

City LG—September 4th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Unforgetful You (Abraham and Isaac) • *Genesis 15:1-6; 18:1-15; 21:1-7*

Today's Bottom Line: Trust God even when you have to wait.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5 (NIRV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Won't Let Go" and "Higher than the Sky"

"Hello, friends! It's great to be with you as we continue God's Big Story (the Bible) together. I have a question for you as we get started..."

SLIDE: Question ("When have you had to wait for something big?")

"3 minutes on the clock! Have fun talking it out with your Small Groups!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job everyone! In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, God created an amazing world. But sin entered the world when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Still, God had a plan to make everything right again. God chose a man named Abraham. God promised Abraham that he would have more children in his family than there are stars in the sky. God said that the whole world would be blessed through Abraham's family!"

"Today, we will be talking about 2 people. Abraham and Abraham's wife, Sarah."

"You might have heard of these two as Abram and Sarai. Those were their names at first. But later, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah."

"Now there's something you should know about Abraham and Sarah. At this point in the story, these two didn't have any kids yet. And they were getting very old. I don't mean to be rude. I'm just telling the truth. It seemed like there was no possible way God's promise could come true. How could God bless the world through Abraham and Sarah's family when Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children?"

"Abraham and Sarah had been waiting a long time. I mean, like a really, really, REALLY long time. God's promise didn't just come true right away. That's what our story is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

"Abraham and Sarah had to wait a loooooong time for God's promise to come true. In the end, they did have a son, just as God had said. And the whole world was and IS blessed because of Abraham's family."

"We can see in this story that God is trustworthy. **We can trust God no matter what!** And it's important that we learn to trust God when we have to wait for something in our lives. Let's learn our Bottom Line for today."

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Trust God even when you have to wait."

"Let's pray now, and ask God to help us trust while we wait."

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this amazing story and how it reminds us that **we can trust You no matter what**. We can trust You when everything is going just right. And we can also trust You when we’re waiting for something and we just don’t understand. In ANY situation, we can believe that You are good and that You have a good plan for our lives. Help us remember that we can trust You even when we have to wait. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow. It must have been really tough for Abraham and Sarah to wait so long to have a child—especially when they knew that God promised to bless the whole world through their family. When Sarah first got the news that she would have a baby in a year, she laughed! It just didn’t seem possible. She thought she was too old. But Sarah was laughing with joy when Isaac was born!

“It just goes to show that you can trust God in any situation—even when you have to wait. Let’s remember this.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Trust God even when you have to wait.

“God’s promise came true to Abraham and Sarah. Eventually, God sent Jesus to be our Savior—and Jesus was part of Abraham’s family line! That’s why God said the whole WORLD would be blessed because of Abraham’s family.

“So the next time you have to wait in line for something you really want to do or you have to wait patiently for your mom or dad or even if something is going wrong, and you know it’ll take time for it to get better . . . remember that God is with you. God CARES about you. Remember to trust God while you wait.

“Our memory verse for this month is a great reminder of what it means to trust God. It’s Proverbs 3:5.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5, NIV)”

“Isn’t that a good one? Even when we don’t understand something that’s happening in our lives, we can trust God and believe that God is still in control!”

OFFERING TIME:

Who?:

Eli and Mandy Garcia
Vida Nueva Ministries
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Our amazing global partners at Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico love kids! They are kids, just like you! They go to school. They love soccer!

But unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or education.

Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education.

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus.

Vida Nueva also helps Mexico by starting churches in many of the cities in the country. Places like: Piedras Negras, Tepic, Puebla, Acapulco and Cancun.

These churches are also full of families that love Jesus and want to serve the people of Mexico. That’s why when you bring your offering in this month, you are helping people in Mexico learn how much Jesus loves them!