

The Tallest Tower



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On the Way Home

Ever since the Tower of Babel, people have been talking in different languages. The families shown on this page are all saying the same thing: WE NEED JESUS! But each family is using a different language. Use the code at the bottom to find out how each family says it. When you're done, sound out the words and say them to other people in the car. Ask them if they know what you're saying.



(Spanish)

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The Tower

Based on Genesis 11:1-9

Oops! It looks like this picture isn't finished. So get some crayons or markers. Draw a picture of the words or phrases in bold print in the story. There's room below the tower. Thanks for your help!

After the flood, it wasn't long before many people were again living on God's earth. Everyone spoke the same language and could understand each other perfectly. Life was good!

Some of the people lived near Shinar. These people were very proud. They liked to brag and show off. They strutted around like peacocks! They were sure that no other people on earth were quite as wonderful as they were.

One day the people had what they thought was a great idea. Someone said, "Let's build a huge tower—one that reaches so high it touches the clouds!"

Others thought that was a great idea. They said, "Yes! And when people see our big tower, they'll point to us and know just how great we really are! The word will spread that we are the greatest people on earth!"

So the work began. **People made bricks—piles and piles of great big bricks.** Donkeys and people pushed and pulled and tugged and dragged those big bricks up to the top. And sure enough, that tower grew higher and higher and higher!

At the end of the day, the **workers would stand at the bottom of the tower and look** at what they'd done. Wow! Were they proud! **They'd bring their kids** to see their work. **Everyone would point to the top** and *ooh* and *aah* about the giant tower reaching into the clouds.

But God was not happy with what was happening. God listened to their plans. God heard them bragging. God saw that their hearts were so full of themselves that there was little room for God or for caring for other



Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

people. They were too concerned about how important they were. God decided to stop their bragging and their tower building.

Early one morning the people got up and began to work on the tower as usual. Then a funny thing happened. The bricklayer hollered, "Need more bricks!"

Everyone looked at him and shook their heads. They shrugged their shoulders, wondering what in the world he wanted.

He hollered louder, "Hey! I need more bricks!" Finally someone brought him a water jug.

Someone else called for the water jug and helpers brought him some bricks. It wasn't long before everyone was talking louder and louder. Finally everyone was shouting at once!

So what was the problem? God had given the people different languages. Suddenly they couldn't understand each other. Their languages were all mixed up. It was a mess!

Finally the workers packed their tools and went home. They packed their things and left the city, looking for a place to live where they could speak the same language as other people and understand each other. Soon you could see groups of people with their families, donkeys loaded and other animals following behind—all headed in different directions.

From that day on, that giant tower stood alone, pointing to the sky. No one was left standing around and bragging about themselves. There was no one to *ooh* and *ah*. And whenever people passed by the tower, they told their children the story about the proud people who started the tower, and the day that God mixed up their language.

Dear Family:

We should praise God and not brag about ourselves. That's one thing we hope your child learned from the story of the Tower of Babel. Enjoy the story on pages 2-3. Throughout the week, look for opportunities to talk with your child about the difference between thanking God for the accomplishments God allows us and bragging about ourselves to others. Talk with your child about the language activities on page 1 and this page. Thank God for the special gift of languages God gave to people.

The Wonderful World of Words!

Hey Kids! Think about this: even people in English-speaking countries use different words than you do for the same thing. Use the alphabet code at the bottom of the page to find out the interesting words some people use for these things. Pencils ready? Begin!

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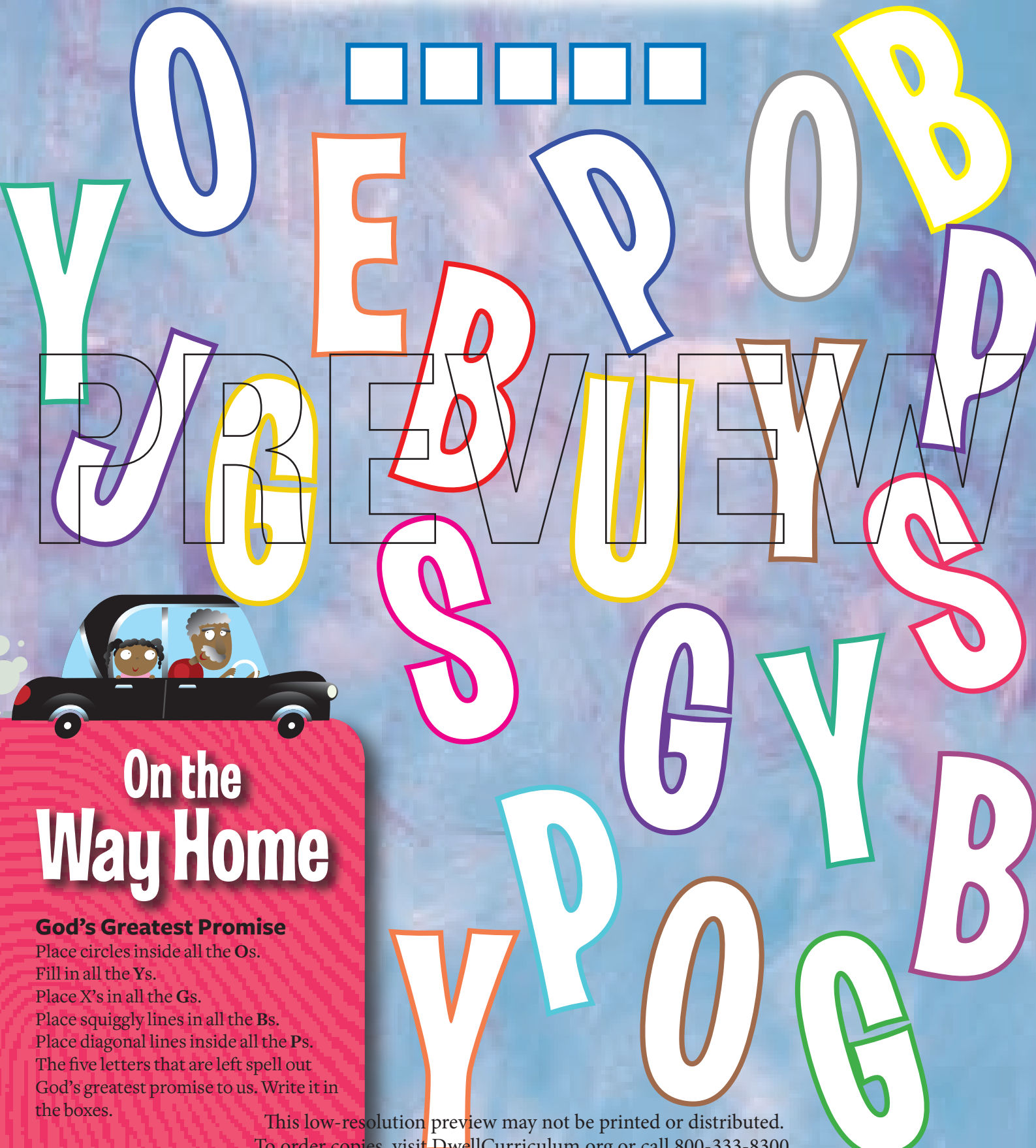
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These words are used in at least one of the following countries: Australia, New Zealand and England. Words can be great fun, but they can also be confusing! Thank God for the wonderful gift of language.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Abraham and Sarah

