



ISAAC IS BORN

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Long, long ago, there was a man named Abraham. He had a wife named Sarah. They lived in the land of Haran, where they had been raised. One day, God spoke to Abraham. He had a very special message to give him. God said, "Leave your country, your family and your father's home for a land that I will show you. I will bless you with a great nation. All the families of the earth will be blessed because of your obedience to Me."

Abraham and Sarah took their possessions and did as God commanded them. They went to the land of Canaan. Abraham was seventy-five years old at that time. God told Abraham that He would give this land to his children.

Now, Abraham was very rich. He had lots of possessions. He had servants, too. One day, Abraham said to God, "What good are all of these riches to me when I have no children to leave them to when I die? Must I leave my riches to a servant?" God told him not to worry. "Look at the stars, Abraham! Count them, if you can. That's how many descendants you will have. You're going to have a big family." Abraham believed God. That was very important.

God continued to tell Abraham about the family he would have. God told Abraham there would be lots of problems. The people would not always be obedient to God. But God would still give them this land of Canaan.

Sarah was not as believing as Abraham about having children. Abraham was even having some doubts. He was already one hundred years old. Sarah was ninety years old.

One day, three men visited Abraham. He invited them into his tent. Sarah made some bread. They also had roasted meat, yogurt and milk. What a feast! One of the men said, "Next year at this time, you and your wife will have a son!"

Sarah laughed. "How can an old woman like me have a baby! Especially when my husband is also old." The Lord heard Sarah. "Why did you laugh?" He asked. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

The Lord said, "I have chosen Abraham to be blessed. His children will become a great and mighty nation. All the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. I have picked him so he will lead his sons and their families to obey the way of the Lord by doing what is right. I will do for Abraham all that I have promised."

The Lord kept His promise to Abraham. About a year later, Sarah gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age, just as God said it would. Abraham named their son Isaac, which means laughter.

Sarah was joyful! She said, "God has brought me laughter! Who would know I would have a baby? I have given Abraham a son in his old age!"

God can do anything.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) God asked Abraham and his wife, Sarah, to leave their home and move to a land called Canaan.
- 2) God told Abraham he would have many descendants—as many as the stars in the sky.
- 3) Three men visited Abraham. One of the men told Abraham that, at that time next year, Abraham and his wife would have a son.
- 4) Sarah didn't believe the men. She laughed. She thought she and Abraham were too old to have a child.
- 5) God kept His promise. In the following year, Abraham and Sarah had a son. Abraham named him Isaac.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why did Abraham and Sarah leave their home?
- 2) How many descendants did God tell Abraham he would have?
- 3) What did one of the three visitors tell Abraham?
- 4) Why did Sarah laugh?
- 5) Did God keep His promise?
- 6) What was the baby named?

ANSWERS:

- 1) Abraham and Sarah left their home because God asked them to.
- 2) God told Abraham his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky.
- 3) One of the visitors told Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son by that time the following year.
- 4) Sarah laughed because she thought she and Abraham were too old to have a child.
- 5) God kept His promise!
- 6) The baby was named Isaac.

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