

GOD SAID IT

Preschool
Week 2

PARENT BIBLE STUDY

Read: Genesis 21:1-7

God promised to bless Abraham (Genesis 12:2) and give him offspring that would outnumber the dust of the earth (Genesis 13:14-16). He told Abraham and Sarah that their children would be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5). He promised to increase their numbers (Genesis 17:2) and give them a son (Genesis 17:16). God made promise after promise after promise, yet Abraham and Sarah spent years and years waiting for them to happen. Finally, long after their childbearing years were over, God did what he had promised, and gave them a son.

Even when we know and believe that every word of God is true; that he is faithful and that he can be trusted, it is difficult to wait on God. When we don't see him working the way we think he should, our faith is tested. But faith, by definition, is having full trust and confidence in something that we cannot see.

Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years between God's first promise to Abraham and the moment he and Sarah were holding Isaac in their arms. They didn't always trust God perfectly. They took matters into their own hands instead of waiting on God. But even then, God remained steady, faithful, and true to his word. And when Isaac was born, it was "at the very time God had promised him" (Genesis 21:2). The perfect time.

The story of Isaac can remind us about God's trustworthiness. Even in seasons when we're waiting on God, like Abraham and Sarah, we can remember that God is there. He remains steady even when our faith is wavering. He is the Lord and he does not change (Malachi 3:6).

And if we ever question his word, all we have to do is look to Jesus. The world was waiting for thousands of years for Jesus to be born. Like Isaac, God sent him at the perfect time. As the Savior of all, Jesus was God's ultimate promise fulfilled, and all the proof we need that every word of God is true.

How do you keep trusting God's promises and character in a season of waiting?

How does the story of Abraham and Sarah strengthen your faith or renew your hope?