

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

LIFE POINT

God cares
about people.



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

1s–2s: Place the snack on the tables.

3s–5s: Choose children to help serve the snack. Ask a volunteer to pray.
Remind the preschoolers to clean their snack areas.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

1s–2s: Tell the Bible story as the children snack. Then allow the children to play in the room.

3s–5s: Guide the kids to pretend to rock a baby as they move to group time.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

**ABRAHAM AND SARAH—BASED ON GENESIS 12:1-3; 15; 17:1-22;
18:9-15; 21:1-7**

- Ask the preschoolers to mention some things that families do to take care of babies. Lead them to listen to hear what God told Abraham and Sarah. Open the Bible to Genesis 12. Tell the Bible story.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

(Use words in **bold** for babies–2s; all words for 3s–5s.)

- Abraham loved God and did what God said. **God made a promise to Abraham. “I will be with you,” God said. “Your family will grow and be great.” God said Abraham would have as many family members as there are stars in the sky.**
- **Abraham and Sarah** were old. They thought they were too old to have a baby. They **wondered how God would give them a great family, but they believed God.**
- One day **God said to Abraham, “Your wife Sarah will have a baby boy, and you will name him Isaac.”**
- Abraham and Sarah waited. Then **Sarah had a baby boy, just as God had promised! They named the baby Isaac like God said.**

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- How big of a family did God tell Abraham he would have?
- Were Abraham and Sarah old or young?
- What did God tell Abraham and Sarah to name the baby?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Say that God cares about people.

ROOM
YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS
DATE OF USE



**GOD LEVEL OF
BIBLICAL
LEARNING**

God loves people and is with them.

UNIT VERSE

We have good news!
God keeps His promises. Acts 13:32

WEEKLY VERSE

We have good news!
God keeps His promises. Acts 13:32

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”:

*God cares about all of His people.
God cares about all of His people.
God cares about all of His people.
He cares about you and me.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Say the Weekly Verse: “We have good news! God keeps His promises. Acts 13:32.” Lead the boys to say: “We have good news!” Guide the girls to say: “God keeps His promises.” Instruct both groups to say: “Acts 13:32.” Repeat the verse several times.

PRAY

Remark that God cares about people. Tell that God wants us to pray for people. Invite the kids to tell any prayer requests they have. Pray for the requests the children mention.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: God cares about people.

- 1. Take care of baby dolls.** Provide baby dolls, and baby items like blankets, bottles, a diaper bag, and so on. Read aloud Genesis 21:2-3. Talk about the Bible story. Say: “God cared for Abraham and Sarah and gave them a baby.” Suggest the kids pretend to care for babies using the materials provided. Say the Life Point as the children play. Tell the kids that one way God cares for babies is to give them parents and families to love and protect them.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Play with baby dolls.

- 2. Draw stars.** Give each child a black piece of construction paper. Lead the boys and girls to use white chalk to draw stars on their papers. Challenge them to count the stars on their papers. Mention that God cares for people. Say that He promised Abraham that he would have as many people in his family as there are stars in the sky. State that God keeps His promises.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Play with shape sorters, pointing out the star shapes.

- 3. Build houses.** Guide the preschoolers to use blocks to build houses. Lead them to use interlocking blocks to build furniture for the houses. Suggest they use the people figures to play in the houses. Encourage the kids to state the names of the people who live in their houses. Remark that God cares for people by giving people families to take care of them. Mention that God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would have a baby even though they were old.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Play with a dollhouse and toy people figures.

- 4. Paint names.** Write each child’s name on a separate piece of paper. Help the preschoolers to put on painting smocks. Pour a small amount of paint onto paper plates. Guide the boys and girls to dip cotton swabs in the paint. Tell them to use the cotton swabs to make dots on their names. Explain that the kids are painting their names. Remark that God told Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby named Isaac. Say that God loved them. Mention that God cares about people.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Fill and dump a diaper bag with baby items.

CLEAN UP

Guide the children to clean the room.

PLAY “PROMISE, PROMISE, ISAAC”

Direct the kids to sit in a circle. Explain that one child will walk around the outside of the circle, tapping kids on the shoulder as he says: “Promise.” When he taps a child and says, “Isaac,” the child will jump up and both will race around the circle. The last one back to the original spot will go next, after everyone says, “God keeps His promises.” Choose a child to go first and begin.

DISMISS

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.