

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

Bible Text: Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-16; 15:18-20; 17:1-5, 15

Lesson Focus: God calls us, and we can follow.

Big Question: Do I have to follow God even if it's hard?

Key Words: CALLED BY GOD, TRUST, BLESSING

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Abraham and Sarah were ordinary people whom God used to do extraordinary things.
-] Abraham and Sarah had a deep connection to the world's families.
-] God gave Abraham and Sarah a command and a blessing.
-] The command was to "go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1).
-] The promise was that they would be ancestors of many nations (Genesis 12:2-3).
-] "Blessing" appears 88 times in the book of Genesis—it must be pretty important.
-] Abraham and Sarah were new names (from Abram and Sarai) when God made a covenant with them (Genesis 17:5, 15).
-] God's intention is always to bless God's people.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] What is the point of all the "begetting" parts in the Bible?
-] How does Abraham and Sarah having a baby show the power of God?
-] Who do you know who is a blessing to other people?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 36: The Top 10 Bible Heroes

-] Why are Abraham and Sarah considered to be Bible heroes?
-] How are Abraham and Sarah like some of the other Bible heroes where traveling is involved?
-] What connection do you see between Abraham and Sarah and Mary and Joseph?
-] Who do you think are the heroes in our culture and across the world?

LIFE CONNECTION

Abraham and Sarah really wanted a baby. "No baby, no future" was the way they saw it in their time. Choose a way to serve the babies and young ones in your congregation or other parts of your life. Volunteer individually or with your class to work in the church nursery, offer to lead the children's message during worship, or provide child care for someone you know.

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Word Scramble

Read the Bible verses and clues provided to help you unscramble the words.

1. ELABB ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
2. NNAAAC ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
3. SELIBGSN ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
4. NEFMIA ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
5. RHAAPOH ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
6. PIGOSFRFN ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

1. Genesis 11:1-9 (climb high)
2. Genesis 12:5 (go-to place)
3. Genesis 12:2 (I want it)
4. Genesis 12:10 (hunger hurts)
5. Genesis 12:17 (big guy)
6. Genesis 12:7 (little guys)

Answers: 1. Babel 2. Canaan 3. blessing 4. famine 5. Pharaoh 6. offspring