

In God's Big Story

Messengers from God tell Abraham that Sarah will have a son that year, and she does, for God keeps His promises!

Wonder Truth: God Keeps His Promises

Scripture: Genesis 18; 21





ABRAHAM AND SARAH HAVE A BABY

ELEMENTARY VIDEO
EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO

WORD OF WONDER



ELEMENTARY:

Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God.

—Psalm 90:2 (NIrV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Before You created the whole world, You are God. You will always be God.

—from Psalm 90:2

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

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Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- When have you had to wait a long time for something you were excited about? Was it worth the wait?
- Have you ever had to wait on God for something? If so, what was it?
- Has there been a time when someone broke a promise? How did that make you feel? Is there a time that you were not able to keep a promise?
- Look out the window. What do you see in nature that reminds you of a promise God has made or that God keeps His promises?



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Waiting and Guessing

You will need a stopwatch for this activity (you can use a smartphone app!). Challenge family members to take turns standing up and singing a familiar song (such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star") to themselves for varying amounts of time. When they think it's been exactly the amount of time you told them, they will stop singing and sit down. Start with 10 seconds, then 30 seconds, then 99 seconds (one minute and 39 seconds). Whoever is the closest each time wins! When you finish the activity, ask:

- Was it hard knowing how long to wait?
- What's the longest you've ever had to wait for something you were excited about?

In God's big story, we learned about Abraham and Sarah waiting a long time for a promise from God to happen. They didn't know how long they had to wait, but God's promise was fulfilled because God always keeps His promises! We may not know how long we'll have to wait for God's promises either, but we can always trust Him to keep His promises.



Stargazing for Promises

On a clear evening at twilight, set up a place for your family to gather where they'll be able to see the stars. Bring out blankets or camping chairs, snacks, and binoculars, and before any stars are visible, ask your kids how many stars they can count. Ask this question again as stars become visible. Then ask again every few minutes as you stargaze. As the sky grows darker, more stars will become visible, and your star count should increase.

Say: For a very long time, Abraham and Sarah couldn't understand or see God's plan. However, simply because we can't always see or understand a promise, doesn't mean it won't happen. Stars are never hidden, but we can only see them under the right conditions, which might require waiting, like how we waited tonight for the sky to get darker. Next time you're waiting or wondering if God will keep His promises, remember the stars are always in the sky even when they aren't visible, and let it remind you that God always keeps His promises!

