

Week 5 Family Letter

God Keeps His Promises: Abraham's Son Isaac Is Born

(Genesis 21:1-7)

The Bible tells us that a long time ago, there was a man named Abraham. He lived with his wife, Sarah. They loved each other very much. God had promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a baby, even though they were very old. Every day, they waited and waited until the promise came true.

God loved Abraham and Sarah very much. He kept His promise. After many, many years, a baby was born. Abraham and Sarah named the baby Isaac. They were so happy to have a baby. Abraham loved Isaac. Sarah loved Isaac. God loved Isaac too.

God blessed Isaac. Isaac had his mommy, Sarah, to take care of him. Isaac had his daddy, Abraham, to take care of him. God gave Isaac his mommy and daddy to take care of him.

God loves us very much. He gives us moms, dads, and other people to love us and take care of us.

Dear Family,

Children, parents, and families are a blessing from God. Look at the Bible story picture. Ask your child, "Do you see the mommy and daddy in the picture? You can finish the picture. You can color the clothes they are wearing." Point out that, while the people in the picture lived long ago and far away and dressed differently than we do today, they loved their little child just like you love your child today. Abraham and Sarah waited a long time to have a baby. They were as old as grandparents when God blessed them with a son. Thank God for blessing your family. Read the story on page 58 of *The Story Bible* together.

Take time to demonstrate love for each other. Be generous with hugs and words of love. Show your love for each other even when there are problems resulting from sin. Let each other know that God continues to love us. God loves us and forgives us because of our Savior, Jesus. And God helps us love and forgive one another. Give thanks that, because of Jesus' grace and mercy, you are part of God's family too. In your bedtime prayers together, say words such as these:

Dear Father in heaven,

Look down from above;

Bless Mommy and Daddy

And all whom I love. Amen.

Bible Words

I waited patiently for the Lord.

Psalms 40:1

