

# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

July 6-7, 2013

DATE

Abraham

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 12-21(Pg. 13-24 Adventure Bible)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God keeps his promises

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Hang out with kids (10 minutes):** Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

**Small Group (20-30 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you **all** have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

## tips

Today's Small Group Activity has a whole-group option. Before kids arrive, look at it together and decide if it's something you want to try at the end with all your kids.

## check-in/out

As parents arrive, kids will either be playing a game as a small group or as a whole group. Tell parents that kids are playing a game to help them remember the story. Encourage parents to ask them about it!

## large group heads up

Believing God keeps his promises can be difficult, especially when we have to wait for them. Today, kids will hear a story of God keeping his promise to Abraham. Hopefully, it will lay a foundation to help them believe in the trustworthiness of God's character.



## instructions

**Goal:** to help kids remember the story through creative retelling

**Why?** Knowing God keeps his promises is an important part of his character. We want to build that in as a foundational understanding for kids.

**Tip:** Read through the activity (you can do if you have extra time). If that seems like an activity your group would enjoy, decide ahead of time how you want to play.

## small group

### CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week. (If you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2.)
2. Share your favorite part of today's story—or one part that surprised you.

### REVIEW/DIG DEEPER

1. What does it mean to promise something? (to say you'll do something—and to really do it)
2. Have you ever broken a promise or had someone break a promise they made to you? What does that feel like?
3. Why did Abraham and Sarah think God *might* not keep his promise? (they were getting old; had to wait)
4. But even though Abraham and Sarah had to wait, did God keep his promise? (YES!)
5. Why was this promise so special? (The Rescuer would come through this family!)
6. Does anybody remember some of the other promises God made us? (Let kids share and read Joshua 1:9 (Pg.249), Matthew 6:34 (Pg.1129), Isaiah 40:29-31 (Pg.844), John 1:12 (Pg.1236).)

**\*Pray with the kids and thank God that he always does what he says he will do!**

### RETELLING GAME

- (1) Line kids up along one half of the table.
- (2) Give each kid a **cotton ball** and have them stick on an **“Abraham and Sarah” sticker**
- (3) Give each kid a **straw** to play “Wait and Go.” Here's how the game works:
  - a. Hold up one of the coloring sheets and remind kids that God promised to give Abraham and Sarah more family than the number of stars.

- b. Have kids line up their Abraham and Sarah cotton balls (can mark with colors to keep them straight if you have a large group)
- c. Then start by saying “Go”! Kids can blow through their straw to send Abraham and Sarah closer to where you are holding the **baby**
- d. But when you say “wait,” they have to stop. (Send them back to the beginning if they don’t.)
- e. Repeat until somebody gets to you. Ask them, “Why’d you win?” and have them say “God always keeps his promises” or “God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah,” etc.
- f. Then that person gets to “Wait and Go” while the others compete.
- g. Find moments throughout the game to re-ask kids about details in the story. You can have them laugh like Sarah when they are getting close, or remind them of God’s promise like God reminded Abraham, whatever works best with your group!
- h. End by reminding them of why the promise was so special: God was building a family for Jesus, the Rescuer!

*Extra time? Play the WHOLE group version of “Wait and Go” below! The more repetition and practice the kids get, the better they’ll remember the story. Tell parents what you’re doing as they come to get their kids.*

*Whole group Wait and Go:*

- Tell the kids to pretend they are Abraham or Sarah and line up against a wall.
- Say, “God promised a baby” and hold up the **doll**.
- Play “Wait and Go” (a version of Red Light Green Light)
  - Say “Go” and turn around while kids should walk/run toward you
  - Turn back to kids and say, “Wait!” All kids should **freeze** until you say “go” again. **Anybody who moves has to go back to the wall.**
  - Play up making them “wait”—remind them of how hard it must have been for Abraham and Sarah.
  - When somebody wins, give them the baby and let them say, “Wait and Go.”
  - Remind them that sometimes we have to wait for things, even God’s promises. But when God says he’ll do something, he ALWAYS does it!

# LARGE group



## special notes

Watch today's videos ahead of time at [CrossroadsKidsClub.net](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net)!