Believe God's Promises



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On the Way Home

God's Greatest Promise

Place circles inside all the Os.
Fill in all the Ys.
Place X's in all the Gs.
Place squiggly lines in all the Bs.
Place diagonal lines inside all the Ps.
The five letters that are left spell out
God's greatest promise to us. Write it in
the boxes.

START your journey.

1. Good first step, go ahead two more footprints.

2. How many wives did Abraham have?

Join Abraham and Sarah as they move to Canaan. Place a marker (button or coin) for each player on the starting space. Follow the directions on the board and answer questions. If you answer correctly, stay on that space. If you answer incorrectly, the next person takes a turn. The first person to reach Canaan scouts out the land while waiting for the others.

Off to Canaan!

PREVIEW

13. Did Abraham and Sarah decide to obey God and leave?

12. Oops! Left your tent at the last footprint. Go back and answer the question.

11. How many children did Abraham and Sarah have when they left home?

14. Did Abraham and Sarah take everything or nothing when they left?

15. Name any two things they might have taken with them.

16. A servant is sick. Go back two footprints to get help.

26. Do you believe God will keep his promise to give Abraham and Sarah a child?

25. What does God always keep?

24. Give one reason why people might not keep their promises.

Finish:
You made it to Canaan

- 25. Promises
- 23. An altar
- 8. Grandchildren
- 21. Children and
- 19. Canaan
- 17. God
- 14. Everything
- 13. Yes
- 11. None
- 10. Nation
- 7. God
- 5. Sarah
- 2. One

es
e?

3. Stuck in the sand. Go back one footprint and answer the question.

4. Stop for water! Miss a turn.

5. Who was Abraham's wife?

6. Great weather. Go ahead one footprint and answer the question.

to Canaan! You'll need one die and a r. Roll the die and move that number the footprint you land on. If you your answer isn't right, go back one n. The first person to get to Canaan rest of the players to arrive.



8. Donkeys need rest. Miss a turn.

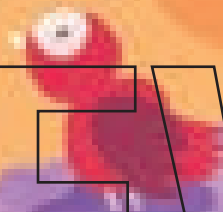
7. Who told Abraham to leave home?

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10. God promised that a great _____ would come from Abraham and Sarah.

9. Donkeys are rested. Go ahead two footprints and answer the question.

PREVIEW



19. God led Abraham and Sarah to the land of _____.

17. Who showed Abraham and Sarah what land to go to?

18. Full moon! Great for night travel. Go ahead two footprints.

20. Ouch! Stones in your sandals. Miss a turn.



23. What did Abraham build to thank God for his wonderful promises?

22. Oh no! The herds are restless. Go back one footprint and answer the question.

21. God said Canaan would be given to Abraham and Sarah's _____.



Dear Family:

Today your child learned that God's promises always, always come true. Have fun reviewing the Bible story by reading it on this page and by playing the game on pages 2-3. Please take time this week to talk with your child about how God is keeping his promises to care for your family. Thank God together for always keeping promises.

Abraham and Sarah Believe God's Promises

Based on Genesis 11:31-12:9

Oops! Our writer wasn't sure about a few facts in the story. You'll have to help. Cross out the wrong word in each pair to make the story right!

One day God came to Adam, Abraham and said, "Take your wife, Eve, Sarah, and leave your home, children and travel to a river, land that I will show you. I promise to make you into a great nation, ruler. You will be laughed at, famous. I will punish, bless you and make you a blessing to others."

Abraham and Sarah said no, yes to God. They packed a few things, everything and left, stayed. God led them to the land of Canada, Canaan. God said, "I will give this land to your children, enemies." Sarah and Abraham believed, didn't believe God's promise.

Then Abraham built an altar, a tower in Canaan to thank God for these wonderful promises.

Memory



Challenge:

Numbers 6:24-26

God's Promise Comes True



Think about all the coats, sweatshirts, and jackets you have. Count them in your head. Write the number you came up with: _____

How many pairs of pants, jeans, and shorts do you think you have in your closet? _____

If you looked in the fridge, how many different things to drink would you find? _____

Think about the shoes and boots you have. How many pairs did you come up with? _____

If you opened up the fridge and kitchen cupboards and counted all the different things you could eat for breakfast, how many things would that be? _____

What do you think? Has God given you even more than you need?

On the Way Home

When God makes promises to us, we need to watch out! That's because God often pours out blessings, giving us far more than we need! Did God do that for you? Read the promise on page 4, and then answer the questions on this page.

We did it again! We goofed! The story pictures are in the wrong order. Please write the number 1 in the box with the picture and story that comes first, number 2 in the box with the one that comes second, and so on. Thanks for your help!

