

ISAAC IS BORN! Keeping Promises

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-3



Play a quick round of Hangman using the white board using the phrase “God keeps his promises.” Give each child a chance to guess one of the letters. When the class figures it out, explain that this is part of the main point in our lesson today that we’ll be learning about.

Go around the circle and have each child name a time when either they kept a promise to someone else or vice versa.

Ask if they have ever had to wait for a promise to be fulfilled that someone made them. (It can be something as simple as waiting for a friend to return something they borrowed.)

Explain that in today’s story we’ll be hearing about Abraham and Sarah who had to wait a long time before God’s promise to them was fulfilled.

Ask if anyone knows what God’s promise was. (*That Abraham would have a son and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars and the sand.*)

Pray that God would open their hearts to his word today and that we would always remember to give him glory for all the promises he had made!

READ the scripture from Genesis 21:1-3, “And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. ² For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³ And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac.”

Ask: Is it ever hard to wait for something that you really want? Have you ever felt like giving up?

Say: Our story today is about a couple who had to wait a really long time for God’s promise to be fulfilled (or come true.) One thing we’ll see in our story is that God keeps his promises, and he deserves the glory for it!

Say: The story we are hearing today comes from the Bible, God’s holy Word. Today’s story comes from the first book in the Bible, Genesis.

Tell the Story: God had promised that Abraham and Sarah would have children. But Abraham was really, really old when God promised him that he would have a son. Does that sound crazy or what? Even Sarah laughed when she heard she was to have a baby!

God’s promise didn’t come true right away, and Abraham and Sarah started to doubt that God would keep his promise at all. But God hadn’t forgotten about his promise, and he intended to keep it even though it was hard to believe! When Abraham was about 100 years old Sarah gave birth to a baby boy as well. They named him Isaac which means “son of laughter.”

Ask: Why do you think they named him Isaac? (*Sarah was filled with joy and laughter that God’s promise finally came true.*)