

REFERENCES: GENESIS 18:1-16 AND 21:1-8; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, P. 146.

Sarah's Baby

Memory Verse:

"Love each other." JOHN 15:12, NIV.

The Message:

People in families love one another.

Parents:

By the end of the month you can help your child
Know that God made families to love and care for them.
Feel love for the family members God gave to them.
Respond by telling family members, "I love you."



Sherri is the new baby in her family. Her mother plays with Sherri. She loves her baby. She laughs because she is so happy. She really, really wanted a baby. A man and woman in the Bible wanted a baby too.

Abraham held Sarah's hand. He put his arm around her. *[Put your arm around your child.]* He patted her back. *[Pat your child's back.]*

"Boo-hoo," she cried.

"Don't be sad!" Abraham said kindly. He loved his wife, Sarah.

Whom do you love?









Sarah blew her nose. Can you blow your nose? Sarah wiped her cheeks. [*Pat your child's cheeks.*] She looked at Abraham. "I always wanted a baby of my very own!" she whispered. "But now I am too old!"

"I want a baby too," Abraham answered. "God said He would give us a son. But now we are *so* old."



One day Abraham saw three men. *[Hold up three fingers and count them.]* They were standing near Abraham's tent. "Come and rest awhile," he called. "Rest in the shade of this tree. I will bring you food."

The men smiled. "Thank you very much," they said. The three men sat down under the tree. *[Point to and count the men again.]*









Abraham hurried
into his tent.

“Sarah,” he said, “we
have company. Please
bake some bread.”

The servants helped
Abraham and Sarah fix
the food. Can you mix
some bread?

*Mix the bread,
Mix the bread.
Sarah can, Sarah can.
Bake us a loaf as fast
as you can.
Mix it and knead it
And pat it with glee.
Bake it in the oven for
our visitors three!*

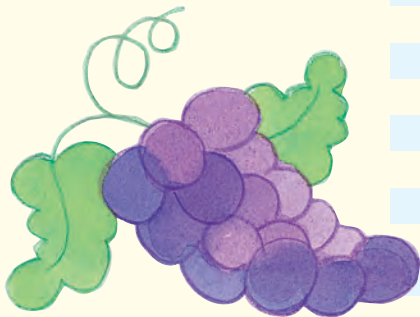


Soon the food was ready. Abraham took it to the visitors.

“Where is your wife?” one man asked.

“She’s in the tent,” Abraham said.

“I will come back and see you next year,” the man said. “And when I come, your wife, Sarah, will have her very own baby boy.”









Sarah heard the man, and she laughed at what the man said [*laugh aloud*]. She felt she was too old to have a baby.

Where is Sarah? [*Point to her.*] There is Sarah! In the tent. “Why did Sarah laugh?” the man asked. “She thinks she is too old. But is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Then Abraham knew the man was really the Lord.



Abraham and Sarah did have a baby boy! [*Pretend to hold a baby in your arms.*] They named him Isaac. His name means “he laughs.” Sarah and Abraham loved Isaac. [*Hug your child.*] People in families love one another.





Sing the memory verse song while you give each other a hug. (See page 63.)



Allow your child to help cook by mixing ingredients together.

Allow your child to help by using a dust cloth.



Do & Say

Study these suggestions for something to do each day with your child. Select those that are appropriate for your child's developmental stage and repeat them often.

Sing "With Jesus in the Family" together. Thank God for people in your family.

Name and point to parts of your home (window, door, etc.) or ask your child to name them while you point. Thank God for your home.

Draw faces on the tips of three fingers for Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. Tell the Bible story with your finger puppets.

Practice counting to three on your fingers to represent the three visitors who visited Abraham and Sarah.

Take a baby doll for a walk outside.



Tell your child you love him or her. Give your child a hug and kiss.

Help your child “care” for a baby doll by feeding it with a bottle, burping it, and rocking it.

Talk about why Sarah was first sad [make sad faces] and then happy [make happy faces and laugh together].

Together, look at pictures of your child when he or she was a baby. Talk about things he or she did or looked like.

Identify body parts on a doll by asking your child to point while you name them.



Have a pretend birthday party. Prepare for your “guests” by cleaning, cooking, and lighting candles on cupcakes. Have your child blow out the candles.

Talk about your child’s name and how and why it was chosen.