



Beautiful
BIBLE TREASURES
For Children

Lesson 16

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Isaac

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Topic Treasures—Abundance and Contentment

Isaac

Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's very special and long-awaited boy!

They must have felt like the happiest parents in the world, as they held little baby Isaac, the son God had promised to give them for so long.

Baby Isaac made them laugh! They loved and cared for their son very well, and they enjoyed teaching him all they could.

Abraham and Sarah taught their son Isaac about life, about God, and about having faith and patience, just like they had learned all those years!



Isaac

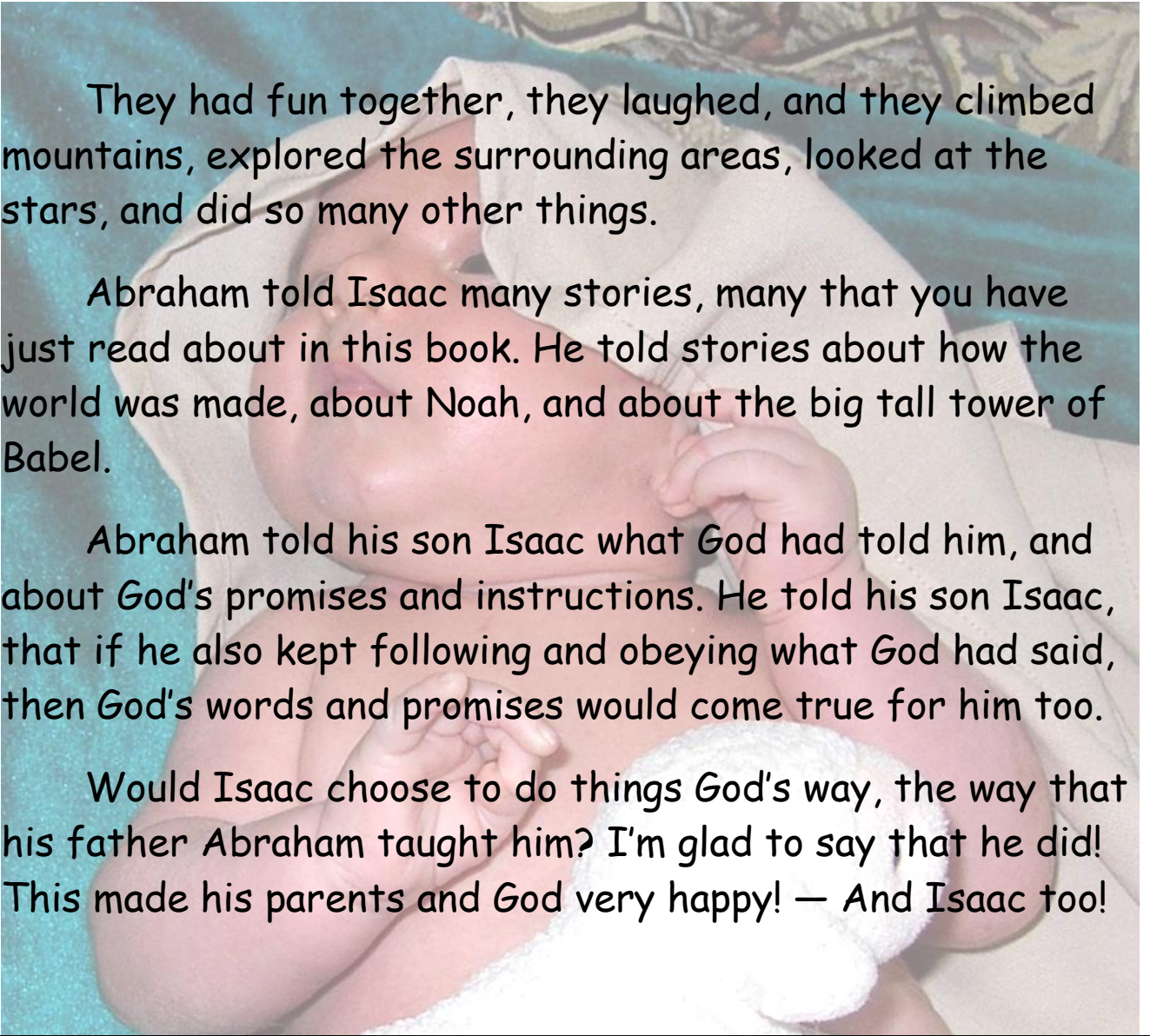
With great joy at last Abraham and Sarah held their precious baby! God had given them the promised child. They named him Isaac, and he sure made them smile, laugh and feel very loved.

