

Bible Discovery

We can trust God! (*Trust God!*) Hold up the Bible. **Our story from the Bible tells about a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. Abraham's name used to be Abram, but God changed it.**

- Have Crews circle up knee-to-knee.
- Have everyone go around the circle and say their names.
- **? If you could change your name, what would you change it to? It can be serious or silly.**
- Encourage Crews to giggle and laugh as kids make up new names.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

Abraham got a new name, and in our Bible story, we'll hear some news that made his wife, Sarah, laugh. The story starts with visitors coming to Abraham and Sarah's home. When visitors come to our houses, they often knock on the door.

- Have everyone pretend to be visitors and count as they knock three times on an imaginary door. Repeat a few times.
- **? Who's the last person who knocked on your door?** Welcome a few responses from the whole group.

Let's read about the visitors who came to Abraham and Sarah's home.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:1-2.

The visitors didn't even get a chance to knock! Abraham saw them and ran to greet them. They were very special visitors from God! So Abraham gave them extra-special treatment.

- **He gave them a seat in the shade.** Crew Guides pretend to be a tree with branches, and kids gather to sit in the shade of their Crew's "tree."
- **He had servants wash their feet.** Crew Guides sit with kids and pretend to wash their feet. Giggle, reminding them not to tickle!
- **And Sarah prepared an extra-special meal for the visitors.**
- **? What special food would you want someone to make for you?** Invite responses from the whole group.
- **The visitors ate yummy food under the shady tree.** Have everyone pretend to eat bread, then meat, then yogurt, and then drink milk.

While they were eating, the special visitors asked where Sarah was. Abraham said she was inside the tent. Then the visitors said something surprising!

Supplies

- Bible
- "Isaac Is Born" Bible Story poster

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Welcome a few responses. Be sure to summarize what kids say so everyone can hear.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:10-12.

Sarah? Have a baby? At her old age? Grandmas don't usually have babies. Chuckle. Hearing this news made Sarah laugh. Show the Bible Story poster. **Let's laugh together.**

- Have everyone laugh loudly.
- Have everyone laugh quietly.
- Have everyone laugh silently.

Sarah didn't even laugh out loud, but the special visitors from God knew she had laughed.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:13-14.

The visitors said nothing is too hard for God. Even if it takes a long time for something to happen, **we can trust God.** (*Trust God!*) **Let's talk with our Crews again.**

- Have Crews circle up and sit knee to knee.
- ❓ **When have you had to wait a long time for something good to happen?**



- Invite Crew Guides to share first and then give each child a turn.

Abraham and Sarah had wanted a baby for a long time. They waited years for God to give them a baby. They had to trust God and wait. Let's practice waiting.

- Have kids close their eyes. Tell them to wait 10 seconds before they open them. Count aloud to 10, then have kids open their eyes.
- Have kids crouch low to the ground. Tell them to wait 15 seconds before they jump in the air. Count aloud to 15, then jump together.
- Have kids sit very quietly. Tell them to wait 20 seconds before they make silly baby noises. Count aloud to 20, then make baby sounds together.

We can trust God! *(Trust God!)* **What God said was true; Abraham and Sarah had a baby.**



Read aloud Genesis 21:1-2, 6.

Baby Isaac. Chuckle. **The name *Isaac* means “laughter”!** Let's laugh with Sarah as we pretend to hold a baby.

- Pretend to rock a baby as you laugh together.
- Pretend to play peekaboo with the baby and laugh together some more.

We can trust God. *(Trust God!)* **God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy. Now they had a family! God had big plans for Abraham's family. There'd be more days with laughter, and there'd be some sad days without many smiles. But God would be with them, just like God is with us! **We can trust God.** *(Trust God!)***



Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.