Story Scramble

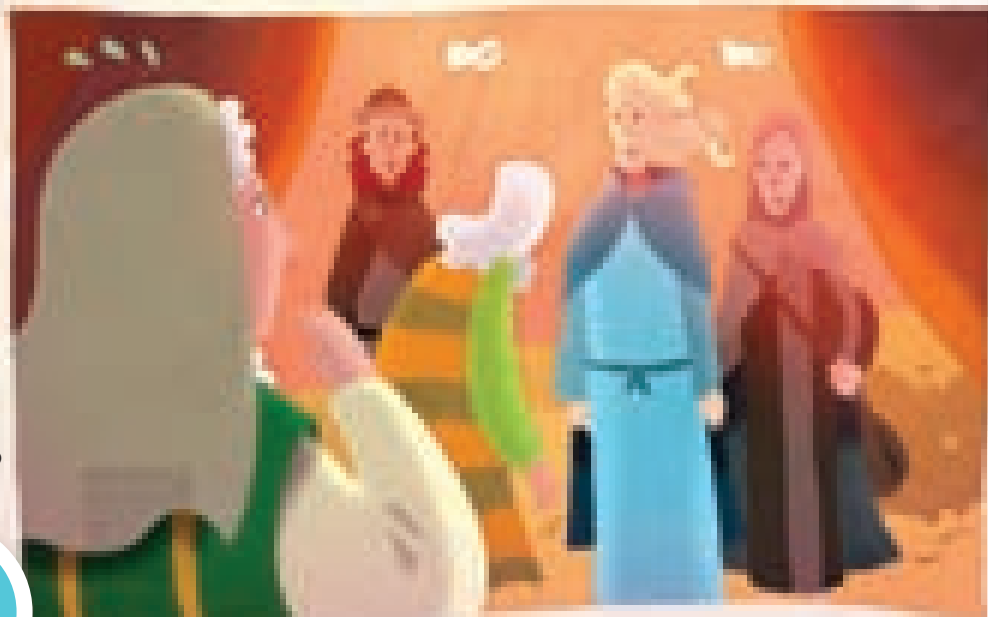
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Based on Genesis 15: 1-6, 18: 1-

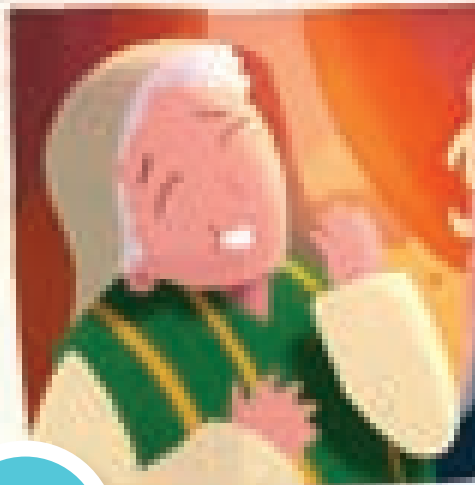
PREVIEW

About a year later, God's promise came true. Sarah had a baby boy! Abraham named him "Isaac," which means "laughter." How happy Sarah and Abraham were! God had kept the promise to give them a baby!

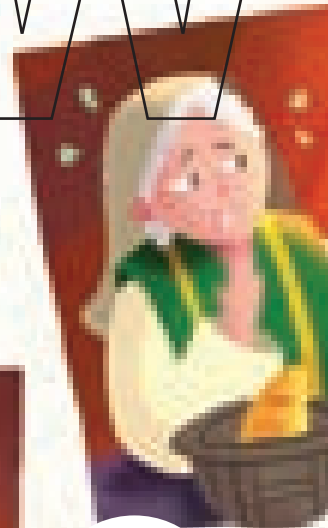
One hot afternoon Sarah heard strange voices outside the tent. She peeked out the tent door and saw Abraham bowing down to three strangers. She wondered who they might be.



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As Abraham served the bread, "Your wife, Sarah, will have a tent, Sarah heard what he said. How could an old woman have a baby?"



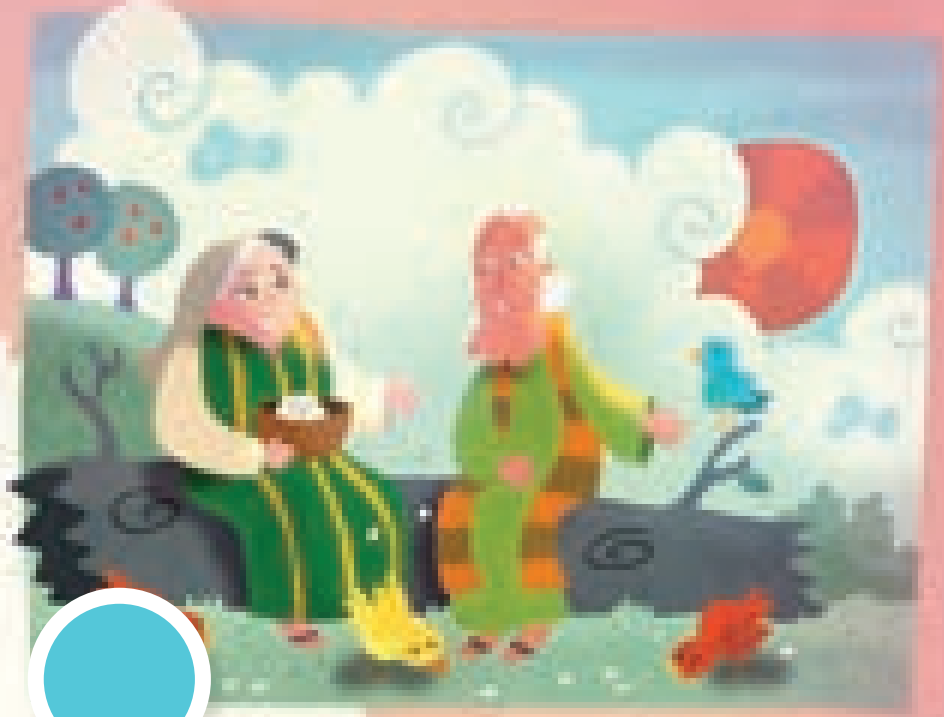
"Why do you think it is important to know the time of day?"
"I did not know."
"Yes, men..."

visitors

15; 21: 17



When Sarah had baked, one of the men said, "You will have a baby about this time next year." In the evening, she laughed out loud. How could such a thing be?



Twenty-five years had passed since God first promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby and that their family would grow so big that it would have more people than there were stars in the sky. Now they were both very old. Sarah was almost ninety years old; Abraham was almost one hundred. And still, no baby.

PREVIEW



"Why did you laugh?" asked the stranger. "You were saying that you're too old to have a baby. But nothing is impossible for the Lord. You will have a son about this time next year."

"I didn't laugh!" Sarah lied. She was afraid because she knew that the stranger was really the Lord. "But when you did laugh," said the stranger. Then the three of them finished their meal and left.



Abraham invited the strangers to stay for lunch. He rushed into the tent and asked Sarah to bake some bread.

Even **MORE** Promises

God makes many promises to us and he keeps each one! Listen to this one!

*Do not worry about what you will eat or drink or what you will wear.
Your heavenly Father knows that you need these things and he will provide them.*

(Based on Matthew 6:22-31)

Think of the clothes you wore last week and the food you ate and drank.

