



Preschool

July 9-10, 2016

DATE

Abraham waits.

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 12-21

WHERE TO FIND IT

Abraham waits for God.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Having trouble getting kids to focus during Small Group or Large Group? Sometimes it's a good idea to take a time-out with kids and pause what you're doing in the lesson. That might mean saying, "Freeze!" and having kids count to 10, do some stretches, or pretend to act like a silly animal! It's a great way to redirect kids' attention to something new.

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them what promise God kept to Abraham and Sarah!

large group heads up

Today we're talking about how God started a special family through which he could one day send a rescuer. It all started with a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah, who trusted that God would keep his promise!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- Tell kids that we're going to do some silly things, but we're going to do them in a special way.
- Do the following actions with kids while you count to a certain number together. (For example, have kids stand on their toes until everyone counts to 7. But make sure they don't stop standing on their toes UNTIL everyone counts to 7.) Here's some suggestions to have kids do while they count:
 - Stand on your toes (and count to 5)
 - Reach to the ceiling (and count to 10)
 - Wiggle your whole body (and count to 8)
 - Rub your tummy (and count to 3)
 - Hop up and down (and count to 6)
 - Hug a friend (and count to 4)
 - Stand on one leg (and count to 5)
 - Lay on the ground and pretend to sleep (and count to 7)
- Come up with as many actions or body positions as you want!

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Abraham and Sarah trusted God to keep his promises and (2) recognize that God always does what he says he'll do.

Why? Believing that God keeps his promises can be difficult, especially when we have to wait for them. It's important to help kids understand that promises don't always come true right away.

Tip: Today's activity is a game, so decide who wants to lead it beforehand!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were the first two people in God's family? (Abraham and Sarah)
2. What did God promise to give Abraham and Sarah? (A baby)
3. When did he give them a baby? (After many years, when they were old!)
4. What was the baby's name? (Isaac)
5. Who did God promise to send many years later, as part of his special family? (The rescuer, Jesus!)
6. Does God always do what he says he will do? (Yes!)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Review the story playing this game:
 - Tell the kids to pretend they are Abraham or Sarah and line up against a wall.
 - Say, "God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a baby," and hold up the **baby doll**.
- Play "Wait and Go", a version of "Red Light Green Light."
 - When you say, "Go," kids should **walk** toward you – no need to run.
 - When you say, "Wait," kids should **freeze** until you say "Go," again.
 - Make them "wait" several times before they reach you.
- When kids finally reach you, let them pass around the baby doll.
- 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!

*Extra time? Have kids to a **coloring page**. After that, do some more silly counting like you did in Connect Time! Come up with new motions and positions for kids to do while they count higher and higher.*

special notes

Prepare a personal example of a time that you had wait a long time before a promise came true. Share it with kids during today's lesson!

presenter tips

Here's a link to today's video. Watch it ahead of time to prepare.

God's Story / Abraham and Sarah
<https://vimeo.com/44930545>

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Share with others!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

Main Goal: Understand that God promised he would give Abraham and Sarah a baby, even though they had to wait.

Notes:

- **Say:** God wanted to send the Rescuer through a BIG family. And he started with a guy named Abraham and his wife Sarah.
- **(Click to show image of Abraham and Sarah.)** Can you say, "Abraham"? (Let kids respond.) Now say, "Sarah." (Let kids respond.) Good job! God promised Abraham and Sarah that he would give them a baby. But it didn't happen right away. They had to wait for God's promise.
- **Say:** Do you guys like to wait for things? (Let kids respond.) Me neither! Abraham and Sarah had to wait a very....long.... time (Slow down and say words slowly.) They started to think that they were NEVER going to have a baby! He and Sarah had to wait years..and years...and years. (Look really bored and tap your foot.) They were getting old and gray! (Hunch over and act old.)
- Let's watch a video and see if God did what he said he was going to do. As you watch, see if God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby!
- **Video: God's Story / Abraham and Sarah**
- **Ask:** So did God give Abraham and Sarah a baby? (Let kids respond.) Yes he did! Let's rock our arms like we're holding a baby right now. (Let kids respond.)

GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Main Goal: Understand that God always does what he says he will do, no matter how long it takes.

Notes:

- **Say:** God ALWAYS does what he says he will do. That's what it means to keep a promise. 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! A baby.
- **Say:** Abraham was able to wait because he knew that God always does what he says he will do. No matter how big a thing it is, He will ALWAYS keep his promises to us.
- **Ask:** God also promised that he would send us a rescuer. Did God keep his promise and send us a rescuer? (Let kids respond: yes!) Yep, and who is that rescuer? (Let kids respond: Jesus!)
- **Say:** That's right, God sent his son Jesus to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. Give me a thumbs up if you're glad God kept his promise. (Let kids respond.) Me too!

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WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

Notes:

- **Say:** I'm so glad God keeps his promises to us. Let's all close our eyes and pray to God, and tell him how thankful we are that he always does what he says he will do! You can repeat these words after me.
- **Pray:** (Break into small, repeatable phrases.) Dear God. Thank you for keeping your promises. We're so glad you sent us a rescuer. We love you. Aaaa-men!
- **Say:** Let's all stand up and sing to God as loud as we can! He'll be so glad to spend time with us as we worship him.
- **Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**
- **Music Video: Whole Wide World**
- **Song: King of the Jungle**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Counting Game - no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers, 1 baby doll

Per kid: Coloring page

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

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: HOPS Share with others! (<https://vimeo.com/67408014>)
3. Image: Abraham and Sarah
4. Video: God's Story / Abraham and Sarah (<https://vimeo.com/44930545>) *need to change title on vimeo to "Abraham and Sarah"
5. Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage(<https://vimeo.com/144037020>)
6. Music Video: Whole Wide World (<https://vimeo.com/13033365>)
7. Song: King of the Jungle (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

connect questions

Tell me about Abraham and Sarah.
Why did Abraham and Sarah wait for God?

name

