

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program B-2

The Promise and Laughter of Isaac

(Gen. 18:1-15, 21:1-7)

Abraham Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: **God fills me with joy. (Psalms 16:11)**

Past: **The LORD calls us by name. (John 10:3)**

Be kind to one another. (Eph. 4:32)

Abram believed the LORD. (Gen. 15:6)

Obey the LORD your God and follow His commands. (Deut. 27:10)

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God kept His promise. God is the source of our joy.

Look at past bible verses to remember how Abraham was obedient and believed LONG before Isaac.

Prop ideas: Pictures of your own children / Pictures of your parents or grandparents / A calendar / CD or tape of song with laughing

Sample Story

I can't wait for Christmas! I look forward to it SO MUCH! What about you? But it is so far away. Doesn't it feel wonderful when the Christmas season is FINALLY here? Think about Abraham and Sarah and how they felt waiting all those YEARS for Isaac. The time was finally near. God sent special messengers to tell Abraham and Sarah about it. He went with two of His angels. As Abraham was sitting in the entrance to his tent, he saw the men coming. He knew right away who they were. He ran out to greet them and asked them to come rest and have some water and something to eat. God and the angels did eat and rest. Then, God told Abraham that he and Sarah would have a baby this time next year when God returned to visit!

When God had told Abraham this the last time they talked, he laughed with joy at the thought of Sarah and him having a baby. Now, Sarah laughed to herself quietly in her tent. (She was not outside with the others, but could hear what was going on). Sarah thought she was too old to have a baby. She would be 90 years old when the baby was born. Abraham would be 100! When Isaac was born, she laughed some more because she was so happy to finally have a baby of her

own. They named him Isaac because it means laughter. God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah and gave them a lot of joy with Isaac.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Making & Eating Pancakes

Making a Family Collage

Home-living: Preparing for visitors

CARING FOR BABIES

Materials: Baby dolls (In room)
Blankets (In room)
Baby care items

Do: Help the children care for the babies. Encourage taking turns. Show them how to rock and sing lullabies.

Talk about: Sarah and Abraham were excited to have a new baby. They had to feed, bathe and protect baby Isaac. Maybe they sang lullabies to him. Ask if anyone has a baby at home. Let them share how they help.

HAPPY/SAD FACE PAPER PLATES

Materials: Paper plates
Large craft sticks
Bible verse stickers
Markers (In room)
Masking tape (In room)

Do: Help the children make a happy face on one side. Have them make a sad face on the other side. Tape a craft stick to the bottom so they can hold it in front of their face. (You may want to do this first so that you do not cover their artwork. It is easier for them to draw around the stick and tape than for you to place a stick around their work). You can make one for yourself as well.

Talk about: Using your own plate, show the sad face and talk about how Abraham and Sarah were sad that they did not have children. Then turn it over and talk about how happy they were that God told them they would become parents. They even laughed. Talk about times the children are happy and sad.

LAUGHING GAME

Materials: Lightweight scarf

Do: Have the children gather in a circle around you. Tell them they may laugh and smile while the scarf is in the air. As soon as it touches the floor, they must stop. You can walk to them and try to get them to laugh or smile. No one is ever *out*. Repeat as often as you like. If your children want to take turns throwing the scarf, you can choose someone who did not laugh. But be sure everyone eventually gets a turn even if they always laugh and smile.

Talk about: Laughing makes you feel good. Did you know that Isaac means laughter? Both Abraham and Sarah laughed when they heard they would have a baby at such an old age.