

## Week 6

### God's Promise to Abraham

God chose to bless Abraham with the special promise that the Savior would someday be born from Abraham's family. Abraham laughed and said, "How can this be? I am almost one hundred years old and my wife Sarah is old too." God told Abraham to look at the many stars in the sky—that is how big Abraham's family would someday be. Abraham trusted God's promise.

Later, the Lord and two angels came to visit Abraham, looking like three people who were traveling. Abraham welcomed the visitors to have dinner with him. The Lord said that within one year, Abraham and his wife Sarah would have a baby boy. Sarah laughed because she was about ninety years old—much too old to have a baby. But the Lord said to trust His promise, because nothing is impossible for God to do.

(\*) A year later, God's promise came true. Abraham and Sarah laughed with joy because they finally had a baby boy. They called the little boy *Isaac*, which means "laughter." This family was certain that God's Word is true and His promises can be trusted.

God promises you forgiveness through Jesus Christ. He promises to always be with you and to bless you. You can be sure that God will keep all His promises to you!

*Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (\*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

#### Think about It

By faith in Jesus, your son or daughter is a child of God. If you believe in Jesus, you, too, are a child of God. Being children of God is something we never out-grow. God's forgiveness, love, and care is something we need at every age!

#### Bible Words

Beloved, we are  
God's children now.  
1 John 3:2





## Dear Family,

We will learn about families this month. This week, we will be talking about babies. While babies bring sleepless nights and dirty diapers, we know that above all, babies bring us joy and are a blessing from God.

Talk to your child about when he or she was a baby. Let your child know how happy you were when he or she was born. Look at your child's baby pictures and baby clothes. Compare these to how big he or she has grown. With your child, thank God for your family.

Now would be a good time to talk about a new baby born recently or soon-to-be-born in your family or among your relatives and friends. Point out that a new baby adds to the love that a family shares. Families in Christ are blessed with lots of love. There is always plenty to go around for everyone.

Talk about the privilege your child has in the role of big sister, big brother, big cousin, or big friend. Discuss how your child can help the baby be happy, be healthy, and to grow as a child of God. Also thank God that your child is growing bigger, growing in abilities, and especially growing in faith as he or she is blessed by God.

Read more about the Bible story on pages 54-59 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

