

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.04: ISAAC'S BIRTH FORETOLD – Gen. 18:1-15 and 21:1-3

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-3.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

Last time we learned about Abram. Abram was a good man who obeyed the Lord. The Lord had promised Abram that someday he would have many, many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In our story today, the Lord had given Abram a special new name. His name was now *Abraham*. Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old now. The Lord had given lots of riches, like cattle and silver and gold. But they still had no children, and that made them sad.

One time, in the middle of a hot day, Abraham was sitting in the door of his tent. He looked and saw three men standing nearby. These three men were angels! Abraham ran to meet them and bowed down to them, and asked them to stay awhile. He said he would bring water so that they could wash their feet, and food for them to eat. The angels agreed to stay.

Abraham hurried to the tent and told Sarah, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes.” Then Abraham hurried to get some meat ready for them. He brought the meat and some milk and butter to the angels, and then he stood by them under a tree as they ate.

The angels asked Abraham, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “Here, in the tent.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening in the tent door, and when she heard the Lord say that she would have a son, she laughed! Do you know why she laughed? Sarah was very old, and past the age when women can usually have babies. She laughed because she thought it sounded silly to say that she would have a baby, - she thought that she was too old!

But the Lord heard Sarah, and He said to Abraham: “Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for the Lord? ...Sarah shall have a son.” The Lord could make Sarah have a baby, couldn't He? The Lord can do anything!

Sarah said, “I did not laugh,” because she was afraid. And the Lord said, “No, but you did laugh!”

And some time later, just as the Lord had said, Sarah did have a baby boy, and they named him Isaac.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me.

And the Lord said to Abraham,
"Why did Sarah laugh,
saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child,
since I am old?'
Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

Photocopy the background scene page and the page with Abraham, Sarah, and the angels so that every child will have one of each.

Doing the Project:

1. Hand out the picture of the tent and the tree.
2. Hold up the other page so they can see, and ask, "Where would Sarah go?" (In the tent)
3. "Where would Abraham stand?" (Under the tree)
4. "Where would the three angels go?" (Next to Abraham)
5. Give them each a copy of the second page. Have them cut out the people and glue them in the appropriate places on the first page.
6. Have them color a bright sun in the sky, and then color the rest of the picture.

EXTRA ACTIVITY *(if there's time)*

Act out the story. Use a blanket draped over some chairs to be the tent. Have some props to represent the cakes, meat, milk, and butter. Have the children take turns portraying the different characters, and have them act out the story as you talk them through it.

The Promise of Isaac's Birth



