

Go! Wait! Go!

Materials

- ☐ Enough pieces of paper or masking tape for each student, plus a few extra

Instructions

Tape the pieces of paper or just use tape on the floor, placing each piece several inches apart, to make a path in a circle or a random shape. Make sure the ends connect.

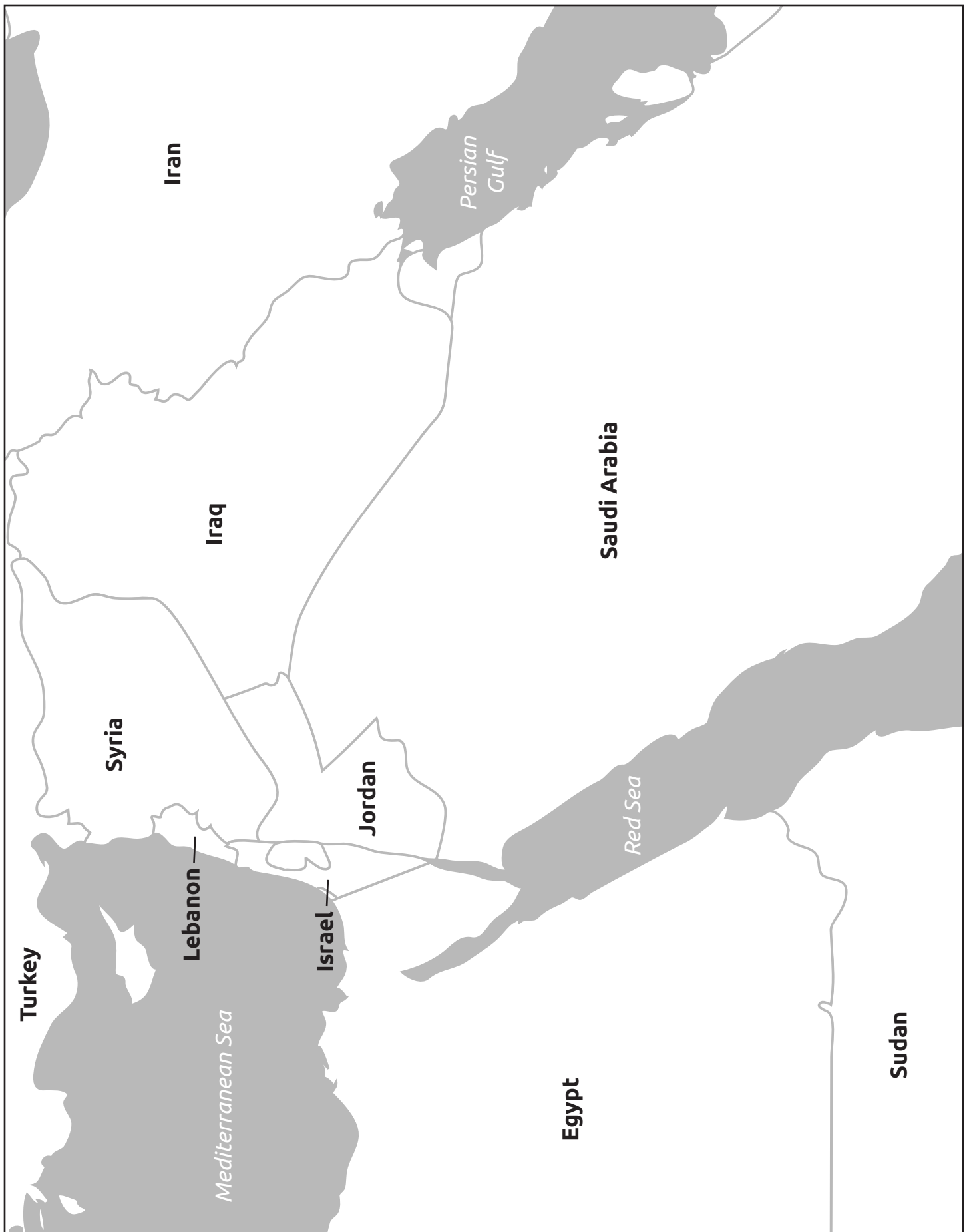
Each student will stand on a piece of paper or tape. When you say, "Go!" students will start walking (in the same direction) on the papers one at a time like stepping stones. When you say, "Wait!" students must stop and freeze in position. Vary the amount of time you make them wait—a few seconds or longer. After you have made them wait, say, "Go!" again, allowing them to continue on the path. If they cannot hold their position during the waiting phase, they will sit down inside the circle for one minute before joining the group again.

