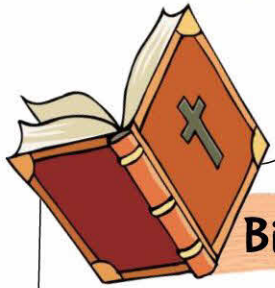


Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition

Sunday 14th June

Second Sunday after
Pentecost



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Abraham being promised a family.

You can find the story in your Bible in:

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

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Abraham that reminds us that you always keep your promises.

Help us to be patient and trust in you if there are things we are waiting and praying for.

Thank you that we are your children who you love. We pray for all our friends and family who don't yet know you, that they would come into your family and know you as a father.

Amen

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?

Wow! Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. If you look in your Bible in Genesis Chapter 12 you can read where God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. You can trace the family tree of Jesus all the way back through Abraham – this was all part of God's big plan.

Abraham was 75 years old when God promised him a child, he was known as Abram which means 'high father' but God said that he should be known as 'Abraham' which means father to many! God's promise came true but Abraham had to wait 25 years to meet his son Isaac!

A question for children to ask adults

Do you remember how it felt the day I joined your family?

Every family is different but there is always an element of waiting for a new child. Imagine how God our Father feels as he waits for all those in the world who do not know him as their Father yet.

Family Activity 1

You will need: Paper, pens, any craft materials you would like to use, scissors, glue

Why not create your own family portrait, get each member of the family to draw another family member. When you have all finished your pictures cut around the people and then overlap them and stick them onto another piece of paper to make a family portrait.





A verse to remember

Psalm 116 v 7

I said to myself, "Relax, because the Lord takes care of you."

Sometimes waiting for something can be really difficult, you might feel excited or worried and it is all you can think about. Abraham had to wait twenty five years for God's promise to be fulfilled. Whatever we are waiting for we can relax and know that God takes care of us and always keeps his promises.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it. Why not decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week?

Family Activity 2

You will need: A timer

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Practice patience together by playing 'The Minute Game'. One person has a clock or phone timer, this person tells everybody when to begin. Everybody else must stand up, they must sit down when they think a minute has passed – they are not allowed to cheat by looking at a watch or clock. Once everybody has sat down the person watching the timer should say who was closest.



Active Prayer

Just like Abraham God has amazing plans for our futures. Why not spend some time listening to God. Find a quiet and comfortable space and lie down or sit. Ask God to speak to you and then listen to what God has to say. Remember that God can speak to us in many different ways, through words, feelings, visions, dreams or pictures in our imaginations.



Applying Patience and Trust

Abraham knew that God was faithful and would do what he had promised but he had to be patient and wait for God's timing.

Many schools are now gradually reopening – it can be hard to watch some children able to return and be with their friends while others cannot. For some they may be back at school but longing for their days at school to return to normal.

Why not take some time with children writing or drawing what they would like their school life to look like again? Bring what is shared to God in prayer and ask for patience while you wait for them. You could keep the writings or drawings as a prayer focus and a reminder to trust in God.

If your child does not attend school you could also complete this activity thinking about other areas of your life, such as church and activities which are changed during these times of lockdown.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

Psalm 116 v 7

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PUZZLE SHEET

God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abram meant father, but Abraham meant father of MANY.

Can you change one letter at a time to travel down the word ladder?



rug

car

God promised Abraham that he would have more descendants than the stars in the sky.

Join the dots from 1-25 to see what constellation the stars make. Then colour the picture.

Abraham had to be patient and trust in God, he had to wait twenty-five years before he had a son, Isaac. But God's plan was far bigger... Abraham's family tree would stretch all the way to Jesus.

Can you find your way through the maze from Abraham to Jesus?