## presenter tips

Check in with the leaders in the room on a regular basis. They have the best perspective on how large group is going. Is it too long? ...Too short? ...Too quiet? Just ask. They'll let you know!

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here today. Remember, we've been talking about the very beginning of God's Story...how God created the entire world perfectly, but how after that, something went wrong.

### REVIEW

Some of our friends from here at Kids' Club made a video to remind us what happened:

### **VIDEO: KBS / The Fall**

So after that, we ALL needed to be rescued. And we saw how God loves to rescue us through the story of Noah. But remember, God planned a HUGE rescue, one that would save EVERYONE from all the wrong things in the world.

### GOD PROMISED A FAMILY

Well, God started his Rescue Plan by building a family. Then one day, he would send the Rescuer as a part of that family. The first two people in God's family were Abraham and his wife Sarah (**show picture of Abraham and Sarah**). They would have kids, who would have kids, who would have kids...and many years later, Jesus, the Rescuer, would be born into their family.

There was just one problem. *Abraham and Sarah didn't have any kids.*

So God made a special promise to Abraham. Now, does anybody know what a promise is? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's when somebody says they'll do something—and they REALLY do it. And we know that when GOD promises to do something, he always does what he says he'll do!



## script continued

God promised to give Abraham and Sarah more kids than the dust of the earth. (**Hold up the handful of sand.**) That's kind of like counting sand. It's really hard to count each and every little piece of sand. Does somebody want to try? (Let a kid try.) Pretty hard, huh?

(**Show picture of starry sky.**) God also promised to give Abraham and Sarah more kids than the stars in the sky. It's really hard to count the number of stars in the sky! Let's all try! (Guide the kids in counting, then give up and stop.)

## ABRAHAM AND SARAH WAIT

Whew! The point is God told Abraham he would have a LOT of kids. And Abraham believed God would do what he said he would do. So he immediately started following God and obeying him. But you know what? More than twenty years later, Abraham and Sarah STILL didn't have any kids.

They began to worry that God wasn't going to keep his promise. They were getting old and gray! They were as old as most *grandparents*...and they still didn't have any kids! Sarah started to think that she was NEVER going to have a baby.

## GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE

Remember though, God made Abraham a promise. And do you think God keeps his promises? (Let kids say: YES!) Do you think God keeps his promises even if we have to wait for them? (Let kids say: YES!) Let's watch a video and see if God kept his promise to give Abraham and Sarah a baby:

### **Video: God's Story / Abraham and Sarah**

Wow, so did God keep his promise to Abraham and Sarah? (Let kids say: YES!) He sure did! Because God ALWAYS does what he says he will do. God told Abraham and Sarah he would give them a baby. And what did God give Abraham and Sarah? (Let kids say: a baby!) That's right!

(Make sure screen is on **starry night image again**) And that baby had more babies, who had more babies who had more babies....until one day, Abraham and Sarah had more kids and grandkids and great, great, great, great, grandkids than (point to the screen) the number of stars in the sky. Just like God promised.

And ONE of those great, great, great, great, (exaggerate) grandkids...was God's own Son, Jesus. God sent him through Abraham and Sarah's family to rescue the whole world!

## WORSHIP

Let's sing a song to remind us that God keeps his promises because he loves us! Our second song reminds us of God's best promise—to send Jesus! Jesus is the best, because his rescue allows us to be close to God.

**Song: Amazing Love**

**Song: Better than the Best**

## PRAY

Ask somebody to come thank God for always keeping his promises.



