In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 9
God Gives Abraham and Sarah a Child of Promise

Themes:
- God chose to make Abraham into a great nation through which He would bless the world.
- God promised Abraham a multitude of offspring.
- God's promises are received through faith in God.
- God is completely trustworthy—He gave Sarah a son in her old age.

Scripture:
Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 12:7; 13:16; 15:1-5; 17:1-5, 15, 19; 21:1-3

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:7b (and review verses 3-7a)

Today's Clues:
CHILD OF PROMISE, EVERLASTING COVENANT

Home and Heart:
Have your child recall a time when he had to wait a long time for something. Was the waiting hard? Why? Open your Bible to Genesis 12. Read the first three verses and recall God's promise to Abram. Read verses 4-7. What promise did God make to Abram in verse 7? Did God give Abraham and Sarah a child right away? Turn the pages, one at a time, until you come to Genesis 21:1-3. Emphasize that many years passed before God gave them their promised child, Isaac. What are some of the things that happened to Abraham during this time? Did Abraham and Sarah always act in faith? For example, what happened in Genesis 16?

Ask about the contest for finding the right key to unlock the Promise box. Why did the child who won need to depend on others to find the right key? [He was blindfolded.] What did the adult try to do? [He was not blindfolded, but he wouldn't listen to instructions. He thought he had a better way to find the key, but it didn't work.] What can we learn about faith from this illustration? Talk about Hebrews 11:1, 6-12. When Abraham and Sarah tried to receive God's promise by depending on their own ideas and actions, did it work? Why not? Why did they need to totally depend on God? Was Isaac's birth humanly possible? Who alone could make it happen?

Is there anything special you are depending on God to do for you? For example, you are a sinner just like Abraham and Sarah. Can you take care of your sin problem by working to be a better person? Can you escape God's judgment by trying to do things your own way? Would that be faith? Why not? Who must you totally depend on to save you? Can you find one or two verses in the New Testament that tell you Who you must believe and depend on to save you?



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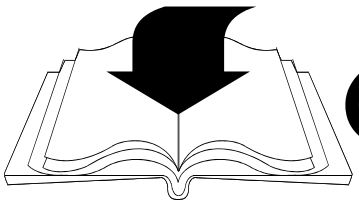

GENESIS

God promised to make Abraham into a great nation. God planned to do this by giving Abraham and Sarah a child of promise—a child whose birth was humanly impossible. After many years of waiting, God kept His promise, and Isaac was born. During the years of waiting, many things happened. Have your parents help you make a plan for the week to read Genesis 16-21:7, then see if you can name the person who said the words listed below. Write the correct names on the lines.

Who said it ?



1. "You are the God of seeing…Truly here I have seen Him who looks after me." _____

2. "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" _____

3. "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" _____

4. "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." _____

5. "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." _____

6. "She is my sister." _____

7. "How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin?" _____

8. "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." _____