Abraham and Sarah knew that when God says something, it happens. Waiting for so long taught them patience, and that's a good thing to have.

Having patience, and having faith that God would care for them and do just what He promised, were great things that would help them to be very good parents to their new little boy.

They taught Isaac all they could—about God, and about the world around them, about the animals and the skills they'd learned, and how to live and survive.





They had fun together, they laughed, and they climbed mountains, explored the surrounding areas, looked at the stars, and did so many other things.

Abraham told Isaac many stories, many that you have just read about in this book. He told stories about how the world was made, about Noah, and about the big tall tower of Babel.

Abraham told his son Isaac what God had told him, and about God's promises and instructions. He told his son Isaac, that if he also kept following and obeying what God had said, then God's words and promises would come true for him too.

Would Isaac choose to do things God's way, the way that his father Abraham taught him? I'm glad to say that he did! This made his parents and God very happy! — And Isaac too!

Activity

*Play "I'm glad for...because" game. Children say, "I'm glad for parents (or adult care givers) because..." And parents or care givers say, "I'm glad for children because..." (Each fill in the blank with their thoughts of gratitude.)



Isaac

At last the wonderful, long-awaited event took place! Baby Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah—just as God had promised. They must have been the happiest parents around. They'd waited so long, and at last held their precious little son. He made them laugh, smile, and enjoy doing the things that parents get to do — tell bedtime stories, teach him new things, explore, celebrate, laugh, look at the stars, and have fun.

Isaac was such a joy for Abraham and Sarah! He was the promised son. The Lord promised that he'd have many descendants, and that eventually there would be so many people they'd fill the Earth. The more children people had, the richer they felt. Having a big family was their greatest treasure, something only God could give them. People were special.

There weren't shopping malls filled with all the latest gadgets and trinkets, or tons of super-fancy houses around to buy, or fast speedy cars to wish for, or whatever some people think makes them feel rich and comfortable. Those who loved God wanted to have children, friends, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, fathers and mothers, more than just being alone with a bunch of riches.

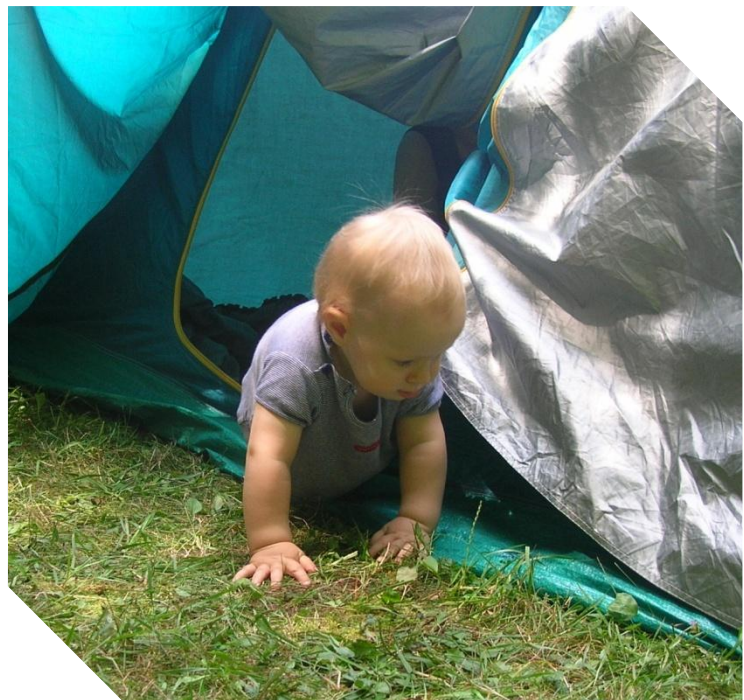


Nowadays there is a lot less love in people's hearts. People focus more and more on acquiring things and getting possessions — thinking that will fill their heart's need for happiness.

So why do you think that Abraham was a happy man? God did bless him with a lot, but compared to today's standard of living, he really didn't have that much to make his life comfortable. As he followed what God told him to do, day after day, year after year, he was blessed with plenty of animals and a very big team of helpers. But he had no house to keep him cool in the summer or warm in the winter. He didn't have a car or van to take him on his journeys. He didn't have a stove to turn on and cook food quickly, or a refrigerator to keep supplies in, filled with a variety of foods, fruit and vegetables.

