

Faith at Home Devotions

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Reading for the week:
Genesis 16-20

Text: Genesis 18:11-14



Preschool

Activity: Make an unconditional promise to your child(ren) and then fulfill it. Make sure this promise is not based on any action they must perform or a reward. Make and keep it just because you love them.

Discuss: Talk about promises. Give examples of promises you make and promises your child might make. Do we always keep our promises? Why, why not? Then say that God makes promises too, but God always keeps God's promises, even if they seem impossible. God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby. But when they were 99 and 89 years old they still did not have a baby. But, God kept his promise and they did have a baby when they were very old – 100 and 90 years old! They thought that this would be impossible. Do you think it is impossible for Great-grandparents to have a baby? (YES) But God keeps his word and does not break promises even when they seem impossible.

Wrap-it-up: Talk about your favorite promise from God and share it with your child(ren).

Pray: Thank God for keeping promises and having the power to always keep them.

Elementary Grades 1st – 6th

Activity: Make an unconditional promise to your child and fulfill it. (Make sure not to base the promise on reward or merit.)

Discuss: Talk about promises, what they are. Do you always keep them, why or why not? Read the text. God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby. But they still did not have a baby when they were 99 and 89 years old. Do you think that they wondered if God would still keep that promise when they were very old? Did God keep that promise? Look ahead in the Bible. It seemed impossible, but nothing is too hard for God. We may not always keep our promises, but God does.

Wrap-it-up: Is it easy wait for a promise to happen? What promises from God are you waiting on? Can we still trust God to keep promises when we wait? Parents, share a time you waited for God to fulfill a promise in your life.

Prayer: Thank God for keeping promises, even when we do not always keep ours.