



Birth of Isaac

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Story Context for Leader:

Isaac became an adult and had a son named Jacob, who had 12 sons. One of them was named Joseph. All of Jacob's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren moved to Egypt. They continued to grow in numbers.

Bible-Telling Story

Three Strangers

One hot day, Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent. Suddenly he noticed three men standing nearby, and realized that one of them was the Lord. Abraham hurried over to them and said, "Please, come sit under this tree. I'll get you some water so you can wash your feet. Then you can rest while I prepare some food for you. Allow me to do this before you continue on your way."

They said, "Yes, we will stay for a while." Abraham rushed into his tent and told Sarah to make some bread. He then went and selected a choice calf and gave it to a servant to prepare. As soon as the food was ready, he served it to his guests, and then stood near by while they ate.

The Lord's Promise

The Lord looked up at Abraham and asked, "Where is Sarah, your wife?"

She is in the tent."

The Lord said, "I will come back in a year. At that time Sarah will have given birth to a son."

Sarah was listening to this conversation from inside the tent. When she heard this promise, she laughed

to herself. "That's impossible! I can't give birth to a child at my age. I am too old to have a child."

The Lord asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for the Lord? I WILL come back in a year, and she WILL have given birth to a son!"

When Sarah heard this, she ran out and said, "Lord, I didn't laugh!"

"Ah, but you DID laugh!"

One Year Later

That next year, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy, when Abraham was 100 years old. They named him "Isaac," which means "laughter," because Sarah said, "The Lord has put laughter in my heart. And all those who hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have thought that I could nurse a baby?"

So God was gracious and fulfilled his promise by giving Abraham and Sarah a son.

Three Strangers

fingertips together
tent

three fingers on left hand
three men

three fingers on right hand
three offers

hands going back and forth
clean feet

head on hands
rest

hand to mouth
meal

right arm is holding something
bread

left arm is holding something
calf

The Lord's Promise

point in
"Sarah is going to have a baby."

point out
"I'm too old to have a baby."

point in
"Why did Sarah laugh?"

point out
"I didn't laugh!"

point in
"Oh, yes you did!"

One Year Later

(Everyone is smiling)
hand above someone tall
Abraham, because he was one hundred years old

hand above someone little
Isaac, because his name means laughter

hand above someone medium height
Sarah, because she had a baby

hands around in a circle
neighbors, because Sarah had a baby

pointing up
the Lord, because He kept His promise