

Isaac Is Born

God Has a Plan

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

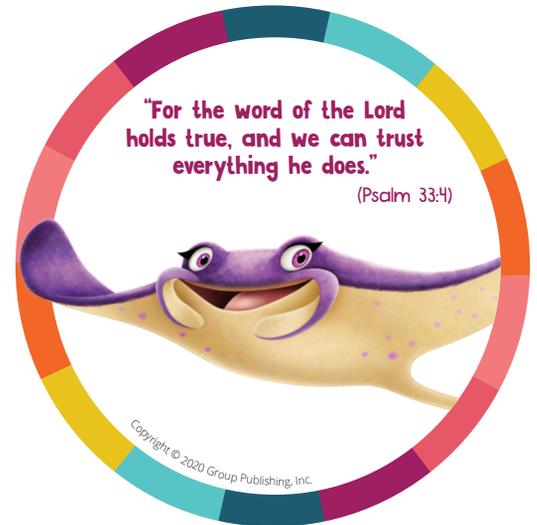
Bible Point

We can trust God.

Purpose

Who in your life has a contagious laugh, the kind of chuckle that brings a smile to your face and a spark of joy to your heart? As promised, God provided a baby named Isaac, which means “laughter,” to elderly Abraham and Sarah. We can trust God, even as we wait on his perfect timing. Baby “Laughter” was a promise fulfilled, and he was worth the wait.

Look for opportunities to spark fun and laughter throughout this lesson. And with every giggle and smile, remind kids that they can trust God.



Prayer

God, your trustworthy character brings a smile to my face. Thank you for keeping your promises to me and the kids I lead. May your love and joy fill our time together this week. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Prep

Opening Options	Sing & Play	Bible Discovery & Goodbye Circle	Apply-It Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Option Cards* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Felt Baby Blankets</i>: felt pieces in various colors and sizes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Chalk Faces</i>: chalk, dark-colored bulletin board paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music CD</i>* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Buddy Video DVD</i>* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music Video DVD</i>* <input type="checkbox"/> Rae Bible Memory Buddy poster* <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Psalm 33:4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> “Isaac Is Born” Bible Story poster* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music CD</i>* <input type="checkbox"/> Rae Bible Memory Buddy stickers* (1 per child) <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Genesis 18:1-2, 10-12, 13-14; 21:1-2, 6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Game</i>: lullaby music and media player (<i>optional</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Food-n-Friendship</i>: snack, napkins, hand cleanser, <i>Music CD</i>*, media player <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Coloring Creation</i>: “Isaac Is Born” Coloring Creation pages* (1 per child), crayons, glue sticks, wet wipes, tissues, <i>Music CD</i>*, media player

* in your *Simply Loved Kit*

Opening Options

Set up one—or both—of these intro activities to start your time together. Each activity connects kids to the Bible Point and to each other. Cut apart these Option Cards and place one by each activity you choose. Crew Guides will follow the directions and build friendships with kids as they make discoveries together!



Felt Baby Blankets

Supplies

- felt pieces in various colors and sizes

Wrap one of your arms in the felt, and pretend you're holding a newborn baby. Make baby noises.

? Who do you know who has a baby in their family?

In our Bible story, we'll hear about a couple who waited a long time for a baby. They had to trust God while they waited. **We can trust God, too!**

Chalk Faces

Supplies

- chalk, dark-colored bulletin board paper

Use chalk to draw happy faces and surprised faces on the paper.

? What's something that makes you giggle?

These happy faces make me giggle. In our Bible story, we'll hear about a woman who laughed when she heard surprising news. When life is surprising, **we can trust God!**

Opening

Now's a great time for Opening Options. Choose one—or both—to introduce today's Bible discoveries.



 "The Cleanup Song" (Music CD track 1)

Help kids transition by cleaning up before sitting with their Connect Crews. A Connect Crew is a smaller group of kids with one Crew Guide.

Sing & Play

Welcome

Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. Let's sing our welcome song.

 "Hello, My Friends" (Music CD track 2)

Let's say hello to our Crew Guides. They're our go-to friends who are here to have fun and learn along with us.

