



LESSON 13

REFERENCES: GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 145, 146.

Sarah's Special Baby

Has something special ever happened to you? Something that you didn't know would happen? God gave Abraham and Sarah something special and it made them very happy.

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braham sat quietly in the shade in the front of his tent. It was too hot, especially for an old man like Abraham. He gazed out at the pastures in front of him.

Why, three men were walking out there! It was much too hot for them to be out in the middle of the day!

Abraham scrambled to his feet and

hurried to greet the men. "Please stay with me for a while,"

he said as he

bowed low before them. "I will have some water brought to wash your dusty feet. Rest under this shady tree while I get you something to eat."

"Thank you," answered the men. "It will be good to rest."

Abraham hurried to Sarah and asked her to make some



Memory Verse

"Let us love one another, for love comes from God."

1 JOHN 4:7, NIV.

The Message

People in Christian families love each other.

fresh bread. Then he told his servant to get some food ready for their visitors.

When the food was ready, Abraham served it himself. He stood nearby while the men ate. One of the men looked up at Abraham. Abraham didn't know it then, but that Man was the Lord. "Where is Sarah, your wife?" the Man asked.

"She's in the tent," Abraham answered.

Then the Man said to Abraham, "I will be back about this time next year. By then your wife will have a son of her very own."

Sarah heard the Man, and she laughed! *I am 90 years old!* she thought to herself. *That's much too old to have a baby!*

Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'I am too old to have a baby'? Is anything too hard for the Lord? No! I will return to you next year, and Sarah will be holding her own baby boy in her arms."

Sarah put her hand over her mouth. How could that Man know her thoughts? There was only one way. That Man must be the Lord!

And what the Lord promised came true. Sarah did have a baby boy. A little baby boy of her very own!

When he was born, Sarah told Abraham, "I want to name this baby Isaac because that means 'he laughs.' The Lord has made me so happy, I want to laugh all the time," she said with a beautiful smile. "And everyone who hears this story will laugh with me. I was much too old to have a baby!" Sarah exclaimed. "But the Lord gave me one! Praise the name of the Lord!"

It's true! The Man was right. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Name and count the people in your family. Help your child name two or three things each person does to show love to the others. Sing a happy family song, then thank God for a loving family.

Review the memory verse, using the motions. (See page 63.) Say the memory verse together each day.

SUNDAY

Together, read the story from Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–7. Ask: How would you feel if the Lord came to our house for a meal? Where was Sarah when she heard the Lord say that she was going to have a baby? Why did she laugh then? Why did she laugh after Isaac was born?

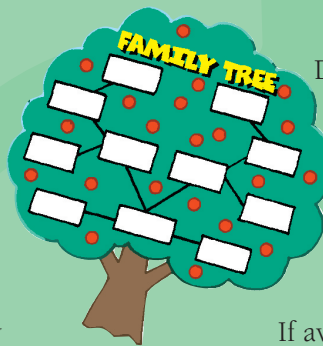
Sing a happy family song, then thank God for the joy your child brings to you.

MONDAY

Tell your child how you felt when you knew he or she would become part of your family. Talk about happy times before and after your child was born. Do something “happy” together today. Thank God for happy times with your child.

TUESDAY

Help your child draw a family tree. Explain the relationships, such as Grandma and Grandpa _____ are Mom’s parents. Aunt _____ is



Dad’s sister, and so forth. Show some family photos so your child can see the people as you talk together.

Thank God for extended family members.

WEDNESDAY

If available, get out your child’s baby book or baby pictures. Tell how he or she makes your family special. Talk about how Abraham and Sarah looked forward to Baby Isaac and how they cared for him. Help your child name ways you care for your children. Remember to practice the memory verse.

THURSDAY

Help your child plan (and do) something special to show love to someone in your family today (help a sibling clean their room, put away toys without being asked, etc.). Remind your child to give a smile to everyone in your family today.

FRIDAY

During family worship, sing “With Jesus in the Family,” naming each family member in the song. Have a family group hug at the end. Say the memory verse together, then thank God for each person in your family.

