

## Sarah & Abraham

### 1) Ritual

Making the sign of the cross reminds us that we belong to God's people. God's seal is not only upon us but upon all those in God's family. God's Spirit flows through us all. Each of us has a sacred place since we are all sacred.

### 2) Check-in

Check-in can be as simple as, "Thumbs up, thumbs down, or thumbs to the side." Then, "Talk about what made you put your thumb that way." Again, remind your group of their covenant.

### 3) Review the Story

Please invite your kids to use the box to record their first impressions from today's Bible story.

#### Bible Story Notes [Genesis 17] Sarah & Abraham

#### **GOD'S BOTTOM LINE PROMISE**

All the families of the earth will be blessed through you. [Genesis 28:14]

#### **BREAK DOWN**

#### **Genesis 17 – God Calls and Renames Abraham and Sarah**

God promises to give Abraham and Sarah many descendants, many of whom will be great leaders, for an express purpose: to bless "all the families of the earth." God's goal is not tribal or racial or national. Rather God intends to bless each and every single person on this globe and God will use Abraham, Sarah, and their children to do it. God has given our family a mission: to bless the world. Ultimately, this is God's response to the brokenness of human division, violence, and sin. Go forth and bless!

*[Adapted from enterthebible.org]*

Video: Abraham and Sarah in the context of the second half of the Book of Genesis.

<https://youtu.be/VpbWbyx1008>

### 4) Start with Sharing—Your Family Story

Kids are invited to talk about their family history. Give kids 2 or 3 minutes to write responses then invite sharing.

### 5) Side Bar—Sarah & Abraham

Kids have the option of talking about the meaning behind their names.

### 6) Activity—My Family Tree

Kids can start filling in a family tree and using it as a discussion piece with their group and their own parents.

### 7) Further Discussion—Back to the Story

If you have time, read the Bible verses and discuss the questions.

### 8) Pray and Bless

Bless your kids perhaps by giving thanks to God for the chance to bless them. Invite kids to think about how God is inviting them to be a blessing to others. Ask God for strength and opportunity to do it.



## The Story of Our People

### STORY TWO: GOD CALLS ABRAHAM & SARAH

Genesis 17

Write or draw about things you liked or learned from the story. What surprised you? What do you wonder about?

#### START WITH SHARING: YOUR STORY

Write some responses then share in the group.

+ Where does your family come from?



#### Sarah

- "Princess"
- Changed by God from Sarai

+ What do you know about your ancestry?



#### Abraham

- "Father of many"
- Changed by God from Abram

+ What is the story behind your name?

What is something from  
your own family history  
that you wonder about?



#### GOD'S BOTTOM LINE PROMISE



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Blessings & Bruises

How were you with God today?

How was God with you today?

Questions? Wonderings?

Write or draw here.

Great grandparents &  
older generations

Grandparents &  
their siblings

Dad & his  
siblings

Mom & her  
siblings

# My Family Tree

Fam-i-ly Tree

Noun

1. A diagram showing the relationships between people in several generations of a family.
2. All of the descendants and ancestors in a family.

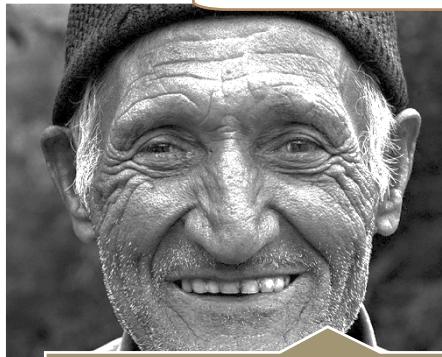
Synonyms

pedigree - lineage - genealogy - heritage - stemma

You & your  
siblings! 😊

**BACK** ↪

➡ **TO THE STORY**



God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

[Genesis 15:5]

What does it feel like to have Abraham and Sarah as your great, great, great, great...etc. grandparents?

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old?" [Genesis 17:17]

What feels like an impossible goal or hope for your life?  
What is God's hope for your life?

Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." [Genesis 21:6]

When has God unexpectedly blessed you or someone you know?

**You are a precious child of God! And we love you very much!**