- Kids give their Crew Guides a fist bump.

Bible Point

Today's Bible Point tells us **we can trust God**. Every time you hear the words "**We can trust God!**" point up and say, "Trust God!" Let's try that together.

Repeat the Bible Point several times.

Every day, in every way, (nod yes)

We can trust God! ("Trust God!" and point up)

When we have to wait, (fold arms across chest)

We can trust God! ("Trust God!" and point up)

Every day, in every way, (nod yes)

We can trust God! ("Trust God!" and point up)

Repeat several times.

Supplies

- Bible
- Music CD
 - "Hello, My Friends"
- Buddy Video DVD
 - Rae Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 2)
- Music Video DVD
 - "Made for This" music video
 - "We Can Trust Him" (Psalm 33:4) music video
- media player
- Rae Bible Memory Buddy poster



Trust God!

Repetition cements learning, so be sure to say today's Bible Point A LOT. Have fun with it! Kids will love listening for it and responding with "Trust God!"

God has good plans for us. Let's celebrate with a song.

 "Made for This" music video

Bible Memory Buddy & Verse

It's time to talk to our friend Buzzly Bee. Buzzly will introduce us to a Bible Memory Buddy friend. Let's call for Buzzly.



- Flap hands quickly like a bee.
- Make buzzing sounds.

 Rae Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 2)

Our friend Rae reminds us that **we can trust God.** (*Trust God!*)

- Show the Bible Memory Buddy poster.
- Explain that the word *manta* is a Spanish word that means "blanket."
- Have kids pretend to wrap up in a blanket.

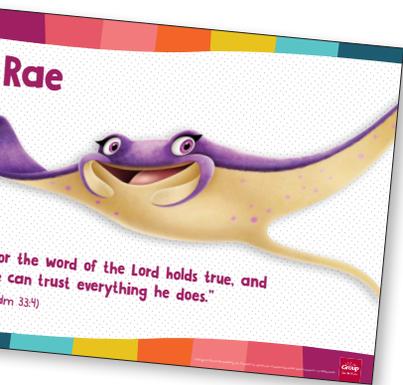
When we're wrapped up in a blanket, we feel warm and safe. That's like God's love! God's love is all around us, so we can trust God is with us no matter what.

 Show the Bible. **Our Bible Memory Verse comes from the Bible—God's true story of love! Let's say it together. I'll say a line, and then you repeat after me.**

"For the word of the Lord (*cup hands around mouth*)
holds true, (*give thumbs-up*)
and we can trust (*pretend to grab on to something with both hands*)
everything he does." (*spread hands in front of you*)
(Psalm 33:4)

When we're waiting for something good to happen, **we can trust God.** (*Trust God!*) **Let's sing and celebrate!**

 "We Can Trust Him" (Psalm 33:4) music video



Bible Discovery

We can trust God! (*Trust God!*) Hold up the Bible. **Our story from the Bible tells about a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. Abraham's name used to be Abram, but God changed it.**

- Have Crews circle up knee-to-knee.
- Have everyone go around the circle and say their names.
- ❓ **If you could change your name, what would you change it to? It can be serious or silly.**
- Encourage Crews to giggle and laugh as kids make up new names.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

Abraham got a new name, and in our Bible story, we'll hear some news that made his wife, Sarah, laugh. The story starts with visitors coming to Abraham and Sarah's home. When visitors come to our houses, they often knock on the door.

- Have everyone pretend to be visitors and count as they knock three times on an imaginary door. Repeat a few times.
- ❓ **Who's the last person who knocked on your door?** Welcome a few responses from the whole group.

Let's read about the visitors who came to Abraham and Sarah's home.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:1-2.

The visitors didn't even get a chance to knock! Abraham saw them and ran to greet them. They were very special visitors from God! So Abraham gave them extra-special treatment.

- **He gave them a seat in the shade.** Crew Guides pretend to be a tree with branches, and kids gather to sit in the shade of their Crew's "tree."
- **He had servants wash their feet.** Crew Guides sit with kids and pretend to wash their feet. Giggle, reminding them not to tickle!
- **And Sarah prepared an extra-special meal for the visitors.**
- ❓ **What special food would you want someone to make for you?** Invite responses from the whole group.
- **The visitors ate yummy food under the shady tree.** Have everyone pretend to eat bread, then meat, then yogurt, and then drink milk.

