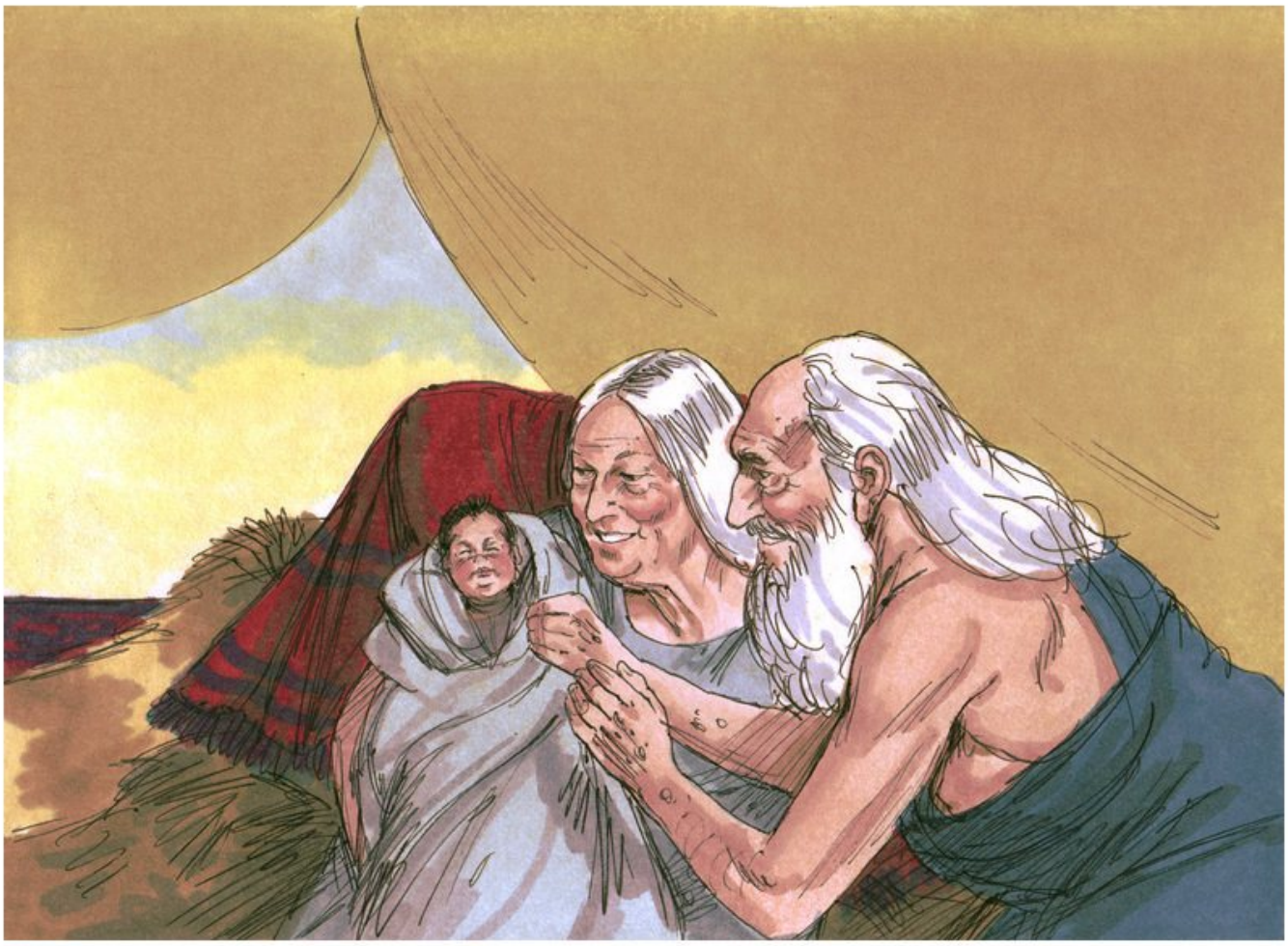
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The Promised Baby Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7



YOUR BIBLE READING

Isaac's birth fulfilled God's particular promise to Abraham and Sarah.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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The Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7



God had promised Abraham and Sarah a son, though both of them were old. Now the promised time arrived. God cared for Sarah as he had said he would, and she had a baby boy. Abraham became the father of this son when he was one hundred years old. The passage carefully connects the birth with what God had said. The timing belongs to the promise, and Abraham's stated age makes the unusual circumstances clear to readers.