Draw a picture of your favorite in each box.

Shoes

Shirt

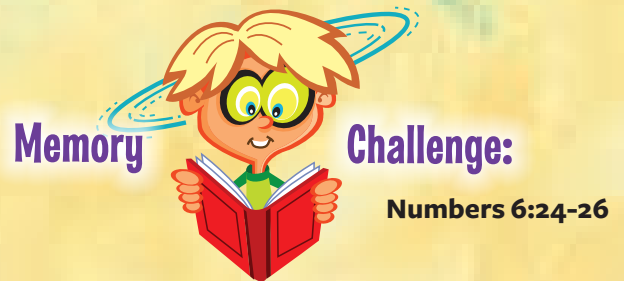
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Look at the things God provided for you. Did God keep his promise to give you clothes, food, and drink this past week?

Dear Family:

Today we heard how God's promise of a baby for Abraham and Sarah came true. Sit down with your child and read together the story on pages 2-3 and put the story in the correct order. Talk with your child about the activities on pages 1 and 4—reminders that God always keeps promises and provides abundantly. Please take the opportunity to talk with your child this week about how we can be *sure* that God always keeps promises.



Isaac and Rebekah



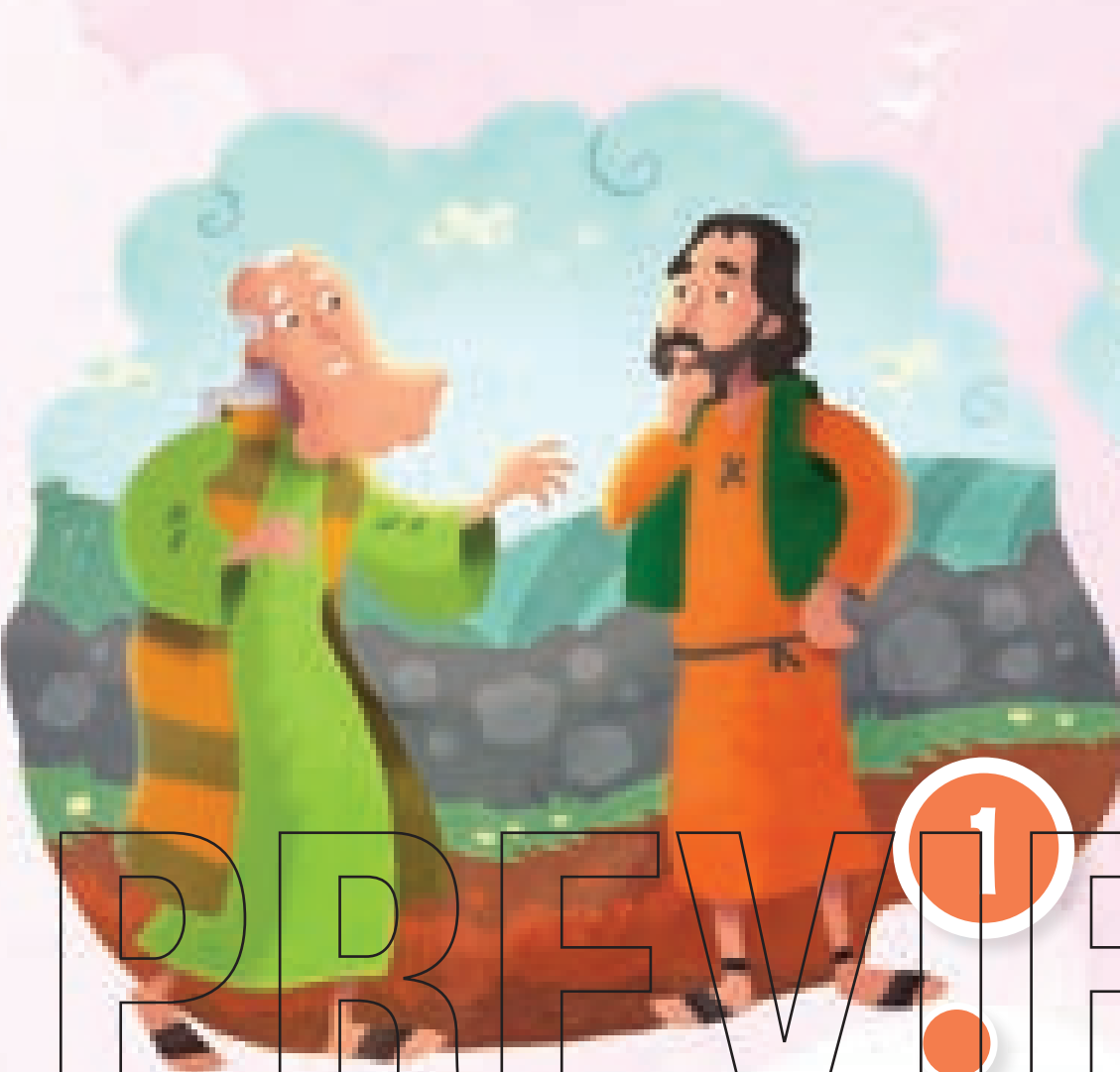
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On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Here's a maze challenge. Help the servant follow the right path to find Rebekah! When you've done that, look at the words that are scattered along that path. If you unscramble them, you will find a promise God gave to Abraham. Write it on the line at the bottom. If you do it, you're a **Maze Master!**

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PREVIEW 1

“Yes, Rebekah may go with you to your land to marry Isaac.”

“Dear God, many women come to the well. Help me to choose the best one for Isaac. I will ask one woman for a drink. If she is the best, I will choose her for Isaac, please. If not, please get water for me and Isaac.”

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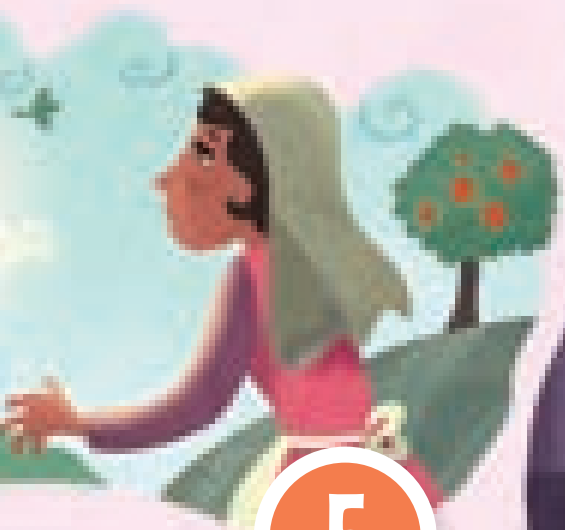
The story of Isaac and Rebekah is the story of God keeping his promise to Abraham. The name of the person who is the first to get water from the well is written in the balloon on the line at the bottom. The number of the picture that is the first to get water is written in the empty circle at the top.



