ABRAHAM AND SARAH

LIFE POINT

God cares about people.



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Guide the preschoolers to pretend to rock a baby as they move to group time. Tell them that today they will learn how God promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby.

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 how God told Abraham and Sarah
that they would have a baby. Open the Bible to Genesis 12.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- 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.





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 share any prayer requests they have. Pray for any of the requests the children mention.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: God cares about people.

- 1. Get ready for bed. Guide the boys and girls to put the pajamas on the dolls. Lead the kids to wrap the dolls in the blankets. Suggest they rock the babies and tell them bedtime stories. Guide the children to spread blankets on the floor. Direct them to lay the dolls on the blankets to sleep. Remind the preschoolers that God promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby named Isaac. Say: "God cares about people."
- 2. Draw a nighttime picture. Give each child a black piece of construction paper. Lead the boys and girls to use white chalk to draw the moon and stars on their papers. Challenge them to count the stars on their papers. Mention how God cares for people. He promised Abraham that he would have as many people in his family as there are stars in the sky. God keeps His promises.
- **3. Build a house.** 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 how God cares for people. He gives us families to take care of us. God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would have a baby even though they were old.
- 4. Paint a name. Write each child's name on a separate piece of paper. Encourage the preschoolers to put on painting smocks. Pour a small amount of paint onto the 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. God told Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby named Isaac. God loved them. God cares about people.

CLEAN UP

Give each child a specific clean-up task.

Continue giving the kids different tasks until the room is clean. Assist any preschoolers who need help completing their tasks. Thank them for helping at church.

FIND STARS

Cut out at least one star shape from the yellow construction paper for each child. Hide the stars around the room. Challenge the boys and girls to find the stars hidden in the room. Assist the kids in counting the stars they find. Mention that no one can count all the stars in the sky. God promised Abraham that he would have as many family members as there are stars in the sky. Ask the children if that would be a few family members or a lot of family members. God kept His promise to Abraham. God cares for people. Lead the kids to take turns hiding the stars for the other children to find.

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.

BONUS TEACHING HOUR

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