

Grades 3-5
Session 7

Abraham is Promised a Son

Opening Prayer

Sign of the cross and the Our Father

*Although it is important to read God's word from the Bible and every word is important: if your child is not yet ready for some of the content, it can be omitted until he/she is able to understand better as long as the omission does not distort the message.

-Translation- Pre-read and adjust.

Read Genesis 18:1-15 on page 46

Take some time to discuss what is going on here.

Continue with 21:1-8 on page 50

Remind your child of the things we already learned about Abraham and Sarah

1. They really trusted God
2. God made a promise to them since they trusted and obeyed God.
3. Do you remember what God promised them?
 - a. Lots of land
 - b. Lots of descendants
 - c. Lots of blessings

This story focuses on the "lots of descendants" part. And blessings too because children are always a blessing.

It also shows that nothing is impossible for God. Remember how old Abraham and Sarah were when Isaac was born?

Can you think of another baby that blessed his family by coming at an unexpected time? Can you think of another family that had to trust God when he promised a child? In your family, or in the Bible?

Years after Abraham and Sarah, Mary would be told that she would have a baby, but she wasn't old, but she also didn't have a husband. So that was even more unlikely than a baby in old old age, so we know that the baby was special. That baby was Jesus. Mary, just like Abraham and Sarah, trusted God with all her heart and agreed to be the mother of Jesus, our savior, even though it would be really hard for her. God never said it would be easy to follow him, and God doesn't always give us the details of how things are going to go. But when we trust God and follow how he wants us to live, He will bless us and we will grow closer to Him.

Take a piece of paper and fold it in half the long way. On one side, write the names of Abraham and Sarah and on the other write the names of Mary and Joseph. With parent help, try to find some things in regards to expecting a baby that are the same about Mary and Joseph and Abraham and Sarah, then things that are different. How many things can you find?

Print the craft "Abraham is Promised a Son" and build the tent together.

Closing Prayer Closing prayer

Sign of the cross, Our Father, and finish the prayer with a special blessing on the child/children by the parents.

Here is a fun song to sing and dance to

Father Abraham Lyric & Dance Video/ Kids on the Move

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASXowiv3FAc>