Abraham named the baby Isaac. His name is connected with laughter. Earlier, the promise had seemed very hard to believe. Now Sarah could speak about the laughter God had brought her. She said that those who heard would share in her laughter. The same sound of laughter can carry different meanings in a family story. Here Sarah describes joy that others can share when they hear what has happened to her.

Sarah was able to nurse her son. She spoke with wonder about having a child in Abraham's old age. The baby she held was the son God had promised. The birth was an important part of the family story that had begun with God's call to Abraham. The account speaks about Sarah nursing Isaac herself. It places the extraordinary promise beside an ordinary act of feeding and caring for a child who has just arrived.

Abraham followed God's command for the sign of the covenant when Isaac was eight days old. This family would remember that Isaac's arrival had come at the time God had named. Sarah's words turned attention toward wonder and joy: the surprising promise had become part of their lives. The covenant sign belongs to this family's ancient worship and identity. The passage finishes with Sarah's wonder, keeping the promised child and the joy of his arrival in view.

Remember: Sarah found joy when God's promised time arrived.

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Laughter and a Family's Remembering

Genesis 21:1-7



A promise can stretch across a story for a long time before the promised event is told. In this short passage, several statements point back to God's earlier words. The arrival is described as happening as he had said and at the time he had named. Repeating that connection helps the reader see why this birth has such importance in Abraham and Sarah's family history.

The name Isaac is linked with laughter. Names in Bible stories sometimes carry a meaning that helps a reader remember an event or response. Here the name fits Sarah's words about the joy God has given her. It is not necessary to invent a party, a song, or visitors at the tent to understand that joy. Her own recorded words make the change in the family's story clear.

The details include Abraham's age and Isaac's age at the covenant sign. Numbers can have a straightforward job in a story: they tell us when something happens and why it is remarkable. Abraham is one hundred when this son is born. Isaac is eight days old at the sign God had commanded. These details identify the event more carefully than a general statement that a baby arrived sometime later.

This is a story about the fulfillment of one particular promise. Families in our world have many different shapes, and not everyone who hopes for a child will become a parent. A person's dignity is not measured by whether they have children. We can read Sarah's joy as her joy, honor the care every child needs, and avoid turning one family's experience into a measure by which to judge all other families.

Pause and think: How can you celebrate another person's joy while remembering that every family's story is different?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Remember a Moment of Shared Joy



Think about a name you know, perhaps your own, and ask a caregiver whether there is a story behind it. Some names have a special meaning; others are chosen because someone likes their sound. You do not need a dramatic name story for your name to matter. A name can simply help a community recognize and address a particular person with care.

Joy is often shared through telling. A person might tell someone about finishing a difficult project, meeting a new family member, or receiving welcome in a new place. These are present-day examples, not extra scenes in Isaac's birth story. What kind of good news do you enjoy sharing? Consider how you can share it without making another person feel small.

A baby's needs are practical: feeding, safe rest, warmth, and dependable adult care. Older children may help in small, supervised ways, but they are not responsible for meeting every need. If there is a baby in your family or community, ask an adult what help is suitable. If not, you can still notice the people whose patient work supports children as they grow.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Isaac’s birth brings Sarah joy and fulfills the particular promise God gave to her and Abraham.

How can you celebrate another person’s joy while remembering that every family’s story is different?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What was the baby named?

2. What feeling did Sarah describe?

2 Put the ideas in order

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

- ☐ Abraham named the baby Isaac.
- ☐ God had promised Sarah a son.
- ☐ Sarah gave birth at the appointed time.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Sarah holding Isaac, with a joyful pattern around them.

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

Sarah found joy when God's promised time arrived.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 21:1-7

A thoughtful conversation

This is a specific birth promise, not a guarantee that everyone who wants a baby will have one. If asked about verse 4, explain circumcision calmly as an ancient covenant sign.

Activity answers

1. Isaac.
2. Joy expressed in laughter.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, thank you for moments of joy and people who care for children.

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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