



WHIRL KIDS STORY BIBLE SAMPLER

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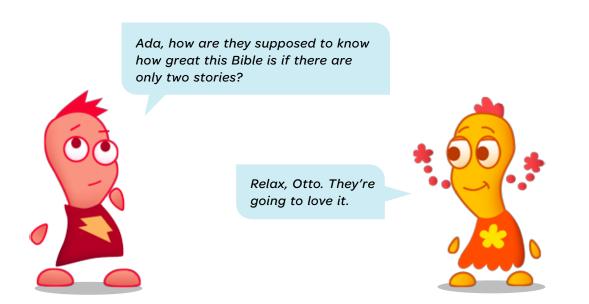
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Welcome to Whirl!

Welcome to the Whirl Kids Story Bible Sampler! This sampler features two stories of Abraham and Sarah from the book of Genesis. As you explore these stories with kids, you'll be sharing God's living word through the eyes of a child. Every story follows an engaging format that makes the Bible stories come to life.

- Read the lively story retelling on one page as kids follow the action in the pictures on the other page.
- Colorful borders help kids identify and navigate through the Old and New Testaments and through Bible sections.
- Stories include the Bible text reference.
- An embedded question in each story helps kids make connections to their own lives.
- Twin siblings named Ada and Otto appear in each story to provide comments, explanations, and humor.

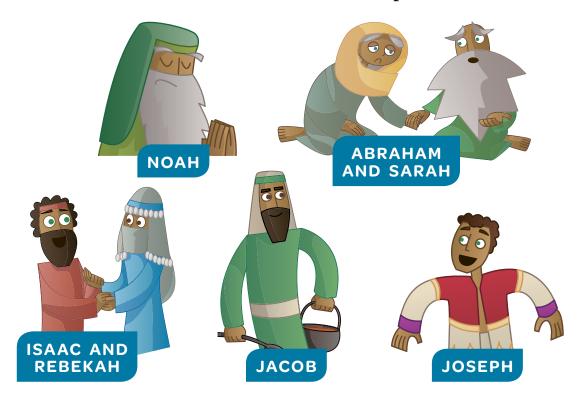


About the Whirl Kids Story Bible

The Whirl Kids Story Bible is full of stories from Genesis to Revelation. When kids understand that the Bible tells the story of God and God's people, they begin to see how they are part of God's story too.

Colorful borders divide the Bible into sections that help kids learn about the Testaments and different parts of the Bible. Each section of the Whirl Kids Story Bible features a different color. Within each section, kids see and hear about people in the Bible and make connections between them.

The blue Pentateuch section of the Old Testament contains stories about the beginning of God's creation and people. The stories of Abraham and Sarah are featured in this sampler.



Old Testament Stories

Pentateuch

In the Beginning Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Adam and Eve Genesis 2:4-25; 3:1-24

God's Covenant with Noah

Genesis 6–9

Abraham and Sarah *Genesis* 15:1-12, 17-18; 17:1-7,

15-16

Sarah Laughs Genesis 18:1-15: 21:1-7

Rebekah and Isaac

Genesis 24

Jacob

Genesis 25:19-28; 27:1-40

Jacob Wrestles
Genesis 32:22-31

Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 37:1-28

Joseph in Egypt Genesis 39:20—41:57

Joseph Forgives His

Brothers

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Baby Moses Exodus 2:1-10

The Burning Bush Exodus 3:1-15

The Plagues
Exodus 7:14—12:32

The Red Sea Exodus 14:1-30

The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17

History

Joshua Joshua 6:1-20

Deborah *Judges 4–5*

Ruth and Naomi

Ruth 1

God Calls Samuel 1 Samuel 3:1-20

David Is Anointed 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17:1-49

Kings David and

Solomon

2 Samuel 7:1-17; 1 Kings 2:10-

12; 6

Elijah and Elisha 2 Kings 2:1-15

Esther

Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 4:1-17;

8:1-17

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Psalm 23

Prophets

Isaiah's Words
Isaiah 2:1-5

A Light to the Nations

Isaiah 42:1-9

God Provides
Isaiah 55:1-9

False and True Fasts

Isaiah 58:1-12

Justice and Jubilee *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

Jeremiah's Call

Trust in the Lord

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Comforting Message *Jeremiah* 31:7-14

Daniel 6

Jonah

Jonah 1; 2:1-2, 10; 3:1-5, 10

Zephaniah's Joyful Song

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Malachi's Words

Malachi 3:1-4

New Testament Stories

Gospels

Announcing a Baby Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

Mary Visits Elizabeth *Luke* 1:39-55

Jesus Is Born Luke 2:1-20

Simeon and Anna *Luke 2:22-40*

The Wise Men *Matthew 2:1-12*

Boy Jesus in the Temple *Luke* 2:41-52

John Prepares the Way Mark 1:1-8

Jesus Is Baptized Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Calls Disciples Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13; 10:1-4; Luke 5:1-11: 6:12-16: 8:1-3

