

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

GENESIS 17-18:15

God Story.

Abraham and Sarah | Genesis 17-18:15

Big Idea.

We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.

Key Verse.

"I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." Genesis 12:2-3

Leader tip.

Hang questions and answers around the room for the Intro Activity.
Pray for your kids before they arrive.

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Ask kids about their week and talk about what the word ridiculous means.
- 2. Intro Activity** **8 minutes**
Find each of the answers to the questions posted around the room.

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Ls Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
This video includes the God Story and Life Story as well as host segments and Key Verse game.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes***
Take time to help kids digest the teaching from today's God Story and Life Story with this activity.
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**
Learn the Key Verse together with this *buzz* activity.

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- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents. Don't forget to give take home cards!

Ms My Story

1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tip:

- Use the Conversation Starter to set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, gather them together into a group.
- DISCUSS:
 - Today, we'll talk about trusting God even when it seems ridiculous. What does the word "ridiculous" mean? [laughable or absurd]
 - What are some examples of things that seem ridiculous?
 - What is the most ridiculous thing you've ever done?

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Questions and answers signs
- Wall-safe tape
- Star stickers

Before the Activity:

- Hang the signs in mixed up order around your class space. Leave at least 1 metre between each sign.

Instructions:

- Pair kids and ensure that at least 1 partner can read well.
- Direct partners to find a question sign and read it.
- Encourage them to discuss what they think the answer is before looking for the corresponding answer sign. For the leader's reference, the questions and answers are:
 - What do you think is the farthest anyone has ever walked on their hands? A lady from England walked on her hands for 5 kilometres!
 - What animal is Scotland's national animal? Unicorn
 - What do you think a zorse is? Half zebra, half horse
 - What do you think a liger is? Half lion, half tiger

- How many hot dogs do you think the championship eater can eat in 10 minutes? 70
 - Besides a serpent, what kind of animal talks in the Bible? Donkey
 - How old was the oldest person who ever lived? Methuselah lived until he was 969 years old
 - How old was Sarah (from the Bible) when she gave birth to Isaac? About 90 years old
- Have the kids continue until they answer each question.
 - As they wrap up, give each person a star sticker.
 - Ask them to stick their star onto the question or answer that they think is the most ridiculous.
 - SAY: These facts are all ridiculous! Today we'll see that **we can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.**

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3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. This video contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (God speaks in Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22; 18:1-15)
 - Life Story (God answering prayer in ridiculous ways: Alex Briere, Natalie Frisk, and Dan Fenty)

Ms My Story

4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Chart paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Ridiculous Story activity pages

Instructions:

- Divide kids into their small groups.
- ASK:
 - What was today's God Story about?
 - What was the Life Story about?
 - Can anyone remember the key verse? [Genesis 12:2-3]
- Divide the chart paper into 4 sections. Cut along the dotted lines on the Ridiculous Story activity page. Place a scene in each quarter of the chart paper.
- Divide the kids into 4 groups with 2-4 people per group.
- Assign each group a section of the chart paper. Explain that they will read their assigned scene and then draw that part of the God Story in their section of the paper.
- Place markers where everyone can reach them.
- As the kids work, discuss what is "ridiculous" about what they're drawing. When the drawings are complete, have the groups retell the story together.
- ASK:
 - Do you think it was difficult for Abraham and Sarah to trust God? Why or why not?
 - What would you do if God asked you to do something that seemed ridiculous? Is there anything you wouldn't do for God?
 - Do you care more about what God thinks or what people think?
- Wrap up by praying together. Thank God that we can trust him even when a situation seems ridiculous. Place the drawings where parents will see them when they pick up their kids.

5. KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Buzzer
- Bag containing key verse word cards

Instructions:

- Sit in a circle with your small group.
- Place the buzzer and sign in the middle of the circle.
- Hold out the bag containing the key verse word cards and have someone pull out a card.
- As a group, lead everyone in saying the key verse together. When the selected word comes up in the verse, the person who pulled it from the bag will buzz the buzzer instead of saying that word.
- Continue until all of the kids have had a turn.

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Take home cards
- Crafts

Before Dismissal:

- Place crafts and take home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- Give take home cards to parents.
- Remind kids to take home their crafts.
- Make sure the kids' security numbers match parents' numbers before they leave.