



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

September 13-14, 2014

DATE

Abraham and Sarah

LESSON TITLE

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

WHERE TO FIND IT

God keeps his promises

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (20 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (25 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 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

Next weekend, everybody in Kids' Club will get a brand new CD with sweet, original songs (you'll see a promo in Large Group). Also, encourage kids to invite their friends so they can all get CDs next week!

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to use the picture they created to tell their parents about today's story.

## 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.

## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **SIMON SAYS (WITH A PROMISE)**

*\*Play as one large group or break into smaller groups, whichever works best for your room*

- **Before you begin**, tell kids that if they do a good job following you in Simon Says, they'll get a treat later.
- **Play Simon Says:**
  - Line the kids up in a row. Tell kids that "Simon" (you!) is the boss.
  - Stand a few feet away, facing them.
  - Explain that you will give them a command. Before some commands, you will say, "Simon Says." ("Simon says take two steps forward!") If Simon says it, the kids should do it. If Simon doesn't say it ("Jump backwards once!") the kids should stand still.
- **Stop in time to debrief:**
  - **Tell** kids they will get a treat but they have to wait for it.
  - **Discuss:** have you ever had to wait before? What for? Why is waiting hard?
  - **Ask kids to share the best and worst parts of their week.**

**If you have extra time, remind them of your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recall the story of Abraham, (2) understand that God always keeps his promises and (3) recognize how Jesus fits into the story of Abraham and Sarah.

**Why?** Abraham's story can build our faith.

**Tip:** Please count the star stickers and give only 10 per kid so all services have enough. Let kids draw as many as they want with chalk.

## small group

### REVIEW/DIG DEEPER

1. What does it mean to promise something? (Keep your Connect Time promise by giving each kid **one piece of candy** to eat while you discuss the story.)
2. What did God promise to Abraham and Sarah?
3. Why was this promise so special? (The Rescuer would come through this family!)
4. Why did Abraham and Sarah think God *might* not keep his promise?
5. But even though Abraham and Sarah had to wait, did God keep his promise? (YES!)
6. Why do you think God always keeps his promises?
7. What did you learn about God in today's story?

### ACTIVITY

- Give kids a piece of **black construction paper**
- Give kids an **Abraham and Sarah cut-out**
- **Glue** the Abraham and Sarah onto the page
- Let each kid stick **10 star stickers** on their paper (they can draw extras with chalk)
- Using **colored chalk**, draw grass for Abraham and Sarah to stand on, more stars, etc.
- As kids create, ask them:
  - What's your favorite part of today's story?
  - Does anybody know other promises God has made us? (If you have time, look up the following verses to read kids some of God's other promises: John 1:12, Joshua 1:9, Matthew 6:34, Isaiah 40: 29-31)

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

*Extra time? Practice retelling the story using the pictures. Or play Simon Says again.*

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## special notes

Watch today's video 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. Before we get started, I want to show you a video about a sweet new Kids' Club CD that's coming out NEXT WEEKEND. Let's take a look:

### Video: Love Beats Promo

Wow, I can hardly keep from dancing! Everyone in Kids' Club next weekend will get a copy—and if you invite a friend, they can get one too! But you're going to have to *wait* until next week to get the new music.

Hmmm, you guys are actually waiting for something else too, aren't you? Who can tell me what you're waiting for? (Let kids say: a treat). That's right: your leaders promised to give you a treat after you played Simon Says...but they haven't given you anything yet, have they? How does that make you guys feel? (Let kids respond. Or, if you have a young group, ask kids if they feel disappointed, eager, etc.)

You know, once I had to wait for...*(share a simple, personal story in which you had to wait but it was worth it; for example, maybe you really wanted a bike and had to wait until you saved enough money but then it was the best toy you ever had)*.

And you know who else had to wait? A married couple in the Bible named Abraham and Sarah (**show picture of Abraham and Sarah**). See, right when the first wrong things in the world began, God decided to send a Rescuer named Jesus. And he was going to send Jesus through a family. The family started with these guys (point to screen): Abraham and Sarah.

### GOD MADE ABRAHAM A PROMISE

God's plan was that Abraham and Sarah would have kids, who would have kids, who would have kids...and many years later, Jesus, the Rescuer, would be born into their family.



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There was just one problem. *Abraham and Sarah didn't have any kids.* They probably felt pretty confused, huh!? Let me see your confused face. (Let kids respond.)

But then God spoke to Abraham. He asked Abraham to leave his home and follow Him to a brand new place. Raise your hand if you've ever moved to a new home (let kids respond). So some of you know how Abraham and Sarah felt. The rest of you can probably imagine how it would feel to leave you friends and family and go to a new place. Abraham and Sarah probably felt sad, scared, maybe even mad. But they obeyed God.

And after they obeyed, God made a promise to Abraham. What's a promise? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's when somebody says they'll do something.

God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a son. In fact, God promised to give Abraham and Sarah more kids than the dust of the earth. (**show picture of sand.**) In this picture alone, there's a lot of sand. Does somebody want to try to count it? (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. Can you imagine waiting for TWENTY years?? (Pause.) That's like waiting for more time than you've been alive. Has anyone waited for something *your whole life*? Me neither!

Abraham and Sarah 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 had made Abraham a *promise*. He told Abraham he would give him a son. 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!) Of course he 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!

(Click to show **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



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grandkids and great, great, great, great, grandkids than (point to the screen) the number of stars in the sky. Just like God promised.

And you know what? (Lean in.) 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 us from all the wrong things in the world! And because God sent Jesus, we can ALL be part of God's family. Remember, in John 1:12, the Bible says this:

**SLIDE: John 1:12 Some people did accept [Jesus]. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God.**

Let's read it altogether! (Read together.) Great job! Wow, I'm sure glad God keeps his promises. I know that if we believe Jesus rescued us and choose to follow him, we get to be in God's family. That's a promise God gave to US.

### WORSHIP

Let's sing a song to remind us of how Abraham followed God, even when he had to wait for God to keep his promise. We can follow God too! Our second song is about God's best promise—to send Jesus! Jesus is the best, because his rescue allows us to be close to God.

***Song: Come With Me (with hand motions)***

***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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## connect time supplies

none

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## small group supplies

### Per kid

- 1 piece of black construction paper
- 10 foil stars ([www.target.com](http://www.target.com); search "foil stars")
- 1 Abraham and Sarah cut-out (template provided; can cut in squares, not around curved edges of the image)
- 1 starburst

### Per group

- Bible
- Glue sticks
- Coloring pages
- Colored chalk

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## large group supplies

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Love Beats Promo (Mae will have this)
3. Image: Abraham and Sarah
4. Image: sand
5. Image: starry night sky
6. Video: God's Story: Abraham and Sarah
7. Image: starry night sky (same image as #2)
8. SLIDE: John 1:12 Some people did accept [Jesus]. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God.
9. Song: Come With Me (with hand motions)
10. Song: Better than the Best (with dance moves)

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## connect questions

Tell me about Abraham and Sarah.

Kids will get one Starburst today (if your kid is allergic, please fill out an Allergy Alert sticker).

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## parent page

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