#### Lesson 9:

#### The Promise of a Son/A Son is Born

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Genesis 15-19

MEMORY WORK:

Genesis 1:1

Days of Creation

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

I can believe that God keeps His promises, because nothing is too hard for God

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INTRODUCTION:

Who have we been studying about? (Abraham and Sarah) Does anyone remember the three promises that God made to Abraham? God always does what He says He will do. We can always believe God! Today, we are going to talk about when God kept one of His promises to Abraham.

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review the meaning of “promise.” Discuss promises that children may have made in the past. Discuss the reason why it is not a good idea for humans to make promises (Matthew 5:33-37; James 4:13-16). Only God can make a promise and know that He will be able to keep it, since He knows everything, including what tomorrow will bring. Review the promises that God made to Abraham.
2. When Abraham was 75 years old, the Lord spoke to him and promised him a son. When he was 99 years old, the Lord and two angels (in the form of people looked like men) came to visit Abraham. Abraham likely did not know at first that they were angels. He welcomed them into his tent as guests. He prepared a meal for them, washed their feet, and offered them a place to rest (These two angels brought bad news as well: Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed.).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** When a man greeted a traveler, he wouldn’t shake hands. The visitor was greeted with a kiss. The host would place his right hand on the guest’s left shoulder while he bowed his head over the right shoulder of the traveler. Then with his left hand placed on the visitor’s right shoulder, and his head bowed over the traveler’s left shoulder, he would speak his greeting (after touching his head and mouth):

The host would say, “Salaam, ala kaam” (“Peace be with you.”).

The visitor would reply, “Wa alahaam essalaam” (“And peace be to you.”).

Then the visitor would go inside the tent or house, leaving his shoes at the entrance. It was customary to wash a visitor’s feet—often with perfumed water—because the roads were so dusty and dirty. In addition, bacteria on the roads and city streets would often get into blisters that formed on long journeys and lead to infections.

1. While the three strangers were eating, they told Abraham that in the following year Sarah would have a baby boy. Sarah was listening from inside the tent, and when she heard this news, she laughed to herself. The Lord knew she had laughed, and He knew what she was thinking. Sarah thought it would be impossible for her to have a child, because she was very old. But the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for the Lord?”
2. Sarah lied and denied that she laughed, but the Lord knew. He promised her that at that same time the following year she would have a son. He said they should name the baby, “Isaac,” which means “laughter.”
3. Just as the Lord promised Sarah and Abraham, the next year a baby boy was born to them. Abraham was 100 years old; he had waited 25 years for God’s promise of a son to be fulfilled. They were so happy; God had given them the son they had wanted so desperately.

**NOTE:** Sometimes God waits a long time before fulfilling His promises, but we can be certain

that He will always do what He says He will do. Read 2 Peter 3:3-14.

1. They learned that God always keeps His promises, because nothing is too hard for God.
2. God’s promises to us: Jesus will return (judgment); heaven for those who obey Him (Revelation 2:10b; 1 John 2:25; 1 Kings 8:56; Hebrews 6:17-18; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Peter 5:7; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9); happiness to those who obey Him (Proverbs 29:18).
3. It is just as important for **me** to **keep my word**. When I give my word, I am committing myself to keeping it! A Christian’s word is very important, because it reflects on the Church and God. We should be very careful about giving our word, since we cannot control the future, and we would not want to be found a liar and untrustworthy.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISUALS (note disclaimers):

##### Betty Lukens’ felt pieces

* ABeka Flash-a-Card Series (DISCLAIMER: use the cards, not the lesson book)
* Free Bible Images – Saved on flash drive. Can be presented on classroom tv. Script included in lesson file.
* Set up a tent to tell the story in.

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS:

##### “Father Abraham”\*

Father Abraham had many sons

And many sons had Father Abraham

And I am one of them and so are you

So let’s all praise the Lord

(Right arm)

Add (Left arm) (Right Foot) (Left Foot) (Chin up/Head Back) (Tongue Out) (Turn Around…sit down)

**“3 Wandering Jews”**

Once there were 3 wandering Jews (repeat)

Wandering, wandering, Jew-Jew-Jews (repeat)

Once there were 3 wandering Jews.

The first one’s name was Abraham (repeat)

Abra-Abra-ham-ham-ham (repeat)

The first one’s name was Abraham

The second one’s name was Isaac (repeat)

I-I-saac-saac-saac, (repeat)

The second one’s name was Isaac

The third one’s name was Jacob(repeat)

Ja-Ja-cob-cob-cob, (repeat)

The third one’s name was Jacob.

The all went down to Canaan land, (repeat)

Canaan, Canaan, land, land, land, (repeat)

They all went down to Canaan land.

### SUNDAY

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* + - Spread a tablecloth on the floor and as the children come into class, have them sit down on the

tablecloth with you. Have small loaves of bread, tortillas, or dinner rolls, as well as cheese, olives, milk, and water. Tell the children that in today’s lesson, Abraham and Sarah treat some visitors very kindly, even preparing a meal for them. Talk about hospitality and how we should treat guests at church and friends in our homes.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review Sunday’s lesson. (See [Review Questions](http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/4-24-32RQ.pdf) for example questions.)

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* + - Provide a baby doll, blanket, etc. so that children can act out the story, taking turns being Abraham and Sarah with their baby son.

### Review Questions

1. How old was Abraham when God promised him a son?

a. 75

2. How old was Abraham when he had the son of promise?

a. 99

3. What did Sarah do when she heard that she would have a baby boy?

a. Laughed

4. What was the name of the son of promise?

a. Isaac

5. How many years did Abraham wait for his promised son?

a. 25

6. What does the name Isaac mean?

a. Laughter

### Additional Notes / Activities Performed & Curriculum Feed Back

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