To add an extra challenge, have students walk in different ways, such as waddling like a penguin, hopping on one foot, flapping arms like a chicken, lifting legs high like a giant, etc.

Suggested Discussion

- ? What was the hardest part in this game? *Allow discussion. Waiting. Freezing.*
- ? Did it make it harder to wait when you didn't know how long it would be? *Allow discussion.*
- ? What part of our lesson does this waiting game remind you of? *Allow discussion.*

Abraham had to wait a long time for his son Isaac, didn't he? But you know what? There were many people in the Bible who had to wait. And even today, we have to wait for things. God wants us to be patient and wait for his timing. He doesn't want us to do things our way just because we don't want to wait for him. We can cause a lot of trouble when we get impatient and don't wait. But things can go much better when we wait for God.



Real World Skit

Two students discuss waiting patiently.

Student 1: (*Hanging up calendars*) Okay. I'll hang one here and here, and put one right there on the fridge.

Student 2: Hey! What are you doing with so many calendars?

Student 1: And one more right here. Oh, hi! I'm hanging calendars all over the kitchen.

Student 2: I see that, but why are you hanging so many in one place?

Student 1: Well, my parents are planning an awesome vacation! We're going to stay at a hotel that has a pool with a waterslide and spend five days at an amusement park! We even get to fly!

Student 2: That sounds like fun!

Student 1: Yeah, I'm so excited! I can hardly wait!

Student 2: When do you go?

Student 1: Well, you see that's the problem. We don't know when. My parents are figuring out the best time to go.

Student 2: Oh, wow! That must be hard.

Student 1: It sure is. They promised that we're going, but I don't know when yet. What if it's not until next summer? I don't think I can wait that long!

Student 2: So, how come your parents are taking so long to decide?

Student 1: They say they need to check with people at work, get a deal on the tickets, and pray for guidance.

Student 2: Those sound like pretty good things to do.

Student 1: Yes, but I want to make it happen sooner, like—now!

Student 2: Oh, so that's what the calendars are for?

Student 1: Exactly. You see, I figure that if I hang calendars all over the kitchen, then Mom and Dad will have to look at them and hurry up and decide when we're going.

Student 2: Ha! You know what? That reminds me of how Abraham and Sarah in the Bible had to wait and wait for Isaac to be born.

Student 1: Oh, yeah. Hmm. Wait. Didn't they try to make God's promise happen their own way and end up causing trouble?

Student 2: Right. So trying to make your vacation happen faster might not be the best thing to do.

Student 1: You really think so?

Student 2: I know your parents wouldn't make you wait just to be mean. They have good reasons to take their time deciding.

Student 1: Yeah, like God had the perfect timing for Isaac to be born.

Student 2: Yep. Abraham and Sarah just needed to wait and trust God.

Student 1: So you're saying I need to be patient and trust my parents to figure out the perfect time to go?

Student 2: That's right. And you know what? Your parents are probably pretty excited, too.

Student 1: Yes. I think they are. Oh, no! Look at how messy the kitchen is with all these calendars hanging around.

Student 2: Maybe we better take them down before your mom comes in.

Student 1: Yeah, I don't think Mom would like such a mess. Do you know anyone that could use a calendar?

Name _____

Word Search

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| ABRAHAM | ISHMAEL | OFFSPRING |
| COVENANT | LAUGHTER | SARAH |
| DESCENDANT | MESSIAH | SON |
| ISAAC | NATION | WAITING |

