Preschool–Grade 6

Abraham and Isaac

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: Nothing is too hard for God.
Bible passage: Genesis 18 and 21. Read Genesis 18:1–15 and 21:1–8 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" *Genesis 18:14 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible, a blanket or bedsheet over two chairs to make a tent, a baby doll wrapped in a small blanket, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Genesis 18. Set up the blanket tent. Put the baby doll out of sight near you.

1. Opening game: Tent Visit (5 minutes)

Kids take turns crawling in and out of the tent door. While they wait, everyone makes a tent with their hands over their heads. Say: "Long ago, a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah lived in a tent. Today we will hear a true story about them."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Genesis 18. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Abraham and Sarah lived in a tent (Genesis 18:1, 18:9). *(Make a tent with your hands.)*
They were very, very old (18:11). *(Walk slowly, bent over.)*
They had no baby (11:30). *(Rock empty arms and shake your head.)*
One day, visitors came. Abraham gave them water and food under a tree (18:2–8). *(Pretend to eat.)*
The LORD said Sarah would have a son (18:10). *(Rock a baby in your arms.)*
Sarah heard it at the tent door. She laughed (18:10–12). *(Cover your mouth and giggle.)*
God said, "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" (18:14). *(Shake your head no.)*
Say it with me: "Nothing is too hard for God!"
God did what He said. Sarah had a baby boy (21:1–2). *(Bring out the baby doll.)*
His name was Isaac (21:3). **Say it with me: "Isaac!"**
Sarah said, "God hath made me to laugh" (21:6). *(Laugh together.)*
Isaac grew. Abraham made a big feast (21:8). *(Rub your tummy.)*
Say it with me: "God does what He says!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Where did Abraham and Sarah live? *(In a tent, Genesis 18:1, 18:9)*
2. What did Sarah do when she heard God's promise? *(She laughed, 18:12)*
3. What was the baby's name? *(Isaac, 21:3)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "God asked, 'Is any thing too hard for the LORD?' That means, 'Is anything too hard for God?' No!" Teach the motion: hold up both hands like a question, then shake your head no and point up to God. Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Genesis 18:14" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "Nothing is too hard for God! God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

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6. Activity: Baby Isaac's Tent (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a tent, then Sarah holding baby Isaac at the tent door. While they color, ask: "Who did what He said? Is anything too hard for God?" Kids who finish early can take turns gently holding the baby doll inside the blanket tent.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, that nothing is too hard for You.
Thank You for doing what You say. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the story moving and let every child do the motions. If they get wiggly, do the laughing and the tent motions again. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

Left out on purpose: the preschool lesson does not tell Genesis 22, where God tested Abraham on the mountain. If an older brother or sister brings it up, say simply: God took care of Isaac. God gave a ram instead (Genesis 22:12–13).

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