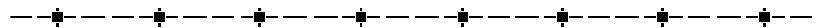


# Old Testament

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# Through the Old Testament in Two Years

## Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners  
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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## Abraham and the King

Last week we learned that Abraham and Lot had so many animals that there was not enough food for the animals to graze, so they separated. God blessed Abraham and promised him many descendants.

## Genesis 20:1-18

### Read the Bible

**READ: Genesis 20:1-18** (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

### Memory Verse:

That is what Scripture means where it says, "Abraham believed God. God accepted Abraham because he believed. So his faith made him right with God." And that's not all. God called Abraham his friend. **(James 2:23 NIV)**

### Begin With Prayer

Have you ever told a lie because you were scared? Today we will learn about something Abraham did when he was scared. We have learned many things about Abraham in the Bible. Most of all, we have seen how he loved God and obeyed Him. Abraham was called God's friend and God promised to always take care of him. (James 2:23; Genesis 12:1-3) There was one time, though, when Abraham decided to do things his way instead of God's way.

### Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Abraham was called God's friend.
2. Understand that Abraham was wrong not to trust God.
3. Recognize that Abraham lied to the king.
4. Learn that God forgave Abraham.

As Abraham was traveling in his tents in the desert, he came to a place where there was a king. He was afraid of what the king might do to him and his family because Sarah was very, very beautiful. Abraham had an idea. He told Sarah to pretend that she was his sister instead of his wife. He tried to tell Sarah that it was okay because they were related. (Genesis 20:1-2)

Sure enough, the king thought Sarah was beautiful and asked her to come live in the palace. Suddenly, everyone started getting sick. No one understood what was happening. Then one night, the king had a dream. God told him that he would die because Sarah was married to Abraham. The king pleaded with God to spare his life. He told God that he had not hurt Sarah and did not know that she was married to Abraham. (Genesis 20:3-7)

Early the next morning, the king asked his officials to come into his room. He told them about the dream. When they heard, they were very afraid.

They asked Abraham to come to the palace. The king asked him why he

### Abraham and the King — Bible Facts

1. Abraham said Sarah was his sister.
2. The king asked Sarah to live in the palace.
3. God told the king that Sarah was Abraham's wife.
4. The king invited Abraham to the palace.

had lied. Abraham told the king that he was afraid that the king would kill him and take Sarah to his palace. (Genesis 20:8-10)

Do you think that Abraham and Sarah learned a lesson from this experience? They learned that God can help them in any scary situation. They also learned that it is better to tell the truth than lie. (Colossians 3:9)

Then the king brought sheep and cattle and gave it to Abraham. He also returned Sarah and gave Abraham 1,000 silver coins. He told Abraham that all this would cover the wrong thing that he had done.

Abraham prayed to God and God healed the king and his family. (Genesis 20:11 -18) Abraham was afraid and didn't trust God. But we can trust God all the time. God sent Jesus to show us that God loves us and wants us to know Him. (John 3:16)

#### Review

1. **What did Abraham do when he was afraid?** (said that Sarah was his sister instead of his wife)
2. **What did the king do?** (The king had Sarah come live in the palace.)
3. **What did God do?** (God told the king Sarah was Abraham's wife)
4. **What did the king do next?** (The king invited Abraham to the palace and gave him 1,000 silver coins, sheep, and cattle)

#### Do you know Jesus?

God sent Jesus so that we can know God's love. (John 3:16) The Bible teaches us that God is love. (1 John 4:7-8) When we know God we don't have to be afraid. When we are afraid, God wants us to put our trust in Him. (1 Peter 5:7) Would you like to know Him?

#### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can know Him.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him when you are afraid.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God.

#### Application

Abraham was called God's friend. But when Abraham and Sarah entered the territory of King Abimelech, Abraham was afraid. He lied and told the king that Sarah was his sister. Abraham was wrong not to trust God. God forgave Abraham and helped him. God wants us to trust Him because He cares about us. (1 Peter 5:7)

#### Planning for the next week:

Isaac is Born — Genesis 21:1-7

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: Genesis 20:1-18 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

The kids can have a musical part in the story. Every time you say the word “king” let the kids put their hands in a circle on their heads and sing “King Abimelech.”

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Early the next morning, the king asked his friends to come into his room. He told them about the dream. When they heard, they were very afraid.

They asked Abraham to come to the palace. The king asked him why he had lied. Abraham told the king that he was afraid that he would not believe in God and that he would kill him and take Sarah to his palace.

Then the king brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abraham. He also returned Sarah and gave Abraham many silver coins. He told Abraham that all this would cover the wrong thing that he had done.

Abraham prayed to God and God healed the king and his family.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can know Him.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him when you are afraid.

**Memory verse for younger children:**

**God called Abraham his friend. James 2:23 NIRV**

## Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Bring a treasure chest or make one. Put candy coins inside the chest. Put strips of paper with the memory verse on the strips in the chest as well. Ask the children to memorize the verse. Give a candy to each child as they attempt to say the verse from memory.
- **Test your memory**— Create a puzzle from a coloring page with a picture of Abraham and Sarah. Cut out the puzzle. Use tape or Velcro to tape the puzzle together as you tell the story. Have the children retell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Bring candy wrapped like coins for a snack.
- **Think about it** — Even though Sarah was in the palace with the king, God knew where she was and protected her. God promises that nothing can take us away from Him if we believe in Him. Talk about God’s protection.

Talk about being honest and truthful. Share experiences from your life and how you told the truth in a hard situation or how you did not tell the truth and the consequences that resulted.

- **Touch activity**— Act out the story. Put baby powder on the king’s family as the sickness. Use blankets or sheets as the king’s royal cape.
- Make “royal” crowns or necklaces out of buttons, glitter, or other sparkle beads.
- Draw a picture of how you think Sarah looked. Remember that she was very, very beautiful. Use yarn for her hair.
- Use macaroni or crumpled pieces of paper to spell out the phrase “Tell the Truth.” Let the kids take it home and put it on their mirror to remind them to tell the truth.
- **Run and play**— Play the game “To Tell the Truth.” The children will take turns asking questions. Three children will pretend to be Abraham. Only one will be the “real” Abraham and the other two will try to trick the people who question them. See if the kids can figure out who is the real Abraham.
- **Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him.
- **Sing** — Take time to sing “Father Abraham,” “Trust and Obey,” “Faith, Faith, Faith,” or sing another song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — Pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Have the children pray in groups of three or four. Ask for volunteers to go with you to deliver coloring pages to those who did not come. Encourage those who did not come to read the story in the Bible.

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## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

God

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Abraham

His friend.

## Word Search

M L T T N A P R D S F D  
F O R E V E A L E D  
D G D E M R O V D V B F  
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PALACE

PRAYED



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K B R C H L I E D L O T  
J M T V Q B N F M C L S  
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## Anagram

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# Anagram

BHMRAAA

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