While they were eating, the special visitors asked where Sarah was. Abraham said she was inside the tent. Then the visitors said something surprising!

Supplies

- Bible
- "Isaac Is Born" Bible Story poster

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Welcome a few responses. Be sure to summarize what kids say so everyone can hear.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:10-12.

Sarah? Have a baby? At her old age? Grandmas don't usually have babies. Chuckle. Hearing this news made Sarah laugh. Show the Bible Story poster. **Let's laugh together.**

- Have everyone laugh loudly.
- Have everyone laugh quietly.
- Have everyone laugh silently.

Sarah didn't even laugh out loud, but the special visitors from God knew she had laughed.

 Read aloud Genesis 18:13-14.

The visitors said nothing is too hard for God. Even if it takes a long time for something to happen, **we can trust God. (*Trust God!*) Let's talk with our Crews again.**

- Have Crews circle up and sit knee to knee.
- ❓ **When have you had to wait a long time for something good to happen?**



- Invite Crew Guides to share first and then give each child a turn.

Abraham and Sarah had wanted a baby for a long time. They waited years for God to give them a baby. They had to trust God and wait. Let's practice waiting.

- Have kids close their eyes. Tell them to wait 10 seconds before they open them. Count aloud to 10, then have kids open their eyes.
- Have kids crouch low to the ground. Tell them to wait 15 seconds before they jump in the air. Count aloud to 15, then jump together.
- Have kids sit very quietly. Tell them to wait 20 seconds before they make silly baby noises. Count aloud to 20, then make baby sounds together.

We can trust God! *(Trust God!)* **What God said was true; Abraham and Sarah had a baby.**



Read aloud Genesis 21:1-2, 6.

Baby Isaac. Chuckle. **The name *Isaac* means “laughter”!** Let's laugh with Sarah as we pretend to hold a baby.

- Pretend to rock a baby as you laugh together.
- Pretend to play peekaboo with the baby and laugh together some more.

We can trust God. *(Trust God!)* **God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy. Now they had a family! God had big plans for Abraham's family. There'd be more days with laughter, and there'd be some sad days without many smiles. But God would be with them, just like God is with us! **We can trust God.** *(Trust God!)***



Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.

Apply-It Options

Choose one—or all—of these activities to support kids' learning after Bible Discovery.

Game

Supplies: lullaby music and media player (*optional*)

Choose one person to be the "Baby." He or she will sit in the center of your playing space and pretend to be a sleeping baby. If you have a large group, designate several "babies."

- Everyone will tiptoe around the room quietly as the Baby sleeps. Play lullaby music (*optional*).
- Sporadically stop the music and shout, "Baby's awake!" Then the Baby will jump up and try to tag someone before that person can run and touch a wall.
- If tagged, the person becomes the new Baby.

Babies trust the people who take care of them. They need help every day. And we can trust God. (*Trust God!*) We need God's help every day.



Food-n-Friendship

Supplies: snack, napkins, hand cleanser, *Music* CD, media player

- Give a napkin to a friend and say, "**We can trust God.**" (*Trust God!*)

 **"God, You Are So Good"**
(*Music* CD track 3)

- Eat snack together.
- **? When we pray, we talk with Jesus. Who has something we can talk with Jesus about?**
- Pray together.

God provides the food we need. We can trust God. (*Trust God!*)
Let's clean up our snack!



Coloring Creation

Supplies: "Isaac Is Born" Coloring Creation pages (1 per child), crayons, glue sticks, wet wipes, tissues, *Music* CD, media player

We can trust God. (*Trust God!*)
God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy, and they named him Isaac. Let's color the picture and give Isaac a soft baby blanket.

- Color the picture.
- Glue a small piece of tissue on the picture to "swaddle" the baby.
- Play music as kids create.

 **"We Can Trust Him"**
(*Psalm 33:4*)
(*Music* CD track 6)

