

Unit 1: God Blesses Us!

4.2 Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

9/10 & 9/14

Unit 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

The Point & Call Back:
GOD>Blesses Us!

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

Last week, we began the great story of God’s relationship with creation told in Genesis. God made promises to God’s people, and the story of those promises is continued in the story of Abraham.

STORY SUMMARY: Abraham and Isaac

Our reading spans both the actual birth of Sarah and Abraham’s son Isaac (Gen. 21:1-3) and the story is sometimes referred to as the Sacrifice or Binding of Isaac (Gen. 22:1-14) The story of Abram (later renamed Abraham) and his next three descendants takes up a majority of the Book of Genesis (chapters 12-50). This indicates the centrality of this story in Scripture. In Genesis 12:1-3, God promises to bless Abram with a very large family (a nation) and a land of their own. God makes these big promises even though Abram is 75 year old and Sarai (later renamed Sarah) is 65 and they have no children. God reiterated the promise multiple times throughout the next 25 years, even declaring specifically that Sarah would give birth to a son. While Abraham and Sarah may not have always been patient, or even always trusted that the promise would be fulfilled, they waited, and when the time was right, Isaac was indeed born. However, the promise of a new land would take almost five hundred years to begin to come true. (S&T)

THE POINT: God can provide even in impossible situations.

Sarah and Abraham learned firsthand that, despite their own lack of faith at times, God did fulfill the promise of a son. Our God is a God who promises, and even though we may need to wait a long time to see fulfillment, we can be confident that God will keep every promise.
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Hope Youth Volunteers,

Sometimes it can be so hard to see God’s work in our lives and our faith can get shaky. It is especially hard to be obedient when we don’t understand how God will possibly work good out of what may be challenging us in the moment. Trust that God loves you, He sees you, He cares for you and He is walking with you every step of the way. He is always faithful. So even if you feel like your small group is a little squirrely this week or you don’t really get to talk through the text because you only make it through highs and lows, you are being faithful and serving God’s children by showing up and pointing them to the One who always keeps His promises. You are being faithful and you are making a difference.

Blessings,
The Hope Youth Team