



Lesson 10: Abraham's Visitors

Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 17:1 – 18:15

Overview:

When Abram was 99 years old and Sarai was 90, God changed Abram's name to Abraham (which means "father of a multitude"), and Sarai's name to Sarah. He gave Abraham circumcision as a sign of His commitment to the promise He made. Then He also sent angels to visit Abraham to confirm that God would give Sarah a child. Though Abraham and Sarah both laughed at the thought of Sara being able to have a child, God remained true to His promise and gave them a son, Isaac.

Things to consider:

- Abraham was 75 years old when God called him to leave his family's land to go start a new nation, and 24 years later, and Abraham still has no son (except Ishmael, by his servant Hagar).
- Though God was slow (in Abraham's eyes) to follow through on His promise, He was faithful and true to His word.
- In this story, we see a stark example that nothing is too hard for God.

The gospel in the story:



In this story, God reveals a new name for us to know Him by: El Shaddai – which means "God Almighty" or "God All-sufficient." And He follows up on the promise made 25 years previously in the form of a covenant, and ultimately by providing Abraham with a son through Sarah. Abraham stands out as a man of faith, yet he wasn't perfect. He laughed when God assured him of the promise of a son, and he also, at one point, took matters into his own hands and had a son by his servant Hagar. In this story, we see God's sufficiency in providing a son for Abraham, and his graciousness for continuing to bless Abraham despite his sin.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 17 and 18. Notice that God's plan is literally laughable to both Abraham and Sarah, yet God proved His might and His sufficiency. Contemplate El Shaddai and His sufficiency in your life.

Teaching the lesson:

- A: Review (God blesses Abram – Abram = exalted father ☞ Abraham = father of a multitude)
- B: Share the story
- C. Memory verse activity
- D. Application questions, review
- E. Coloring pages/Follow-up craft or activity