



# Life of Christ

## Isaac is born!

## Genesis 21:1-7

### Younger Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

### Older Verse

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Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

A miracle finally happens in our lesson today! Sarah is 90 years old when she has a baby! Can you believe it? Abraham is 100 when the baby is born! Let’s see what happens.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

**Make  
sure the  
kids  
realize  
you are  
NOT  
talking  
about  
Abraham  
Lincoln!!**

Remember that God told Abraham that He would be the father of many people. Abraham knew that God kept His promises, but he also knew that he was very, very old.

Two weeks ago, we also learned about three men that came to visit Abraham and his wife Sarah in the desert. While they were talking, one of the men asked Abraham where his wife was. Abraham told him that she was in the tent (they lived in a tent). Then the man said, “I will come back in a year and your wife will have a son.”

Sarah was listening from inside the tent. She laughed to herself when she heard this because she was 89 years old! She thought to herself, “My husband and I are too old to have a baby.”

Then God (disguised as a man) said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah just laugh? Is anything too hard for God?”

Sarah was afraid. She couldn’t believe that this person heard her and knew her thoughts. So she lied and said that she didn’t laugh. But the man insisted that she did laugh.

Then the men got up and left.

**Lesson Goals:** Tell how God kept His promise to Abraham  
Explain what it means to believe & trust God  
Understand what it means to be patient

This may be a review for some kids. Remind them of others who have not heard the story and the lessons they can learn from it.

Abraham believed God and trusted that God would keep His promises. It took a long time for His promise to finally come. God had told Abraham 14 years before that he would have a child. The promise did not come until Abraham was 100. Abraham had to wait a long time to see God's promise. In fact, he even tried to do things his way instead of God's way. He had a stepson named Ishmael.

Even when Abraham tried to do things his way, God kept His promise and gave them a son. They named him Isaac. His name means "laughter."

Another promise God made to us was the way for us to get to Heaven. He promised us Jesus—He is our way to Heaven. If we believe in Jesus and trust Him in our hearts, we will live forever with God in Heaven. That's a great promise and a wonderful miracle!

#### **Learning Activities**

Use the activities that will help the kids learn the lesson.

#### **Memory Verse Activities**

Write the verse backwards and look at it in the mirror. Talk about other lessons in the Bible that seemed impossible, but God did a miracle.

#### **Prayer Time**

Thank God that He does miracles. Ask Him to help us this week to follow Him and tell others about Him.

#### **Snack Time/CleanUp**

Share snacks and clean up afterwards.

Planning for Lesson 12  
Hagar and Ishmael  
Genesis 21:8-21

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
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Sing “Father Abraham.”

Do you remember learning about Abraham. God promised him that he would have a child and his grandchildren would be more than the stars in the sky.

We also learned about a visitor that told Abraham that he would have a son. Abraham’s wife, Sarah, laughed when she heard the news because she was very old. She was as old as your grandmother!

Do you know what? Sarah did have a baby! Everyone laughed with joy to hear the news that Sarah had a son. Abraham and Sarah named him Isaac because Isaac means “to laugh.” Let’s all laugh to remember the name (laugh together).

God kept His promise to Abraham. He gave him a son even though he was very old. We can always trust God to keep His promises.

Pray and thank God for keeping His promises!

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Isaac is born

For preschoolers, let them wrap a blanket around a baby and pretend it is baby Isaac.

Bring a baby book with names in it. Most of them tell you what different names mean. Let the kids see what their names mean. If their name is not in the book, make up a description of what they think their name means.

Remember that God said Abraham's grandchildren would be more than the stars and the sand? Bring sand to glue on construction paper. Make a picture with glue or write out the verse.

Cut out the paper dolls of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

If you have an oven, stir up some "Trust cookies."

Make the Sarah Flip doll.

Let the kids put the paper diaper around the paper baby.

Some kids may want a daring adventure. Try baby food (applesauce and bananas aren't that bad). Talk about what it must have been like for an old grandmother to raise a baby.

Abraham had to have patience while he was waiting for a son. Try a game to help the kids relate. Balance a book or something on your head and let them walk in a straight line. Can they do it? Did it get frustrating? Ask the kids if they think that Abraham was very frustrated that it was taking so long.

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