

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 1.3: Abraham and Sarah

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IDENTITY

► SCRIPTURE READING

- » Genesis 12–15
- » Genesis 16
- » Genesis 17
- » Hebrews 11

SUMMARY:

God singled Abram out from everyone on Earth and told him to leave his country to go to a land He would show him. God promised Abram to make him a great nation, bless him and make his name so great that he would bless others. In fact, God promised **all** the families of the earth would be blessed through Abram (Genesis 12:1–3). Despite his unknown destination and the reality that he and his wife, Sarai, had no children, Abram believed God's promises and obeyed. God was faithful to His Word. In their old age, God gave Abram and Sarai new names. Abram became Abraham, the "father of a multitude,"³ and Sarai became Sarah, the "princess."⁴ In God's timing, the child He promised was born, making Abraham and Sarah the many, many great-grandparents of Jesus, the Messiah, born to save the world.

Through Abraham and Sarah's faith, we see what it looks like to submit our identity to God's care, trusting that His plans for us are better than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20–21) and that He always does what He says.

► MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » Hebrews 11:8–10*
- » Romans 4:16
- » James 2:23

► IDENTITY INSIGHT

God does not need my help to accomplish His will but calls me to faithful obedience. When I believe in God's promises and live according to His Word, He transforms my identity and uses my faith as a weathervane to point others to Him.

► IMPORTANT IDEAS:

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: God's covenant with Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation and have a land of their own. God promised to bless those who blessed Abraham and curse those who cursed him. All the nations of the earth would be blessed through Him. That blessing for the world is Jesus, our Savior (Genesis 12–17).

HEROES OF FAITH CHAPTER: placed in Hebrews 11; sometimes called the "Hall of Faith" or "Heroes of Faith" chapter. The author of Hebrews reminds us that many people have gone before us and have lived by faith. Some of those mentioned are well known, like Moses and Abraham, but some are unnamed women and men who were beaten, imprisoned or killed because of their faith.