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“Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?”

Servant, Abraham, Rebekah



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men are coming
to find the right one
of these women
the one you have
use let her offer to
for my camels.”



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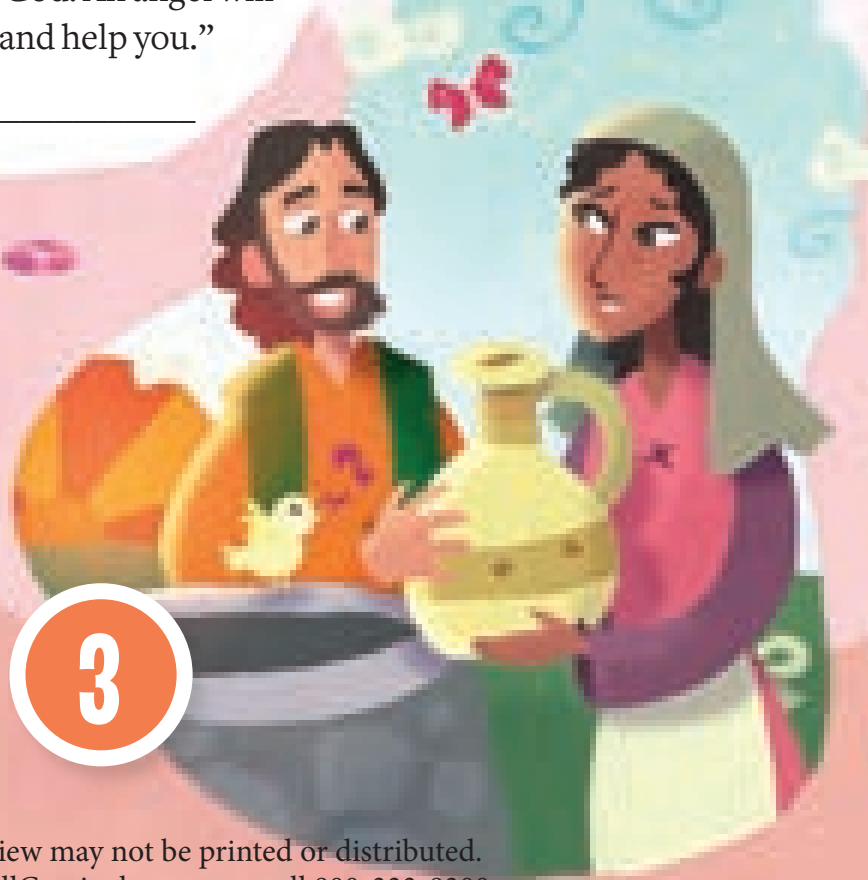
PREVIEW

“My son, Isaac, needs a wife. Please go back to my people and find a woman who loves God. An angel will go before you and help you.”

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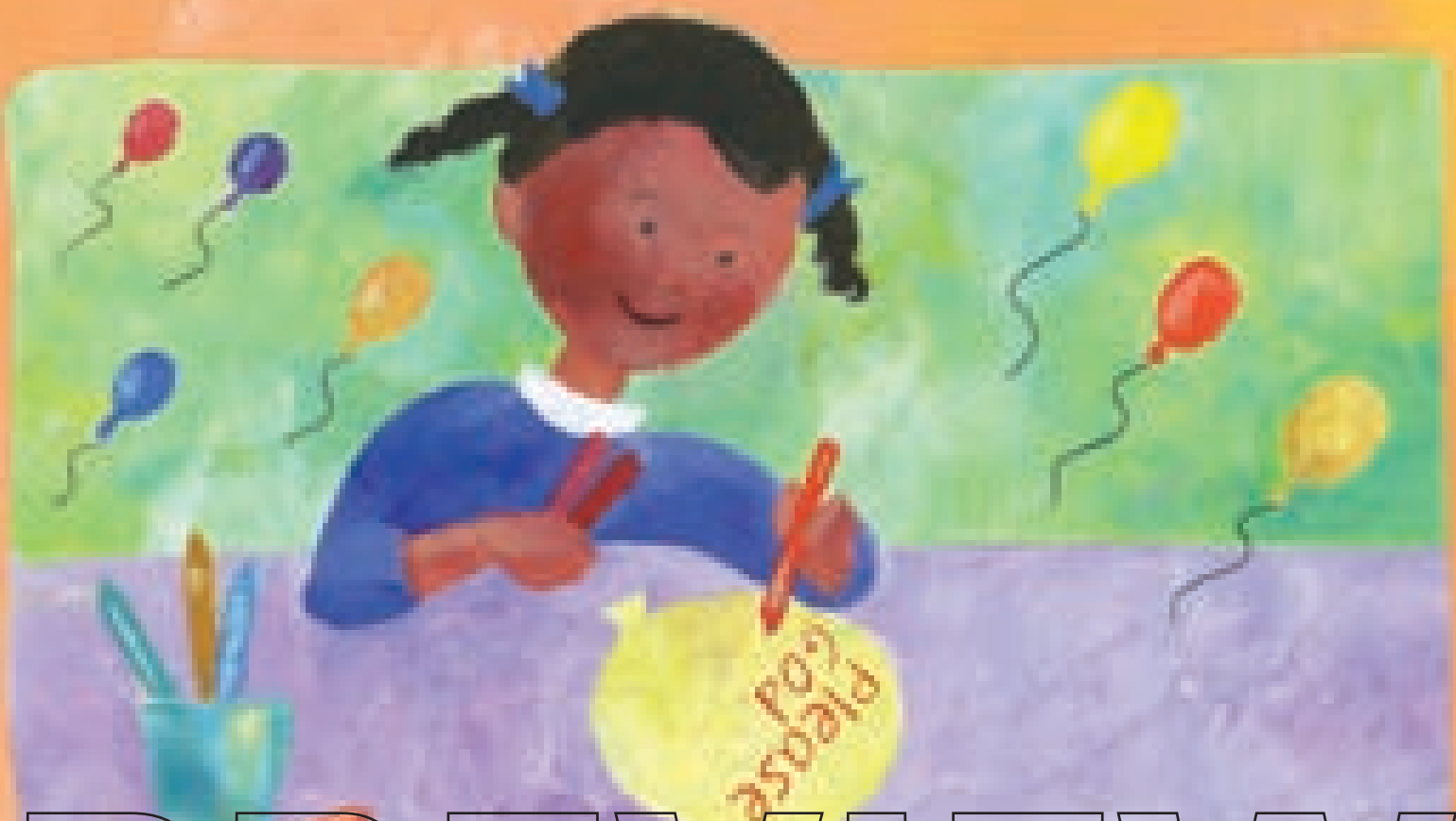
ekah (Genesis 24) is part of
promise to Abraham. Write
said the words in each word
om of the balloon. Then write
at goes with the words in the
o of each word balloon.