They had what they needed, and learned to make the foods last as long as possible, and cook them as best as they could on the fire. They were grateful for their simple meals, and that they had food to eat. But there was nothing fancy about it. No spaghetti, no frozen desserts, no delicious fruit salad with exotic fruits, no bags of mixed nuts from all kinds of countries around the world, no strawberry jam, no freshly-squeezed orange juice on a hot day, or ice to put in their water. There were no blenders or grinders or food mixers to make things fast and easy to prepare. And there were probably less dishes to wash as well!

At night there was no shower to step into, with warm water and soap to refresh them. A bucket of cold water from the well provided a good wash. If they needed anything, there wasn't a shop or mall to go into to find it. They either had to do without it, or make it themselves, or get it from someone else who made it, or invent a way to fix things up. Clothes weren't easy to come by, and it took a lot of work to make even a small part of cloth to use in a garment. Garments did last much longer than today's clothing.



Everything was made by hand, and usually from scratch, which means you not only make the item needed, but come up with the supplies for it also. So to make clothes out of wool they needed to have sheep, care for them, raise them, have the tools needed to shear them, take that wool and make thread from it, then weave it, and sew it into something to wear.

So it wasn't possessions that were making Abraham happy. And he didn't have lots of children, like he would have so enjoyed having. But his time talking to God gave him the happy feeling of knowing that he was doing just what God had asked him to.—And seeing things work out for the best in the end helped give his heart joy. God took good care of them, and they had all they needed to survive. His heart was happy and full of faith.

You can be that way too. You could be in a situation where you have little or no possessions, be away from your family, loved ones, or friends, and still be happy, if you know God and talk with Him as a friend. He can do the most amazing things for you, in ways that you know only He can. As you love and obey Him, you can trust Him to bring the best things your way.

When Abraham and Sarah finally held and played with their little son, their wonderful treasure, given to them from God, it was worth the wait. That child received the very best care his loving parents could give.

Let's Talk About It

*If you were to have everything you own, and your family, your house and abilities suddenly gone from you in an instant, and then get them back again after a while, what do you think you would be the most thankful for?

*What kinds of things make you feel special and loved? (What words said or deeds done, or special events, etc.)

Activity

*Cook something "from scratch" as much as possible, using nothing manufactured, just using fresh foods, or grains. (Bake bread, make ketchup, make butter from cream, etc.)

Fountain of Faith

Deuteronomy 28:9 The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

Psalms 91:11-12 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.



Isaac



Connect and Communicate

*Each one tells something they are glad for about someone there. That person who is talked about then takes a turn to tell another person what they like, or appreciate about them. And on it goes, till everyone has been spoken about.

Study Fun

Repeat aloud: The promises from God to Abraham that these verses mention.

Select: The phrases that tell God's instructions to Abraham, and mark them and review them at the end of your reading.

Summarise: Both Abraham and Sarah's feelings that these passages express.

Genesis

17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.



21:1 And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

21:7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

35:28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.



Activity

*Find and list as many ABC words as you can find in the Bible text.
(Example: A-Abraham, B-born, C-covenant, etc.)

Proverbs to Ponder #2

Prayer

Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

*Before asking Him for something in prayer, start off with thankfulness for something He's already done for you or others in answer to prayer. It could be from your own life, or a situation from Bible times, if you like.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Proverbs 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 3:14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Proverbs 3:15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Proverbs 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Activity

*Mark or list the "to do's" or wise instructions in these verses, and talk about what it means, as well as the benefits of following that counsel. Have a fun quiz afterwards to review what was learned. (You can draw pictures or act out the answers, or express it in some way.)



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Study Fun

Repeat aloud: The four shortest verses read here.

Select: A phrase from one of the verses to be your motto for the day. Say it often, and remind each other of it!

Summarise: What Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 tells us, putting it in your own words.



1Chronicles 29:12-13

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Psalms 128:1-2 Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

2 Corinthians.9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Philippians 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.



Daily Diary

*If you could have everything you wish for, right now, there might be things that you can't have anymore because of the new circumstances that gaining those things would put you in. (For example, if you lived on a ship travelling around all the time, you'd miss hearing the birds chirping in the morning.)

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