

The Birth of Isaac

In this lesson, children discover how God continued to bless Abraham by giving him a son. Children also will learn that God's promises do not always come immediately. Sometimes we must be patient and wait to enjoy His blessings.

TOPICS

Abraham, Blessings, Child of God, Isaac, Patience, Promises

AS KIDS ARRIVE (15 minutes)

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BIBLE VERSE (7 minutes)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5a NIV

Encourage the children to memorize this verse. Today, assign actions to the different words as they say the verse.

When saying this word:

Trust:

Lord:

All:

Heart:

Perform this action:

Clap hands once

Lift arms high over head

Lower arms while spreading out wide

Cover heart with both hands

BIBLE STORY (15 minutes)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the children's version of the story taken from various chapters of Genesis.

Introduction:

God made a promise to Abraham. He said that Abraham would become the father of many children. God told him, all people on earth will be blessed through him. But now Abraham was already old, and he didn't even have one child. Let's see what happened.

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Discussions Questions:

1. Who told Abraham that he was going to have a son? (*God.*)
2. How many children was he going to have? (*As many as the number of stars.*)
3. Why did Abraham think he couldn't have children? (*He was too old.*)
4. Who laughed when told about having a child? (*Sarah.*)
5. How long did Sarah wait to have a son? (*one year.*)
6. What was the son's name? (*Isaac.*)
7. Who named the son? (*God.*)
8. Why is it important to have patience when waiting for some of God's blessings? (*Allow for discussion.*)

FUN TIME (10 minutes)

Children of Abraham (Game) [page 4](#)

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STARS IN THE SKY

*"Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That is how many descendants you will have."
Genesis 15:5 NLT*

TOPICS:

Abraham, Blessings, Following God

MATERIALS:

Stars Template [page 6](#)
Glitter pens (assorted colors)
Crayons or colored markers
Glue, Card stock,
Large black poster board



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class, Cut out as many stars as you can of the different sizes. Also cut out letters from white construction paper to spell out "Stars in the Sky" in bold letters and paste it across the top of the poster board. Then hang the poster board that represents the night sky on the wall where it can be seen and reached easily by the children.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

As the children arrive, give them each several stars to color and decorate with glitter. As the children finish each star, let them glue it onto the night sky poster board in different places. You can also have them write their name on each star.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Today, we are learning about Abraham. God told Abraham that he would bless him, and make all of his children as many as the stars in the sky. Do you know how many stars there are in the sky? Let's see how many we have right now in our night sky. Let's see if we have enough.

(Count the stars out loud with the children.)

That's a lot of stars, but can you imagine trying to count all of the real stars in the sky? That would be very difficult to do, and that is how many children (descendants) God gave Abraham.

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ISAAC THE PROMISED SON

*A story about the special events in Abraham's life leading to the birth of his son Isaac
(A re-telling of Gen 12:2; 15:4-6; 17:1-8; 18:10-14; 21:1-7)*

TOPICS:

Abraham, Blessings, Promises

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

The Bible tells us that God chose Abraham to become the father of many children. God said to Abraham, "All the people on earth will be blessed through you."



One evening, God took Abraham outside and said, "Look at the heavens and count the stars."

Abraham looked up, pointed his fingers and began counting, but his neck started to hurt. He rested his neck and looked up again to count and then he stopped. "Lord, there are too many to count! And by the way, why am I counting?" Abraham asked. He looked up again and squinted to see if he could see them all. Then he gave up counting!

The Lord said to him, "Remember, I promised you that you will become a great nation. Your children will be as many as the number of the stars above and the sand below."

Abraham was in awe and he asked God again. "Please do not think I don't trust you Lord, but how can I have so many children? My wife and I do not even have one child, and we are already very old."

He was right for being curious. You see, Abraham and his wife Sarah were so old, everyone would agree that it would be next to impossible to have any children. But of course, nothing is impossible for God, and Abraham believed that what God said would one day come true.

God answered Abraham saying, "Because you have faith and because you love me, by my power I will make it happen. Abraham, you WILL have a son."

After he heard this, Abraham told his wife Sarah about it, but she said, "Are you serious Abraham? Did you forget that I AM OLD?" Then she laughed.

God heard her and said, "Nothing is impossible for me because I AM GOD. Next year when I return, you will have a son."

Sarah waited patiently for many, many months. Finally, the following year, at the appointed time, just as God said, she gave birth to a bouncing baby boy. She was so happy, she told everyone, "God has brought me so much laughter. He gave me the miracle of a baby." Abraham realized that this was the beginning of God's promise. He would become the father of many nations.

God would continue His everlasting promise to Abraham through his new son, whom he called ISAAC.

THE END

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CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Children will be tickled to know they are included in Abraham's count.

TOPICS:

Abraham, Blessings, Child of God

MATERIALS:

Masking tape (different colors available at most craft stores - optional)

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



PREPARATION:

Using colored tape, outline several stars on the floor of different sizes. Make some small, so that only one or two kids can step inside, without touching the lines. Make the others larger so that four or five kids can step inside. Make enough stars depending on the size of your class so it is possible, but not easy, for everyone to get inside one of the stars. The object is for the kids to keep their balance and not step on a line in order to be counted.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

To start the game, have the children stand in one corner of the room, as far from the stars as possible. Then, when you say, "GO," the children should run to a star of their choice and get inside. If there are too many kids trying to get into one star, someone needs to run quickly to a different star with space, before you say stop. As soon as you say, "STOP," everyone must stay right where they are while you start counting.

Tell the children they need to stand very still, inside the star, or they will not be counted. If anyone moves a foot or touches a line, they are out. Repeat the game so the count is higher at the end of each turn.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

God told Abraham to count the stars in the heavens. This way, Abraham would have an idea of how many children will be blessed through him. The stars were so many, Abraham couldn't count them all. Let's pretend and help Abraham by counting at least some of the children.

ABRAHAM COUNTS THE STARS



Instructions: Print on medium to heavy card stock. Cut out stars on solid lines

