

First Look | September 28

Today's Bible Story: I can wait for God's plans.

Abraham and Sarah • *Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; 18:1-14; 21:1-7*

Memory Verse: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord." Jeremiah 29:11
NLT

Key Question: Who has plans for you?

Bottom Line: God has plans for me.

1. Count the Stars

What You Need: "Abraham and Sarah" and "Baby Isaac" Activity Pages, crayons/markers, glue sticks, and star stickers.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Abraham and Sarah" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Baby Isaac" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.

During the Activity: As you review the Bible Story, give each child a copy of "Abraham and Sarah." Next, give each child star stickers or star stamps to put above Abraham and Sarah. Go to each child as they work and count their stars with them. End with giving each child a baby Isaac to glue to their page.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone, come sit at the table with me. We are going to make some story art that will help us remember today's Bible Story!"

During the Activity: "This is a picture of Abraham and Sarah, (Give each child an activity page.) God had plans for them. God told them they would have as many people in their family as there are stars in the sky! Let's put stars in the sky above Abraham and Sarah. (Give each child star stickers or a self-inking star stamp) Oh...look at all the stars! Let's try and count the stars together. One, two, three..." (Say this with each child as they work.) God's plans for Abraham and Sarah were for them to have more children than stars in the sky. They were so excited about God's plan, and they knew that God always keeps His promises. They waited, and waited, and waited until one day, they had the baby they had waited and waited for! Abraham and Sarah had a little boy, and they named him Isaac. Let's glue this picture of baby Isaac by Abraham and Sarah. (Give each child a baby Isaac.) God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and their family grew... and grew... and grew! There were more people than stars in the sky!

After the Activity: "Wow! Your pictures look great! Now you can take them home to help you remember that God had plans for Abraham and Sarah, and God has plans for you too! **Who has plans for you? [Bottom Line] God has plans for me!**"

2. Pray

“Dear God, sometimes we have to wait for things. Thank You for helping us learn that we can wait for Your plans too. We know Your plans for us are always best, so please help us wait for them. We love You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”