LESSON 8
SUBJECT: The Birth of the Promised Son
MEMORY VERSE: Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Genesis 21:1 NIV
LESSON AIM: To show how Abraham and Sarah trusted in the promise of the Lord to have a child born in their old age.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. GOD’S PROMISE TO SARAH (GENESIS 18:9-15)

1. Who appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre? Genesis 18:1

2. What visitors came to Abraham at his tent? Genesis 18:2

3. What did Abraham do for the visitors? Genesis 18:3-8

4. What did the visitors ask Abraham? Do you think this was strange? Why or why not? Genesis 18:9

5. What did one of the visitors promise would happen? Genesis 18:10a

6. Did Sarah know about the intended promise? Genesis 18:10b

7. Why was the promise for Sarah so amazing and seemingly impossible? Genesis 18:11

8. What was Sarah’s initial response to the promise? Why? Genesis 18:12

9. What was God’s response to Sarah’s laughter? To whom did God discuss Sarah’s action? Genesis 18:13

10. What did God reveal about Himself to Abraham in a rhetorical question in response to Sarah’s laughter? Genesis 18:14a

11. What timetable did God give Abraham about His promise? Genesis 18:14b

12. How did Sarah respond to her laughter when approached about it? Why? Genesis 18:15a

13. What did God tell Sarah when she denied she had laughed? Genesis 18:15b

14. Both Abraham (Genesis 17:17-19) and Sarah (Genesis 18:12, 15) laughed at the news of a child to be born to them. What do you consider the difference between Abraham’s and Sarah’s laughter?
II. THE BIRTH OF THE PROMISED SON (GENESIS 21:1-7)


16. How exact was God's promise? Genesis 21:2

17. How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born? Genesis 21:5; 17:17

18. How long did Abraham and Sarah have to wait for God's promise to be fulfilled (Genesis 12:1-4)? What does this reveal about them? Romans 4:18-23; Hebrews 6:12-15; 11:11-12

19. Why do you think Abraham and Sarah had to wait so long for the birth of Isaac?

20. What was the name of the promised son to Abraham and Sarah? Genesis 21:3

21. What does the birth of Isaac reveal about God? Genesis 18:14a; Romans 4:21; Isaiah 38:7

22. What is the meaning of the name “Isaac”? The name is a reflection of the actions of both Abraham and Sarah. (Use a Bible Dictionary.) Genesis 17:17, 19; 18:9-15

23. What did Abraham do when Isaac was eight days old? Why? Genesis 21:4; 17:9-12


25. How was Sarah’s laughter in Genesis 21:6 different from the laughter of Genesis 18:12?

26. How extensive would the joy be for Sarah? Genesis 21:6b

27. What was Sarah’s final statement about how she and Abraham beat the odds of having a child? Genesis 21:7

28. Who made it possible for Abraham and Sarah to have a child as promised? Genesis 18:14a; 21:1

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