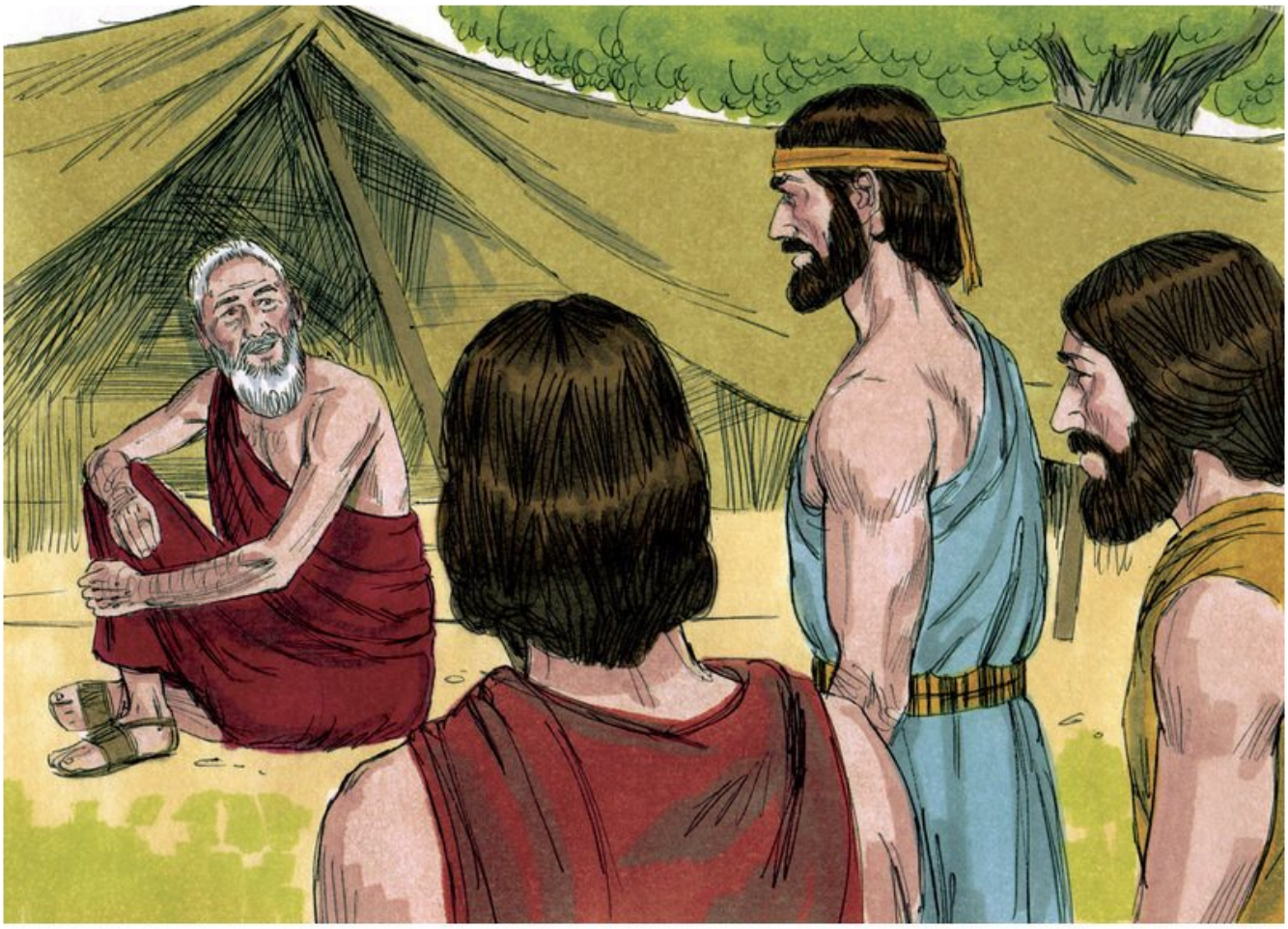
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Abraham Welcomes Visitors

Genesis 18:1-15



YOUR BIBLE READING

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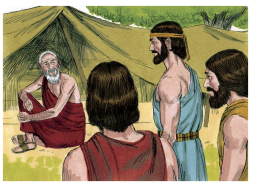
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Visitors Under the Trees

Genesis 18:1-15



Abraham sat at the entrance of his tent near the great trees of Mamre. It was the hot part of the day. When he looked up, he saw three visitors nearby. He hurried to greet them and bowed respectfully before them. The text sets the meeting beside the trees while Abraham is at his tent entrance. His response begins with seeing visitors and making room for them to rest.

