trials concerning his faith. Have you ever had your faith tested? Have situations ever come up that seem to be completely impossible? We can ALWAYS hold onto God’s promises because He is the only one we can trust, and He never ever changes!”

OPTIONAL GAME:

Paper Plate Table Tennis

Make each child a “tennis racket” by stapling two paper plates together, leaving an eight inch space unstapled for a hand to fit inside the two plates. Use a ping-pong ball. Have your children stand around the tables and try to play ping pong (CAREFULLY) and keep the ball from falling off the table. When the ball is dropped (and it invariably will be), explain that no matter how hard we try to perfect a task, we always fail at one point or another, but God never fails. When He promises something we can count on it. [God is always faithful to keep His promises](#).

Paper Bag Surprises (It’s time!)

Let each child open their surprise bag. Remind them that Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for their promised child, but God never fails in His faithfulness. [God is always faithful to keep His promises](#).

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s perfect faithfulness. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.