

READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

Abraham and Sarah

from Genesis 12:1-9; 18:1-15; and 21:1-7.

God grants a seemingly impossible promised baby to Abraham and Sarah.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Almighty
- Favor
- Covenant
- Cease
- Ancestor
- Deny

The names of Old Testament characters provide information about the characters. God changes Abram's name to Abraham when God makes a covenant that Abraham will be the ancestor of many nations of people.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 26-29, 34-37

Spark Bible pages 17-18, 21

Family Prayer

Lord God, please be with us as we struggle to understand your promises, to hope against hope, and to feel the peace of your presence as we wait. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1** Make up a name and a meaning for that name.
- 2** What is a promise that was made to you and kept? What promise have you made and kept?
- 3** How does your family show hospitality?
- 4** Take turns sharing something good. Laugh and be happy and remember God.



Eye Spark

Look for babies and remember Abraham and Sarah's joy.



Ear Spark

Listen for laughter and laugh along.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Bake treats or create "Welcome" cards to offer visitors.

For younger kids

Have a play date and share your toys', names.

For older kids

Is there anyone attending your school from another country? From another state or town? Find out what they miss from home. Look online to learn more about his or her home. What are some ways you could offer hospitality?

Art

Play a “following directions” art game. Give each person in the family a sheet of paper and 4 crayons or markers in red, blue, green, and yellow. Designate one person to give directions. That person describes 4–8 simple directions for drawing pictures after having everyone fold the paper into 4 equal parts. When everyone is done, compare drawings. Are they close? Are they different? Talk about what you see and what it was like to follow the directions. Just like in today’s story of Abraham and Sarah, all we can do is listen carefully and follow God’s directions that best that we can.

Computer Lab

Road trip! Whether around the corner or someplace far away, use online maps to plan a road trip with your family and put yourself in the place of “unexpected visitors.” Whether going to a strange city or to see friends and relatives, see how people treat you. How can you, as unexpected guests, be a blessing to others?

Creative Drama

Have family members play the parts of Abram, Sarai and Lot. One family member pretends to be God, who writes a series of directions that will lead the others to a new land. The rest of the family follows the directions. Surprise the family with a special treat at the end of their journey. God gives good directions.

Video

Watch a funny television show or movie together. Enjoy the gift of laughter that God brings to us, and talk about how it makes you see things differently afterwards. Maybe God isn’t so serious about everything after all! What do you think? Talk it over.

Bible Skills and Games

Laugh as a family by playing HA! Lay on the floor in a circle with one person’s head on the stomach of another. The first person says “ha.” The second person says “ha, ha.” Keep adding “ha’s” until everyone is laughing.

Cooking

Abraham and Sarah cooked most of their food over an open fire. Find a safe place to have a campfire as a family. Follow some camping recipes to cook an entire meal outdoors. While you eat, say thanks for all of the good things God has given your family.

Music

What songs about family do you know? Some songs may be very positive. Others may describe struggles and challenges that families face. Create a family song playlist to listen to together. If you’re feeling creative, write a song about your own family!

Science

Create a family tree together that shows how you are connected to other generations. (There are many online tools to help with this!) Look at the way that everyone is connected to each other, whether by birth, marriage, adoption, or other connections. Celebrate that God has blessed your family.