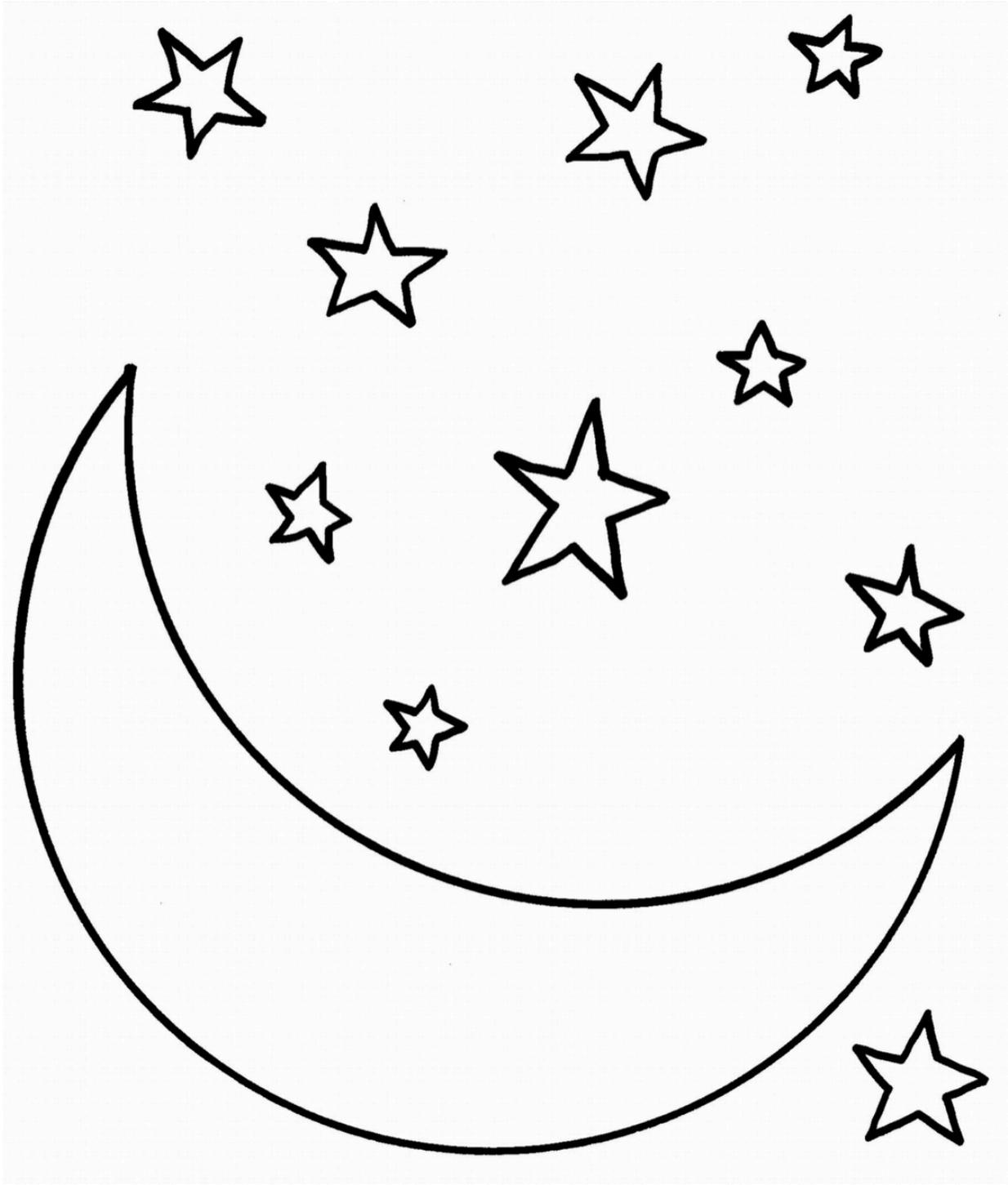
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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

- Coloring pages: Moon and Stars
- 1 cotton ball per kid
- 1 Abraham and Sarah sticker per kid printed on Avery 8293 in color
- 1 straw per kid
- 1 doll/group

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## large group supplies

- Small container of sand (enough to hold a handful)
- The Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pg 13-24)

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## a/v needs

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| 1. Video: KBS / The Fall                               | 7. Song: Better than the Best (with dance moves) |
| 2. Picture of Abraham and Sarah                        |  |
| 3. Image: starry night sky (jpeg in curriculum folder) |  |
| 4. Video: God's Story: Abraham and Sarah               |  |
| 5. Image: starry night sky (same image as #2)          |  |
| 6. Music Video: Amazing Love                           |  |

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

- Tell me about Abraham and Sarah.
- What was special about God's promise to them?

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## parent page

God built a family through which he would one day send Jesus, the Rescuer. He started by making a promise to Abraham and Sarah...but they had to wait many, many years for God to fulfill it. Ask your kid to tell you about it. You can also read this story together in Genesis 12-21 in the Bible or watch a video about it on [CrossroadsKidsClub.net](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net).