



Lesson Four

God Sends Isaac

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

Twenty-five years passed between the call of Abraham recorded in Genesis 12 and the encounter described in Genesis 18. During the intervening years, God appeared to Abraham and renewed his promise of an heir for Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12, 15, 17). Yet when the elderly couple remained childless, they took matters into their own hands, and Hagar, the maidservant, bore Abraham a son named Ishmael (Genesis 16).

However, it was Isaac, not Ishmael, who would fulfill the promise and who would also inherit the promise. Even though Abraham and Sarah were too old to conceive, the Lord would soon give them the longed-for child by a miracle. God, who is always loving, faithful and trustworthy, was teaching his servants to grow in patient faith and mature obedience.

The Lord himself, along with two angels, visited the elderly pair to announce the birth. Abraham and Sarah put themselves at the service of their visitors, while the Lord confirmed that Sarah would soon have a son. At first, Sarah laughed in unbelief, not understanding then that nothing is too hard for God. Later, however, she would come to believe the promise and join Abraham in unwavering faith (Hebrews 11:11).

Before the year was out, Sarah gave birth to a son in her old age, just as God had said. And in obedience to the Lord, Abraham named the child Isaac, which means “laughter,” and had the infant circumcised to show that their household belonged to God. Sarah responded in joy and praise to God for his miracle of grace in their lives.

Isaac came at just the right time in God’s unfolding covenant plan for his people. Sarah miraculously carried the first son in a line of promise that ultimately culminated with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior from sin.

We can be sure that just as God was unfailingly faithful to Abraham, Sarah and Isaac, so he is to each of us. God tells us that nothing is too hard for him, so we can count on him to fulfill every one of his promises. Praise God for his goodness to his people.



Bible Truth

God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah by giving them a son in their old age, and they responded in faith and submission to God’s plan.



Lesson Focus

Praise God that nothing is too hard for him to do.

Goals for the Children

- Tell how God kept his promise to Abraham.
- Tell how Abraham and Sarah responded to God’s gift to them.
- Praise God for keeping his promises.
- Admit their helplessness and affirm that nothing is too hard for God.



Memory Minute

Sovereign LORD . . . nothing is too hard for you.
Jeremiah 32:17