“Drink, and I’ll get water for
your camels too.”



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kah, Father and uncle, Rebekah



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Jessica's Prayer: A True Story

Every week in Sunday school, Jessica's second-grade group wrote prayers on cut out paper balloons. "Prayer balloons remind us that our prayers rise to God in heaven, just as helium balloons soar into the sky," Jessica's teacher said. Every week Jessica would write the same thing on her prayer balloon: "Please, God, may I have a dog?"

Week after week, Jessica prayed for a dog. She waited patiently but nothing happened. Finally she became so discouraged that she wrote something new on her prayer balloon: "God, why aren't you answering my prayer for a dog?" Jessica wondered if God was really listening to her prayers.

Soon after that, Jessica came to church school with a big smile on her face. "I'm not getting a dog," she said, "but when my birthday comes, I'm getting a hamster!"

Jessica's teacher smiled. "Sometimes God answers our prayers in ways we don't expect!" That morning the children prayed, "Thank you, God, for hearing Jessica's prayer and getting her a hamster."

Almost a year later, when Jessica was in third grade, she spotted her second-grade teacher at church. "Guess what?" Jessica said, running up to her teacher. "We got a dog! My piano teacher needed a new home for her dog, and my mom and dad said we could take him!"

"That's great, Jessica!" her teacher said. "God answered your prayer a different way this time!"



Memory

Challenge:

Numbers 6:24-26

Dear Family:

This week we learned how God answered the prayer of Abraham's servant and helped him find a wife for Rebekah (Genesis 24). Help your child recall the story by doing the activity on pages 2-3. Look for story symbol 16 in your God's Big Story cards for more fun activities for the whole family. Be sure to talk with your child about prayer this week. The true story on this page will help your child realize that while God always listens to our prayers, sometimes God answers in unexpected ways! Talk about how we always need to trust God to do what's best for us.

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Jacob Steals the Blessing



Pulling a cat's tail until it howls

Not doing what your parent asks you to do

Stealing money from your mom's purse

Not telling the teacher what really happened during a fight that you saw

Killing birds with a slingshot

Thinking you're better than other kids

PREVIEW

Cheating on a spelling test

Laughing at someone for not knowing something

Calling someone a mean name

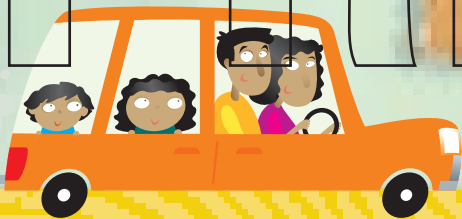
Gossiping about another kid

Not getting help for a kid who's being bullied

Making fun of how someone looks

Hiding your sister's favorite game

Being jealous of all the things your neighbor has



On the Way Home

A Really Big Deal!

The Bible tells us that God promises to forgive all our sins if we are sorry. But sometimes people—including us—do wrong things. Sometimes they are really bad things! Will God really forgive all our sins?

Read each of the examples below and circle it if you think God will forgive it.

You can tell if you answered correctly by reading what God says in the Bible in 1 John 1:9: "I will forgive all your sins if you confess them to me and are truly sorry for them."

God Is Faithful

Based on Genesis 27

Father Isaac was old and was no longer able to see very well. One day he called Esau and said, "I want you to hunt an animal and make some stew for me. Then, after I eat, I will bless you."

Isaac and Esau didn't know it, but someone was standing with her back to them, listening to every word they said. **(Draw the person who was listening.)**

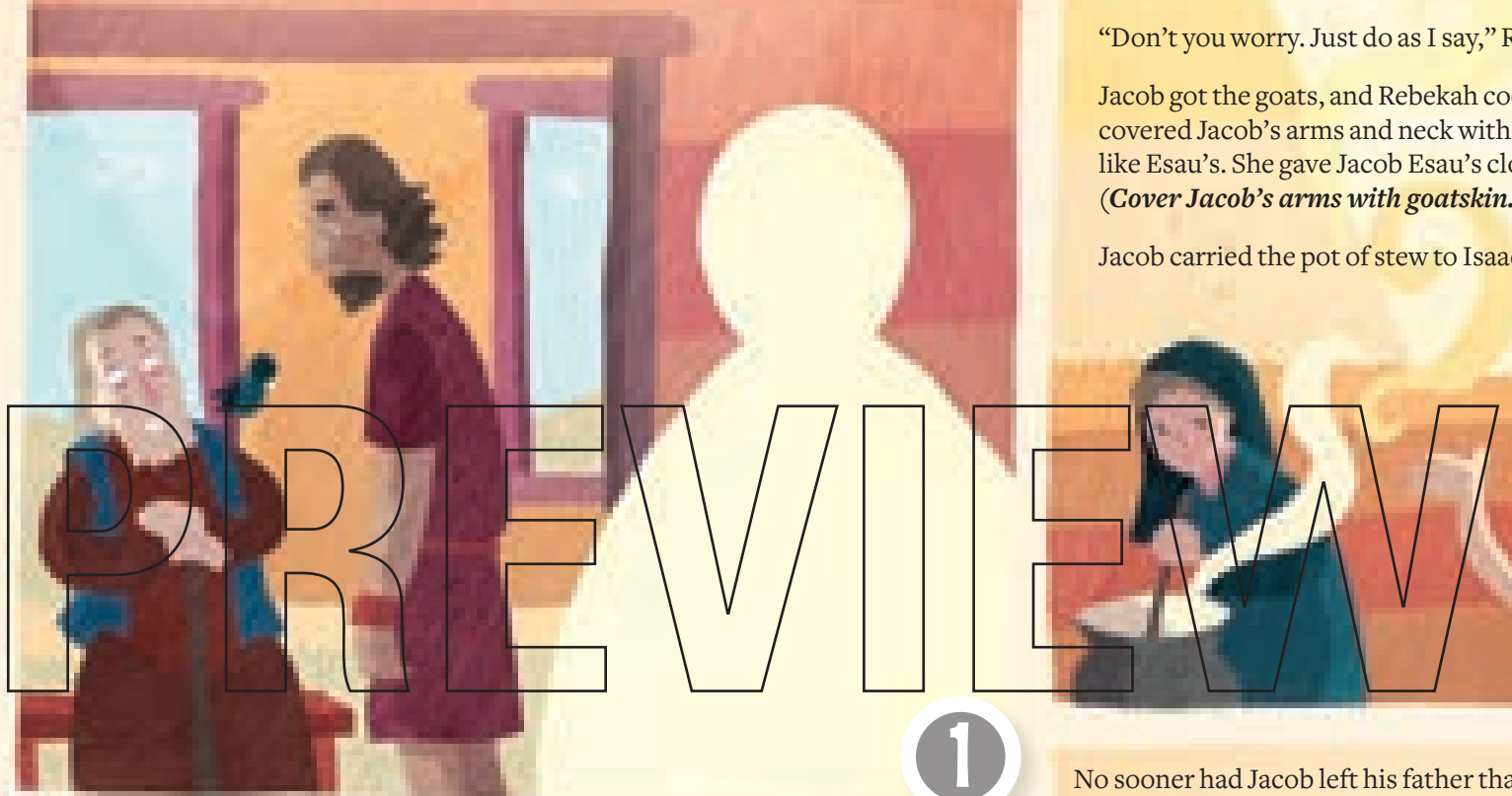
Mother Rebekah had heard everything. "Hurry," she said to Jacob. "Find two goats and bring them to me. I'll make some delicious stew. Then you can take it to your father and pretend to be Esau. That way you'll get the blessing."

