

Beautiful
BIBLE TREASURES
For Children

Lesson 15

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Three Special Visitors

A team of three special men were travelling to the place where Abraham had pitched his tent. Abraham invited them to stay for awhile to rest and eat. Sarah cooked some food for them.

The men were angels, and they had a special message to tell Abraham and Sarah! They announced that it was nearly time for God to send them their special son, the child God had promised to give to them.

Sarah, who was in the tent, heard the men talking about it. She smiled, as it seemed funny, since both she and Abraham were pretty old by then.

It was a happy thought that finally they would soon have a baby!



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Abraham continued to travel, going where God led him to go. It was often hot during the day and cold at night. Water was a challenge to find, and wells were hard work to dig. Abraham faithfully and cheerfully did as God told him to do, and went where God led him.

One hot day, when sitting in the doorway of his tent, he was delighted to see a team of visitors approaching. They looked more like angels than men. Abraham knew how tired and thirsty travelling people felt. He wanted to let them rest and be refreshed.

He ran to the three approaching men, and invited them to stay for a while, to eat and to rest. The angelic visitors agreed to stop for awhile, and Sarah, Abraham's wife, quickly cooked and served a good meal for them.



While Sarah was in the tent she heard one of them say something that brought a smile to her face, and made her laugh a little! —The angelic visiting messenger said that she and Abraham were soon finally going to have a child! They'd waited and waited for a child to be theirs, as God had promised, and hadn't given up hope. How happy they were to hear that it was nearly time for it to happen.

Activity

*Make a fun tent using blankets over a table. Sit inside and take time to pray for any little babies you know!

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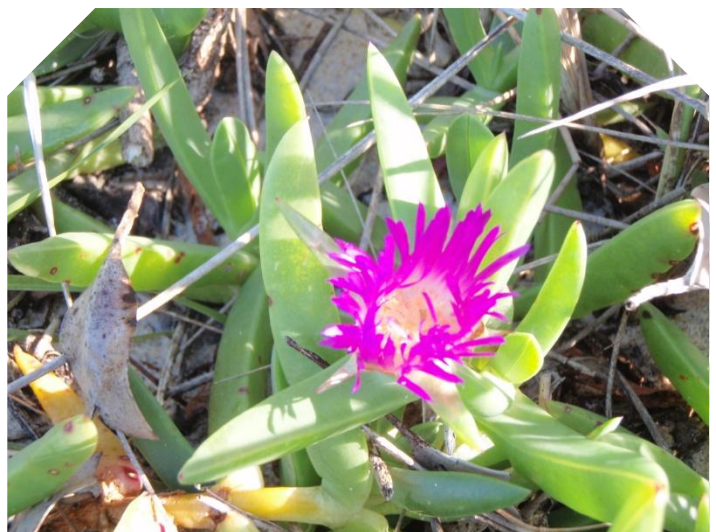
The camping team felt the heat as the sun shone down on them. Sitting in the doorway of his tent Abraham had shade and a bit of fresh air. But on this day there was to be a special surprise.

God sees you all the time. He never sleeps. He knows not only what you choose to do each day, but what you are feeling, and what you think about too. The Bible says, "The Lord preserves (*keeps from harm, protects, saves, maintains, helps to carry on*) the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer." - He rewards greatly those doing an honourable, good job. (Psalms 31:23)

Sometimes you just have to keep going and doing what you are meant to do, even when no big fun surprises or rewards come your way. Day by day you just keep making the choices to do what is best, and then you are very glad when the results of those good decisions catch up with you.

Travel took a of lot time in those days. The only way to get around was either walking with your own two feet , or using animal transportation—horses, camels, donkeys, and so forth. (Or you could go by boat if you were travelling over water.)

So if you had travelled far, and were camping out away from the cities, and someone showed up to visit, it was something special! You knew they'd had a long journey. You knew they were tired, hungry and thirsty.



Water is heavy to carry, and was often hard to find. Sometimes wells could be dug and water found then, but that took days to do. So it was the custom to be kind and friendly to visitors, offering them food and water, and time to rest from their travelling.

Abraham knew what it felt like. He often felt hot or cold, hungry, thirsty and tired from the journey. But on this day, they weren't travelling—they were camping out.



It was a very hot day and the sun was shining down brightly. Abraham looked up, and to his surprise three visitors were approaching his tent. These weren't just any visitors. By the looks of them, they were sent straight from God.

You never really know when angels are going to show up. Some think angels only come looking all shiny and bright, proclaiming a message from God. But there may be times when they are disguised, look just like anyone else, and are right there when you need them.