Abraham offered water for their feet and a place to rest under a tree. He also offered food. Sarah prepared bread, and a servant prepared a calf. Abraham brought the food, along with milk and curds, and stood nearby while the visitors ate. Several people share the work of hospitality. Abraham arranges the meal, Sarah makes bread, and a servant prepares meat; the account names their different parts in the welcome.

The visitors asked about Sarah. Then Abraham heard a surprising message: Sarah would have a son at the promised time the next year. Sarah was listening from the tent entrance behind the speaker. She and Abraham were both old, and she had passed the usual age for having a baby. The promise comes while ordinary hospitality is taking place. Sarah hears it from the doorway, and the account clearly explains why such news seems extraordinary at their age.

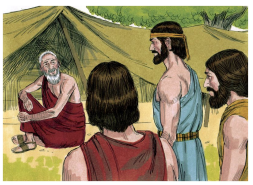
Sarah laughed to herself because the promise seemed impossible. God asked why she had laughed and reminded Abraham that nothing was too hard for him. Sarah was afraid and denied laughing, but God knew. The visit brought both a welcome meal and a promise Sarah had found hard to believe. Sarah's fear and denial are part of the written account, not feelings a reader has to invent. The story presents God's knowledge alongside the renewed promise of a son.

Remember: I can make room for kindness and listen with wonder.

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Welcome and a Difficult Promise

Genesis 18:1-15



Water, shade, and food make up Abraham's offer. These are practical forms of care for travelers. Before the conversation turns toward the family's future, the visitors are welcomed to rest and eat. The scene gives readers a chance to notice service that might otherwise remain in the background. Bread does not prepare itself, and a meal involves work by more than the person who first greets a guest.

Genesis describes three visitors and also speaks of the Lord appearing to Abraham. We do not need to give each visitor an identity beyond what this passage explains. A careful retelling can keep both descriptions without pretending to solve every question they raise. Reading closely sometimes means leaving a mystery open rather than filling it with a confident detail that the text has not supplied.

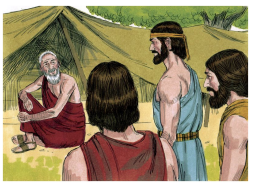
Sarah's laughter is not presented as the laughter of a celebration already happening. It comes before the baby's birth, when the announcement is difficult to believe. The passage says that she and Abraham are old and that her usual childbearing years have passed. This background is essential to understanding the surprising promise. Without it, a reader might miss why the message receives such an astonished response.

God's question directs attention to his power, but the promised son remains a specific promise to this family. The story is not a rule that every wish must come true if someone stops doubting. Sarah's response can be discussed honestly without using it to shame a child for questions. The meal, the listening, the laughter, and the correction belong to a meeting that moves the family's unfolding story forward. Sarah hears the message while she stands at the tent entrance.

Pause and think: What is one way to offer a warm welcome while still making room for honest questions?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Make Room for Welcome and Questions



Think of welcoming someone in a way a trusted adult has approved. You might help set out cups, show a visitor where to sit, or include a classmate in a group activity. Which task would be within your ability? Notice the difference between offering kindness and taking on a responsibility that belongs to adults, such as inviting an unfamiliar person inside.

Some announcements are easy to understand, while others raise questions. You are allowed to ask what something means or why someone believes it. A question does not make you unworthy of care. With an adult, practice saying that you are surprised, unsure, or hoping to understand more. Honest words are more useful than pretending that a confusing idea is perfectly clear.

Look again at the people who prepare the meal. Who does quiet work that helps your family, school, or community welcome others? Choose one contribution you often overlook. You could notice it aloud, offer appropriate help, or thank the person. These actions do not recreate Abraham's visit, but they let you explore the practical side of a thoughtful welcome.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Abraham’s welcome becomes the setting for a surprising promise that Sarah finds hard to believe.

What is one way to offer a warm welcome while still making room for honest questions?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. How did Abraham welcome the visitors?

2. Why did Sarah laugh?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The household prepared and served a meal.
- ☐ Sarah heard the promise and laughed to herself.
- ☐ Abraham greeted three visitors.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a welcoming meal beneath a tree beside Abraham's tent.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can make room for kindness and listen with wonder.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 18:1-14

A thoughtful conversation

Genesis describes three visitors and the Lord's appearance. Avoid assigning all three a precise identity beyond the text. Model hospitality with a trusted adult present.

Activity answers

1. He offered water, shade, and food.
2. She was old and found the promise of a baby hard to believe.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me welcome others kindly and be honest about my questions.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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