Jacob looked surprised. "But Esau is a hairy man. How can I be hairy if my father touches me and finds out that I'm not Esau?"

"Don't you worry. Just do as I say," Rebekah said.

Jacob got the goats, and Rebekah cooked the stew. She then covered Jacob's arms and neck with goat hair. She also gave Jacob Esau's clothing. **(Cover Jacob's arms with goatskin.)**

Jacob carried the pot of stew to Isaac. Isaac called out to Esau.



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Then Isaac ate the stew. He put his hands on Jacob's head and blessed him. "May nations serve you and may people bow down to you," Isaac said. "May you be the ruler of your brothers." **(Draw the hair on Jacob's arms.)**



No sooner had Jacob left his father than Esau came in with his stew. Isaac said, "sit up and eat the food I fixed. Then I will bless you."

"Who are you?" Isaac asked.

"I am your son Esau," he answered.

Isaac was so upset that he started to shake and tremble. "What have you done to me now, Esau? Where is Esau, your brother? He left?" he asked. "I ate his food and blessed him."

Esau cried out, "My brother has tricked me. He has stolen my blessing. I will kill his brother Jacob for stealing the blessing from me." **(Draw Isaac's face to show how he felt. Draw Esau's face to show how he felt.)**



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Faithful

Genesis 27; 28:15

“A hairy man and I have smooth skin. What does that mean? What am I not Esau?”

Rebekah said.

“I will put them into a yummy stew. Then she will give Jacob goat skins so his skin will feel hairy and his clothes will smell like the woods so he will smell like Esau.”

Isaac called out, “Who’s there?”



Esau came in from hunting. “Father,” he said, “If you can give me your blessing.”

Isaac was all over. “Who was it, then, that just came and blessed me? I cannot take the blessing back.”

“It was Esau!” He was so angry that he wanted to kill Jacob.



“It’s me—Esau,” Jacob lied. “I’ve come for your blessing.”

How could Esau be back so soon? Father Isaac thought something was wrong, but he touched his son and felt his hairy arms and neck. “You don’t sound like Esau, but your hands feel like his hands and your clothes smell like the woods. Are you really Esau?”

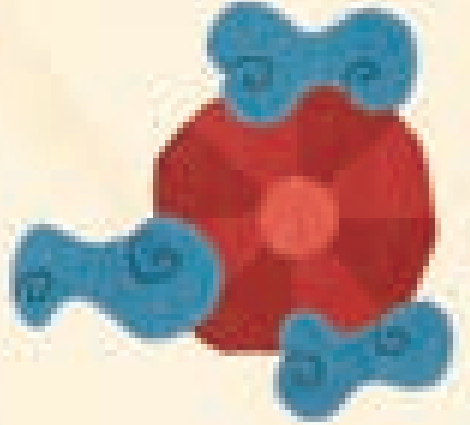
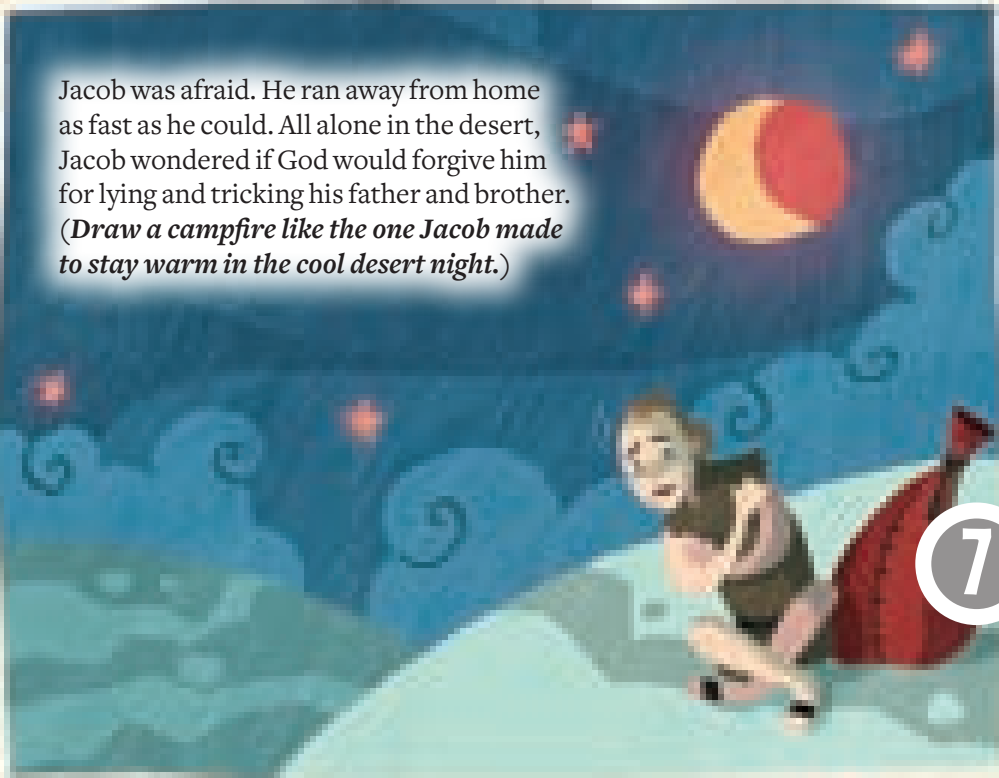
Jacob lied again. “Yes,” he said. *(Draw the pot of stew Jacob brought to Isaac.)*



