

LESSON 5: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

from Genesis 11:10 - 21:7

Noah's great-, great-, great-, great-, great-, great-, great-grandson was a man named Abraham. Abraham and his wife Sarah did not have any children.

When Abraham was 75 years old, God said to him, "Leave your country and go to a place that I will show you."

Abraham and Sarah obeyed God. They traveled and traveled. When they arrived in Canaan, God said, "I am going to give this land to your children and their children and their children. "

But Abraham and Sarah still didn't have any children. One night, God told Abraham to look at the sky. "I will give you so many children and grandchildren that they will be like the number of stars in the sky."

When Abraham was 99 years old and Sarah was 89 years old, they still didn't have any children. God told them that they would have a son and they would name him Isaac. Abraham laughed at the impossible idea that he and Sarah could have a child at their age.

Soon after that, when Abraham was sitting outside his tent, he saw three men. He ran to them and welcomed them. He and Sarah made a big meal to give to the men.

The men ate the meal outside the tent, under the shade of a tree. They told Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son. Sarah, who was inside the tent, laughed when she heard the men. "We are too old to become parents now," she said to herself.

The men said to Abraham and Sarah, "Is anything impossible for God to do?"

Nine months later, when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90, they had a son and named him Isaac. God kept His promise!

1. What did God tell Abraham to do near the beginning of the story?

2. God kept promising Abraham and Sarah that something special would happen. What was it?

3. Who is the oldest person you know? Can you imagine that person having a baby now?

5. Did Abraham and Sarah think that God would keep His promise? Why or why not?

6. Did God keep His promise? How do you know?

EXTRA QUESTIONS (Lesson 5)

7. Read part of Abraham's story in Genesis 22:1-14. Ask a parent or another adult what is meant by "offer him there as a whole burnt offering" in verse 2.

Earlier, God had asked Abraham to leave his country. What hard thing is God asking Abraham to do now?

8. If Abraham obeys God, this would seem to stop God's earlier promise. How do you think Abraham felt? Did he obey?

Read Genesis 22:15-19 to see how this part of the story ends.

9. Look up these versions in the Bible. Others wrote about Abraham as an example many years later. Fill in the blanks.

Romans 4:3 - Abraham _____ God

Galatians 3:6 - Abraham _____ God

James 2:23 - Abraham _____ God

10. Look up these verses in the Bible.

Romans 4:12

Galatians 3:9

Romans 4:13

Galatians 3:14

Romans 4:16

Hebrews 11:8

Galatians 3:7

What five-letter word beginning with F describes something that Abraham had?
