

Children's Church at home 14 June 2020

Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:35 - 10:8.

Craft ingredients: card, pens, scissors, pritt stick, Sellotape, a bit of fabric, felt or J cloth, if possible. Otherwise paper is fine. Corrugated card (cardboard box) or cardboard egg box, some real leaves or bracken if possible, again paper or card will do, lolly sticks if you have any.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story (Jesus told his friends to go off and tell people about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and to baptise them)

Introduction: What happens in your house when important visitors are coming? What if the Queen turned up unexpectedly? How would you feel? Also, how old do you think grandparents are? And great-grandparents? How old are parents normally?

Story: Today we go way back into the Old Testament and learn about two old people, Abraham and Sarah. In the Lion First Bible it's P43-45

Video: (The video tells you a bit more of the story) <https://youtu.be/VrGkO8TOFck>

Quiz: What was the name of Abraham's wife? Who came to visit them? Did they invite the visitors in or send them away? What did they give the visitors to eat? What did the visitors tell them? What did Sarah do when she heard? What did one visitor tell her?

Think: Who do you think the visitors were really? Did Abraham realise who they were, do you think? How would you feel if God and a couple of angels came to your house? And what would you do? Do you think Sarah really did have a baby? Do you know what he was called? His name means laughter! Do you think God can do impossible things like that?

Craft: see video.

Game: Laughing! One person tries to make the others laugh, making funny faces, giggling, even telling jokes! The others must try to keep straight faced!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we would love to meet you and your angels in person, like Abraham and Sarah. How fantastic that would be! Teach us to hear your voice when your Holy Spirit speaks to us and to trust that you can really do the impossible! Please teach us to be as welcoming and happy as Abraham and Sarah. We learned the grace last week, and we can ask for your blessing on ourselves and all our friends and family when we pray it: may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, Amen.