So on this hot day, three very important visitors came to see Abraham, and he was delighted. When Abraham spotted them, he greeted them, and invited them to stay and rest in the shade. He then had his wife cook them food, while he chatted with the visiting angelic team—the Lord and two important strong angels.

One thing they told Abraham was that he and his wife were finally going to have a child, a son, the one that God had been promising them. It seemed impossible, because both Abraham and Sarah were very old by then, but it was so exciting to hear!

Have you ever been camping in a tent? The walls of a tent aren't like the walls of a house, and you can hear just about everything that is going on outside, right?

So while Sarah was cooking she could hear the visiting angels telling Abraham the wonderful news about their coming child. It made her smile, and she had a chuckle inside about it, thinking how old they both were.

The Lord knew she thought it was kind of funny, imagining having a child at their age. "Why did Sarah laugh?" the visitor said. "It's true! It really is going to happen!"

What happy news this was. They were both delighted and hopeful, and continued to look forward to this promise becoming a reality.

Let's Talk About It

*Talk about a time when you visited someone's house and were treated kindly. What did they do that helped to make your time there pleasant?

*What does it mean to be "hospitable"? What can you do to make visitors enjoy their time at your house?

Activity

*If you could tell your guardian angel anything, what would you want to say? You could make a "Thank you" card, with a picture of an angel, and write a note of thanks inside.

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Connect and Communicate

*Have each one say, filling in the blank with their personal words: "I'm going to not think about _____ right now, so I can focus on what Jesus wants me to hear and learn at this time."

Study Fun

Draw: A simple picture of where Abraham and Sarah were, and what it looked like that day, adding one part at a time to your pictures as the verses describe things. (Example: The sun up, the plains, then the tent, and Abraham sitting there, and so forth.)

✓ Checkmark: Where it mentions the things Abraham did to show kindness to the angels.

Write: A one-word answers down on a piece of paper to any questions asked in these verses, as you come across them while reading.

Genesis

18:1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

18:2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,



18:3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

18:4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

18:6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

18:7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

18:8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

18:9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

18:10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.



18:13 And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

18:14 Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.



Activity

*Play "Guess who is laughing." Take turns laughing in whatever funny way you can, with the person who is to guess not looking. When the person guesses who it was, someone else gets a turn to guess while another person laughs.

Who's That? —Bezaleel

Praise

Psalms 92:1,2 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High: To shew forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

*Think of some ways that the Lord has helped you, kept you, protected you each day, and each night—things He's done faithfully for you, that you've rarely thought to thank Him for, and have taken for granted.

The name "Bezaleel" means "in the shadow [protection] of God." Bezaleel is described in the genealogical lists as the son of Uri (Exodus 31:2), the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah (I Chronicles 2:18, 19, 20, 50).

He was said to be highly gifted as a workman, showing great skill and originality in engraving precious metals and stone and in wood-carving. He was also a master-workman, having many apprentices under him whom he instructed in the arts (Exodus 35:30-35).

According to the narrative in Exodus, he was definitely called and endowed by God to direct the construction of the tent of meeting and its sacred furniture, and also to prepare the priests' garments and the oil and incense required for the service. (Exodus 36-39) He was also in charge of the holy oils, incense and priestly vestments.

1 Chronicles 2:19-20 Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

Exodus

31:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

31:5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

35:34 And he [The Lord] hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35:35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

36:2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

38:22 And Bezaleel the son Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

Activity

*What are some handcrafts or skills that you'd like to learn to do? Talk about all the different kinds that you can think of! (Painting, sculpting, weaving, wood carving, jewellery making, sewing, carpentry, pottery, electronics, and so forth!) Is there something you can do for fun now? (Carving pumpkins/apples/soap, making candles into various shapes/designs!)

Fountain of Faith



Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Psalms 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.



Topic Treasures — Hospitality

Study Fun

Draw: A little tiny picture next to each verse, of one item it talks about. For example, draw a little angel next to Hebrews 13:2.

✓ Checkmark: The good points that these verses say to do.

Write: Some of the benefits and reasons for being hospitable mentioned in these passages.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Matthew 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Proverbs 3:27-28 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.



Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Matthew 5:44-45 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:46-48 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 10:11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

Matthew 10:12-13 And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.



Daily Diary

*Imagine you are in a foreign country, visiting with people you've never met before. How would you like to be treated? Write down what you would like others to do and say when you are the guest. Ponder how you can be that way to others too.

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