Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
    - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
    - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
    - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
    - <u>Observation</u>: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
    - <u>Interpretation</u>: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
    - <u>Application</u>: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: <u>*Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson*</u>. Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*

Lesson 17 ~ Genesis 21:1-8

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page & Activity Page (1 copy per student)
- Game: ball

ICEBREAKER (5 min): Sofa Subjects

Ask the following icebreaker questions:

- ★ What's your hidden talent?
- ★ What animal do you think best represents your personality and why?

BIBLE DISCUSSION (10-15 min): **Genesis 21:1-8**

- **Introduction:**
  - In today's lesson, we will learn that God always keeps His promises. In the eight verses we study today,we will see the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham concerning Abraham's descendants. God had given him a promise that He would make him a great nation (Genesis 12:2) and that He would make his children and their children (descendants) as the dust of the earth (Genesis 13:16).
- ***Read Genesis 21:1-2***
  - Did God fulfill the promise He made to Abraham and Sarah like He said He would? (Yes!)
    - We see that the fulfillment of promise was all in God's time and according to His Word. Again, He had promised that He would do it, and He did. Nothing can ever stop or hinder God's plans. God is faithful to keep His promises.
    - Abraham was old; Sarah was barren. But that was no problem for Almighty God. Sometimes, His promises seem impossible to our natural minds; but His Word is sure. God had given His Word and had a set time for the accomplishing of His Word and will.
- ***Read Genesis 21:3***
  - We see that Abraham named his blessed son "Isaac" which means "laughter." Do you remember back when Sarah laughed as she heard the promise that she would have a child? She could not believe it at first. So Isaac's name would always remind Abraham and Sarah of God's faithfulness.
  - Isaac was the child of promise. More was said about Isaac before his birth than about any other, except the Lord Jesus. There are some parallels with Isaac and Jesus. Isaac was the promised child; his birth was a miracle because Sarah's womb was "dead." When she said in Genesis 18:13, "Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?" The answer to her was, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" In Luke 1:34-37,

Mary asks the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" The answer to her was, "With God nothing shall be impossible."

- ***Read Genesis 21:4-8***
    - Here we see Sarah laughing. Her laughter is no longer doubt, but a laughter of wonder and joy at God's miracle.
        - **Read Hebrews 11:11** *"Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she had judged him faithful who had promised..."*
        - All of us experience the struggle inside our hearts between doubt and faith. Sarah did. Yet, we see her mentioned in "God's Hall of Faith." Though we are weak, God is gracious. Who could ever guess that God should do so much for us who deserve so little? He sent His only Son to die for us. We have been given great promises, and we can rely on them. God is faithful to keep His promises.

PRAYER (5 min): Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME (5-10 min): Table Ball

Have the children stand around a table and try to keep the ball from falling off. When the ball is dropped (and it invariably will be), explain that no matter how hard we try to perfect a task, we always fail at one point or another, but God never fails. When He promises something we can count on it. God is faithful to keep His promises.

Lesson source: Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa Children's Curriculum





Abraham Had a Son
Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be left to right, up and down,
or diagonally.

L I S I T N U C O V E N A N T
U N T A L I O U A T U E R I T
L O R E R S L C T E M D I T O
N U B R E A D O N S E Q U R S
N O N S E Q U I S C I L L A N
D I E V E L E X E R I R I V R
L S O P R O M I S E S I T E R
S A M I N E N D R E T A T L E
I A N L A T B H E B A B Y E D
T C O N A E D E U G I A M R E
L H I Q U U T N O N S E C S E
T U E D O L G R E D E L I Q U
Z R I S A R A H U G A S T V U
L A O R E M O L O R S O T E R
A B R A H A M D R T E N T V E

ABRAHAM	COVENANT	OLD	SON
BABY	ISAAC	PROMISE	TENT
BREAD	LAUGH	SARAH	TRAVELERS

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