



Small Group Guide: Olders (9/10 & 9/14)

Pre-Activity: Exploring Categories of the Bible Laminated Sheet.
Open Bible to Table of Contents and see if you can put them on proper shelf.

Unit One:	God Provides Blessings "Promises"
The Point & Callback:	LT says: God Students say: Blesses Us!
Memory Verse:	"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24-26
SOAP: Scripture	SGG reads Genesis 21:1-3 & also 22:1-14 to the students.
Observation Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are some of the important things we have learned from this story?2. Did you find anything in this reading to be surprising?3. What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?4. Have each student name five things that give them JOY!5. Talk about their family trees.6. Name some people who have loved you enough to teach you about God and Jesus.7. How can we have JOY while we are waiting? Is it hard/easy?
Application	Hand out a leaf to each student (and yourself). They will then write their names on them and decorate it if they'd like. When finished have students place their leaf on to the cross (as well as yourself).

Activity	LT will wrap up talking about the Hopekids Family Tree and then will let you all eat your Sour Patch treats!
Prayer	God of joy, you promise us many good things but sometimes we must wait for them, like Abraham and Sarah did. But waiting can be hard. Help us trust you as we wait and help us to remember everything, we can be joyful about. Amen