Mother Rebekah called Jacob to her. “Hurry,” she said. “You must leave home right now! Esau wants to kill you. Go far away to your Uncle Laban’s house. *(Draw the bag of clothes that Jacob packed and threw over his shoulder.)*”



Jacob was afraid. He ran away from home as fast as he could. All alone in the desert, Jacob wondered if God would forgive him for lying and tricking his father and brother. (Draw a campfire like the one Jacob made to stay warm in the cool desert night.)



Dear Family:

Today your child learned that God is *faithful*. Please talk with your child about the meaning of this important word. For more fun activities to go with this story, find the card with today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards.

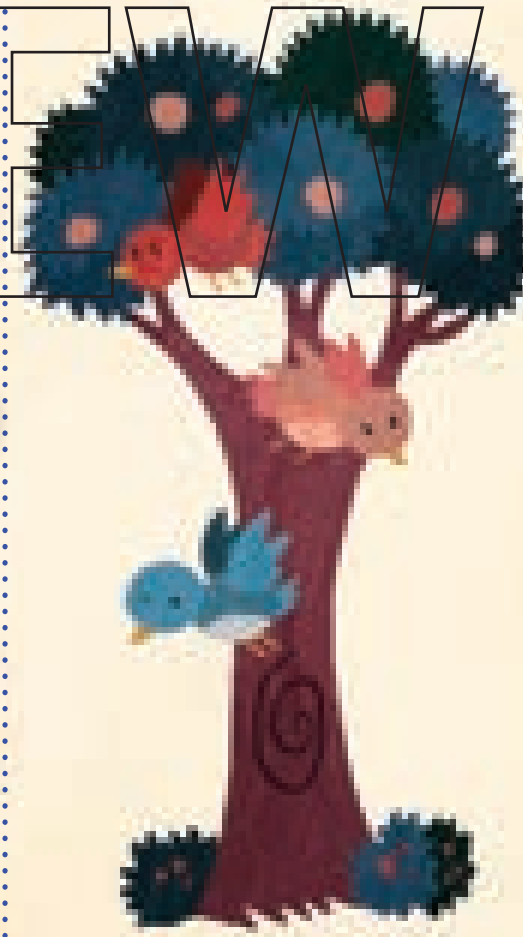
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PREVIEW

Jacob had forgotten God. But our faithful God did not forget Jacob. While Jacob was alone in the desert, God came to him and gave him a wonderful promise. "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go," God said. (Draw Jacob's face to show how he felt about God's great promise.)



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Memory



Challenge:

Numbers 6:24-26

God Blesses Jacob



Crack the Code

Take a dark crayon and color over the first letter in each row. Then skip a letter and color over the next, and so on, until you get to the end of the row. The first row is done for you. When you're finished, read the message. It's something you learned at church today!

R	G	V	O	S	D	I						
X	W	T	I	Z	L	B	L	D				
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D	L	F	O	G	V	K	E	J				
F	Y	S	O	G	U	Y						

How Many Children Did Jacob Have?

Do the math. Add the numbers.

$$5 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$$



On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Here's a page of promise puzzles that are sure to make you think! While you're doing them, don't forget to think about God's faithfulness to people in the stories we've heard from God's great story—but also God's faithfulness to you!

Abraham or You?

God made wonderful promises to Abraham and his children and grandchildren, and God kept those promises.

God makes and keeps every promise to us, too!

Draw a circle around the promises God made to Abraham. **Underline** the promises God makes to you.

- Pack everything and move: I will lead you to a new land.
- I will make you a great nation.
- I will hear you when you pray.
- I will bless you and your children and grandchildren.
- I will be with you always.
- I will forgive all your sins.

God Is Faithful!

These are the people in God's growing family that we've learned about in the last few weeks: **Rachel, Jacob, Rebekah, Abraham, Sarah, Servant, People of Shinar, Isaac, and you!**

Read the story poems and write the name of the person on the line under each poem.

Then imagine how that person looks, and draw and color the face of that person. As you do, think about how God was faithful. God always keeps promises!

PREVIEW

I left home when God said
"Go!"

I trusted God—that's all we
know.

I wa
smile

We bragged about our tall,
tall tower until we saw God's
great, great power.

I told my son to trick his dad
to get the blessing he had to
have!

As so old I laughed and
ed to hear God promise
me a child.

A child of promise, that's
what I am—
the son of Sarah and
Abraham.

Abraham told me, "There's
a job to be done! Go find
the right wife for Isaac, my
son!"

PREVIEW

I tricked my brother, but
God was faithful; God
blessed me with a wife
named Rachel.

Jacob saw me at the well;
he loved me more than
words can tell!

I'm still a kid as you can see,
yet Jesus promises to love
me!

God Blesses Jacob

Based on Genesis 29:1-30; 30:25-30

Jacob ran away from home because Esau wanted to kill him.

One night God spoke to Jacob in a dream: "I am with you and will always watch over you. I will give you many descendants."

When Jacob arrived at Uncle Laban's, he fell in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel. Jacob told Laban, "I will work for you for seven years if you will let me marry Rachel."

Laban agreed. But after seven years, Laban tricked him. Laban gave him Leah, his older daughter. He made Jacob work another seven years. So Jacob took care of Laban's sheep for another seven years and married Rachel. And God kept his promise to Jacob!

REVIEW

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Dear Family:

Today we learned how Laban tricked Jacob and how God remained faithful to Jacob, promising to be with him always. After reading the story together, tell your child a story of how God is also faithful to your family. Invite your child to find today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards for more fun activities you can do together.



Memory Challenge:
Numbers 6:24-26