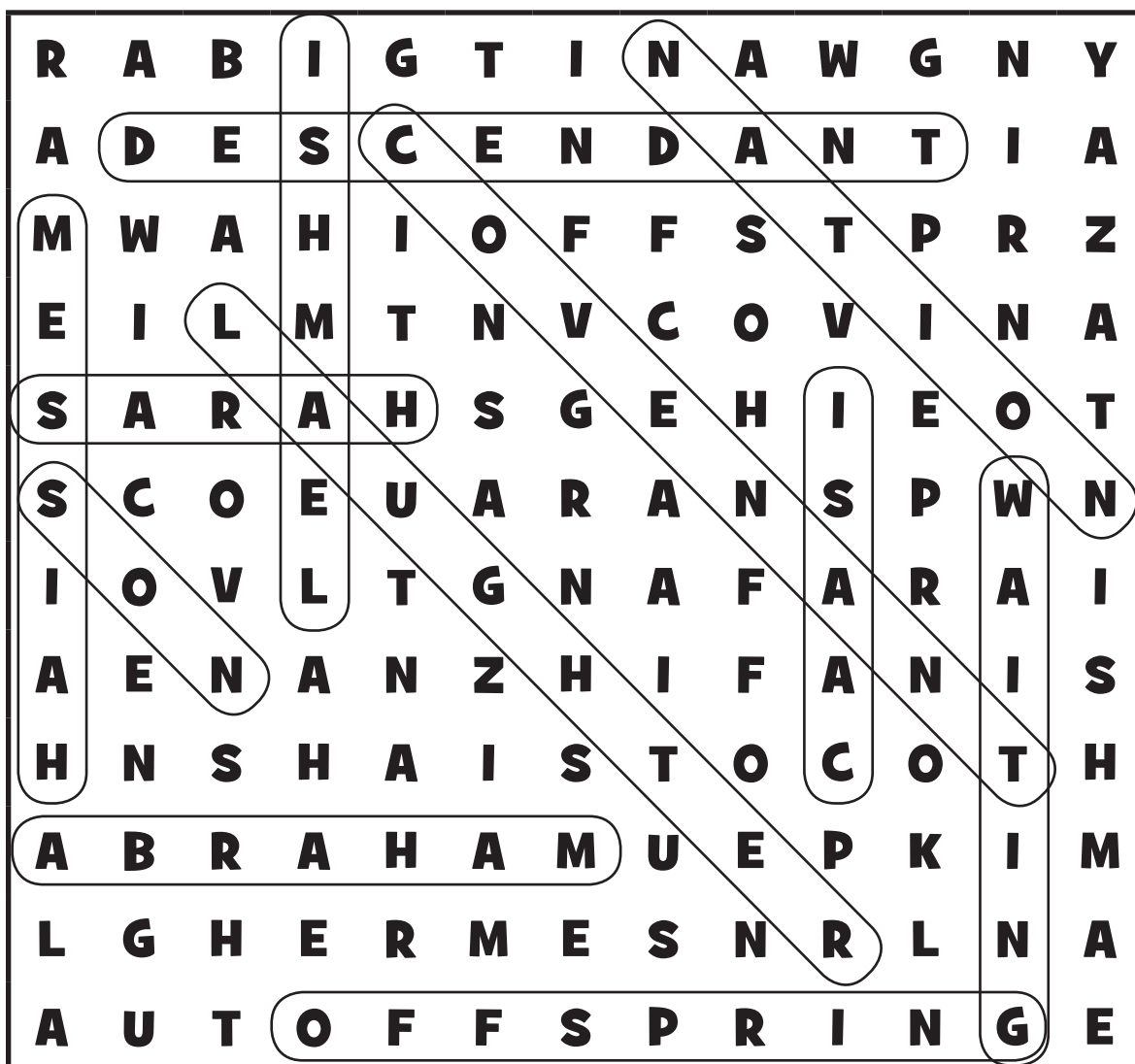
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Word Search Answer Key

ABRAHAM
COVENANT
DESCENDANT
ISAAC

ISHMAEL
LAUGHTER
MESSIAH
NATION

OFFSPRING
SARAH
SON
WAITING



Name _____

Class Notes

1. God changed Abram's name to _____, which means "father of many."
2. God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son who would be named _____.
3. Sarah was _____ and Abraham was _____ years old when God gave them a child.
4. Isaac was the son who would carry on God's _____ with Abraham.
5. Isaac's name means _____.
6. The promised descendant of Abraham who would bless many nations is _____.

