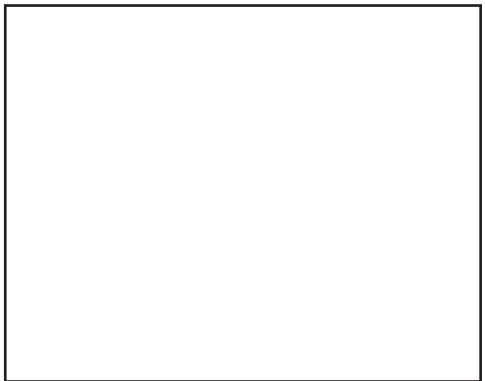
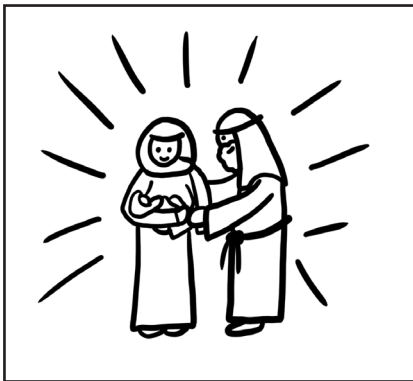
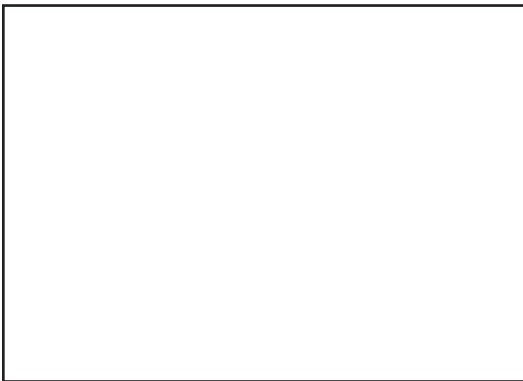


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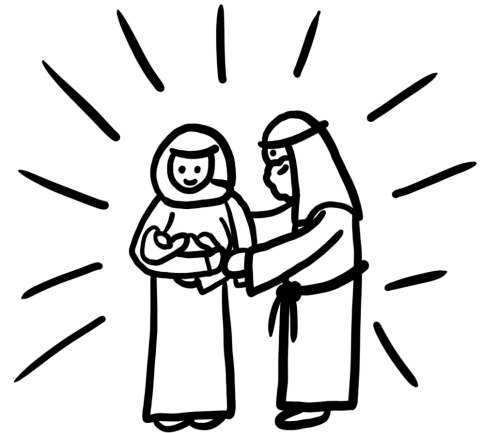
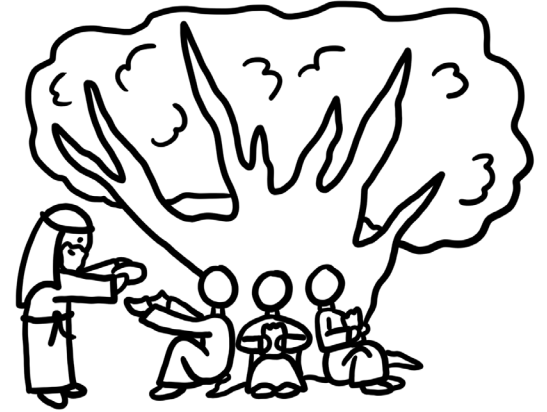
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God made a promise to Abraham, that He would make Abraham's family a great nation with many decedents and yet here he and his wife were, both very old and still with no children.

How on earth would that promise be kept? And how could God even overcome such an obstacle this late in Abraham and Sarah's life?

Abraham was at a place called Oaks of Mamre and was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing in front of him. He ran from his tent to greet them and said, "Welcome, please stay here. Why don't you stop to rest and I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. I will get some food to nourish you, since your travels have brought you across my path." They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said to her, "Quick! Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread for our visitors."

Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to one of his helpers to prepare. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, and set the meal before the men.

Then one of the men said, "Where is Sarah your wife?" Abraham said, "In the tent." The man said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man.

Now remember, Abraham and Sarah were very old, and Sarah was far past the age for having babies. So when she heard what the man had said, she laughed! She thought to herself, "An old woman like me? Have a son with my husband who is also old?"

Then God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? You'll see, I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby." Sarah was afraid and so she lied and said, "I

did not laugh.” God replied, “But you did laugh.”

And just as God had promised, Sarah became pregnant. A year passed and Sarah bore Abraham a son. Abraham named him Isaac (meaning “Laughter!”).

And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh; all who hear about this and all who get the news will laugh with me!

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Unit Summary

Unit 2 is about the Patriarchs!

In **Abraham and Lot** (Genesis 13) kids will hear about how God worked in Abraham's discussion with Lot to keep His promises.

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Encouragement for parents:

Abraham and Lot were family.

Like many families, a quarrel arose between them. From the quarrel came two distinct outcomes. After both looked ahead to their future, Lot chose for himself while Abraham chose after hearing from God. They were from the same family, but had different levels of faithfulness. We parents can model our faith in God by showing our kids how we ask God first before moving ahead with a decision. We want our kids to have faith in God, because then the best outcome surfaces—the ability for our kids to live out God's greatness with confidence!

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Lesson 1:
Abraham and Lot (Genesis 13)
God is faithful to keep His promises.

Lesson 2:
Birth of Isaac (Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6)
God works to keep His promises.

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Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25, 27-28)
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*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Abraham and Lot
(Genesis 13)

1: Think of someone who loves you the most. Share why you think this person loves you so much.

2: Thinking of the same person, share a time when he/she made a promise to you and kept it OR share a time when this person wasn't able to keep the promise to you.

3: How did you feel when this person did or did not keep the promise to you? God loves you more than the person you named. **Why do you think God will always keep His promises to you?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Birth of Isaac
(Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6)

1: Would you rather put a puzzle together with or without looking at the picture on the puzzle box? **Which way is harder for you?**

2: Have you ever gotten frustrated putting a puzzle together? Sometimes it's hard to see how the pieces fit together. **Who helps you if you are frustrated with a puzzle?**

3: Each thing you do or each thing that happens to you is a puzzle piece of your day. Share a time from today that made you happy or sad. **How do you think God will fit your happy or sad piece into the puzzle of your tomorrow or next week?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Jacob and Esau
(Genesis 25, 27-28)

1: Has there ever been a time you had to skip some pages of a book because you didn't have enough time to read all of it or you just couldn't wait to see how it ends? **What book was it?**

2: In one of the movies you've seen, is there a part that didn't end the way it seemed like it would at the start? Do you think God knows all the pieces of your story or does He know only parts of it? **Why?**

3: God knows all things. God sees what is behind and what is ahead. **Does that make it easier or harder for you to do things God's way instead of your way?** Tell more.

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Joseph in Prison
(Genesis 39:7-41:57)

1: Joseph followed God and His ways. One day, even though Joseph did what was right, he was treated unfairly and given a punishment he didn't deserve. **Have you ever gotten a punishment you didn't deserve? How did you feel? How did you fix the situation?**

2: Joseph believed God knew the big picture of what was going to happen to him. He kept doing what was right even though his life was very hard. **When you don't feel what is happening to you is fair, what do you do?**

3: Finish this sentence: **"God has a plan for me, so when something happens to me that I don't like, I will show others I trust God and choose to..."**

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