

# ISAAC IS BORN

## GENESIS 21:1-7

### God Story.

Isaac is Born | Genesis 21:1-7

### Big Idea.

We can trust God to keep his promises.

### 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 bless because of you." Genesis 12:2-3

### Leader tip.

Pray for your kids before they arrive.

### Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**  
Ask kids about their week. Discuss what the word "promise" means.
- 2. Intro Activity** **6 minutes**  
This magnetic activity looks at trust and worry.

### Gs God Story

### 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** **15 minutes\***  
Take time to help kids digest the teaching from today's God Story and Life Story with this craft and game activity.
- 5. Prayer Activity** **8 minutes**  
Talk about some of the things God promised in the Bible and choose a favourite to pray about.

### Os Our Story

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



# Ms My Story

## 1. CONVERSATION STARTER

### Supplies:

- None

### Leader Tips:

- Use the Conversation Starter to set the tone for your group's time together.
- Be prepared to share your own answers to the questions below in order to get the discussion started.

### Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, gather them together into a group.
- ASK:
  - What does it mean to "promise" something?
  - What's something you promised someone else? Did you keep this promise?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the person sitting closest to them or with the whole group.
- SAY: Today, we're going to talk about the Big Idea: **We can trust God to keep his promises.**

## 2. INTRO ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- 2 magnets that repel each other

### Instructions:

- DISCUSS:
  - It's impossible to trust someone if you're worried about whether they're going to do what they said they would do.
  - If your mom or dad made a promise to you, would you trust them to keep it? Why or why not?
  - [Hold up a magnet] If God makes a promise, we can trust that he will keep it—but sometimes we doubt. Imagine that this magnet represents you trusting God.
  - [Hold up the other magnet] This magnet represents you worrying about your problems or situation.

- What do you think will happen when I try to bring them together?
- Note the kids' responses and then ask a volunteer to try to push the magnets together. If time allows, have multiple kids try it.
- SAY: The magnets repel each other! It's the same with us: trusting God and worrying about stuff can't go together. When we trust God, we don't have to worry because he is in control. He promises us that he is with us.

# Gs God Story Ls Life Story

## 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. It contains:
  - Host segment
  - God Story (Isaac is born in Genesis 21:1-7)
  - Life Story (James White on trusting God during a bullying situation at school)



## 4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Chatterbox template
- Chatterbox instruction page
- Markers
- Scissors
- Bibles

### Leader Tip:

- Help the kids practise the important life skill of looking up verses in the Bible. Show them HOW to do it. Use the table of contents to look up the book. Explain that the big number is the chapter and the little number is the verse.

### 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]
- Give each person a chatterbox template.
- Place the instruction page, markers, and scissors where everyone can reach.
- Review the instruction page with the kids.
- Encourage everyone to create their own chatterbox.
- When the chatterboxes are made, pair up the kids to play with their creations.
- Encourage the kids to look up God's promises (verses printed on the chatterboxes) in the Bibles.

## 5. PRAYER ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Promise Prayer activity page
- Craft sticks
- Sharpie for leader

### Instructions:

- Remain in your small groups.
- ASK: In today's God Story, what promise did we see come true? [Just as God promised, Sarah and Abraham had a son, Isaac.]
- SAY: Throughout God's story in the Bible, he made many promises to us. **We can trust God to keep his promises!**
- Read the Promise Prayer activity page aloud to the kids.
- Discuss God's many promises with them.
- ASK: Which of God's promises makes you smile the most?
- Use the Sharpie to write their answers on individual craft sticks and then give them the sticks to hold.
- When each kid is holding their craft stick, PRAY: Dear God, thank you for your many promises. Thank you for... [encourage the kids to take turns thanking God for the promise written on their craft sticks]. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN!

# Os Our Story

## 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:**

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