WORD BANK

90

100

ABRAHAM

COVENANT

ISAAC

JESUS CHRIST

LAUGHTER



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2. God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son who would be named Isaac.
3. Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 years old when God gave them a child.
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4. Sarah was 90 and Abraham was _____ when God gave them a child.
5. The son who inherited Abraham's covenant from God was _____.
6. Isaac's name means _____.
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Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What new name did God give Abram?
Abraham.
2. What does the name Abraham mean? Father of one son or father of many? *Father of many.*
3. What was Sarai's name changed to? *Sarah.*
4. How old was Sarah when she had Isaac? *90.*
5. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? *100.*
6. What was Abraham's son going to be named?
Isaac.
7. What was the name of Abraham's other son?
Ishmael.
8. Which son would continue the promise God made with Abraham? *Isaac.*
9. What does the name Isaac mean? *Laughter.*
10. Who was the special descendant of Abraham that would bless many nations? *Jesus Christ.*
11. What is another name used for Jesus that reminds us that he died to *save* us from our sins? *Savior.*
12. What are the blessings God promised to Abraham that are in the memory verse? *I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; you shall be a blessing.*
13. Can you say the memory verse? *Allow several students to say or sing the memory verse.*

Pre-K Review Questions

1. What new name did God give Abram?
Abraham.
2. What was Sarai's name changed to? *Sarah.*
3. How old was Sarah when she had Isaac? *90.*
4. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
100.
5. God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy when they were very old. Is anything too hard for God to do? *No.*
6. What was Abraham's son going to be named?
Isaac.
7. What was the name of Abraham's other son?
Ishmael.
8. Which son would continue the promise God made with Abraham? Ishmael or Isaac? *Isaac.*
9. Who was the special descendant of Abraham that would bless many nations? We celebrate his birthday at Christmas. *Jesus Christ.*
10. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?
Died on the cross.
11. What is the word that means God is in control of everything? *Sovereign.*
12. Can you say the memory verse? *Allow several students to sing or recite the verse.*

Review Questions

1. What new name did God give Abram? *Abraham.*
2. What does the name Abraham mean? *Father of a multitude, or father of many.*
3. What was Sarai's name changed to? *Sarah.*
4. What was Abraham and Sarah's son going to be named? *Isaac.*
5. What was the name of Abraham's other son? *Ishmael.*
6. Who was Ishmael's mother? *Hagar.*
7. What did God promise for Ishmael's descendants? *They would be a great nation, too.*
8. After God spoke to Abraham, when was Isaac born? *The next year. Exact time God said.*
9. How old was Sarah when she had Isaac? *90.*
10. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? *100.*
11. What does the name Isaac mean? *Laughter.*
12. Which son would continue the covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac or Ishmael? *Isaac.*
13. What happened to Hagar and Ishmael after Ishmael mocked Isaac? *They were sent away. They left Canaan. Ishmael married and had many descendants.*
14. Who was the special descendant of Abraham that would bless many? *Jesus Christ.*
15. What is another name used for Jesus that reminds us that he died to save us from our sins? *Savior.*
16. What are the blessings God promised to Abraham that are in the memory verse? *Ask several students. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing."*
17. Who can say the memory verse? *Allow several students to recite the verse.*

Review Questions

1. Abraham was called to leave the city of Ur and go to what land? *Land of Canaan.*
2. Abraham and Sarah grew tired and impatient waiting for God to do what? *Give them a son.*
3. What was the name of Abraham and Hagar's son? *Ishmael.*
4. What does Abraham mean? *Father of many or father of a multitude.*
5. What did God say when Abraham asked if Ishmael would fulfill God's promise? *God said no, it wouldn't be Ishmael.*
6. What did God promise to do for Ishmael? *Bless him, make him fruitful, make him a great nation.*
7. What was Abraham's response when God promised him and Sarah a son? *He laughed.*
8. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? *100.*
9. How old was Sarah when Isaac was born? *90.*
10. What does Isaac's name mean? *Laughter.*
11. What do we call it when something happens that only God can do? *A miracle!*
12. True or false: God fulfills His promises in His perfect timing. *True.*
13. Which son inherited God's covenant with Abraham? *Isaac.*
14. When Sarah saw Ishmael mocking her son Isaac, what did she have Abraham do? *Send them away; make them leave.*
15. The word "offspring" is another word for what? *Descendant.*
16. Who is the special descendant from Abraham and Isaac who would bless all nations? *Jesus Christ.*
17. How did Jesus bless all nations? *By saving us from our sins.*
18. Who can fill in some missing words from our memory verse? *Allow students to provide a missing word you leave out when you read the memory verse.*