The Beatitudes *Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus Teaches about Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15

The Parable of the Sower *Matthew* 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus Walks on Water *Matthew 14:22-33*

The Unforgiving Servant *Matthew 18:21-35*

The Parable of the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

Two Sons in the Vineyard *Matthew 21:23-32*

The Greatest Commandment *Matthew 22:34-40*

Ten Bridesmaids Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Sheep and Goats *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man *Mark* 2:1-12

Jesus Calms the Storm *Mark* 4:35-41

Who's the Greatest? *Mark* 9:30-37

Jesus Blesses Children *Mark* 10:13-16

The Widow's Offering *Mark* 12:38-44

The Transfiguration *Luke* 9:28-36

The Good Samaritan *Luke* 10:25-37

Mary and Martha

The Lost Sheep and Coin *Luke* 15:1-10

The Prodigal Son *Luke 15:11-32*

Jesus Heals Ten with Leprosy Luke 17:11-19 The Widow and the Judge *Luke* 18:1-8

Jesus Meets Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

Jesus Turns Water to Wine *John 2:1-11*

Nicodemus at Night *John 3:1-17*

The Woman at the Well *John 4:5-42*

Jesus Feeds 5,000 John 6:1-21

Jesus the Good Shepherd John 10:11-18

Jesus Raises Lazarus John 11:1-45

Mary Anoints Jesus *John 12:1-8*

Abide in Love

Jesus Enters Jerusalem Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40

The Last Supper Matthew 26:14-29; Luke 22:14-23

Jesus Is Crucified Matthew 27:27-66; Luke 23:26-56

Jesus Is Risen Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-18

The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35

Thomas Believes *John 20:19-31*

The Great Commission *Matthew 28:16-20*

Acts

The Ascension Acts 1:6-14

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost Acts 2:1-21

The Early Believers

Acts 4:32-35

Saul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-20

Peter and Tabitha

Acts 9:36-43

Paul, Silas, and the

Earthquake Acts 16:16-34

Letters

Faith like Abraham

Romans 4:13-25

Jews and Gentiles

Romans 15:4-13

United in Christ 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Many Parts, One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Chosen as God's Children

Ephesians 1:3-14

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Philippians 4:1-9

Night and Day Prayers 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Working Together 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Pray for Everyone 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Faith Passed Down 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Beginning and End Revelation 1:4-8

New Heaven and New

Earth

Revelation 21:1-6



Abraham and Sarah

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18; 17:1-7, 15-16

Abram couldn't sleep. He tossed and turned, but he was STILL awake.

What do you do when you can't sleep?

Abram prayed:

"God, you promised that Sarai and I would have a baby.

"We're very OLD now.

"We STILL don't have a baby.

"Did you FORGET your covenant?

"Did you CHANGE your promise?"

God spoke to Abram. "Don't be afraid. I haven't forgotten my covenant. You WILL have a baby."

Abram was frustrated. "WHEN, God? How long do we have to wait?"



Abram was way older than me, but even I know that God keeps promises!





God told Abram, "Go outside." Abram rolled out of bed and rubbed his eyes. He walked outside.

"Look up. Count ALL the stars in the sky," God said.

Abram frowned. "God, no one can count the stars! There are too many!"

God's voice was gentle. "Abram, there are millions of stars in the sky. One day, millions of people will call you their father!"

Abram gulped. "Millions of children won't fit in my tent!"

God laughed. "It will be many generations of people. You won't see them all during your life.

"Abram, I'm giving you a new name," God continued. "From now on, your name is Abraham, which means 'father of many.' Sarai will be called Sarah. Someday, millions of people will call her their mother."

Abram trusted God. God would keep this covenant. God does not break promises!

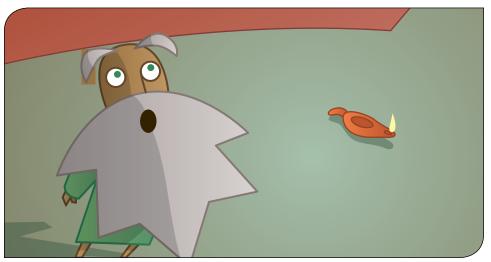
Abram became Abraham! I wonder what God would change my name to?

Maybe something that means "brother of Ada." I thought that's what my name did mean . . .











Sarah looked at the wrinkles on her hands and touched Abraham's gray beard. They had waited MANY years, but still, NO baby!

"We're very old and have no child," Sarah told Abraham. "Did God forget about us?"

"God promised we would have a baby," said Abraham. "And God doesn't forget promises."

Sarah sighed. She thought maybe God had forgotten this time.

Abraham wiped his sweaty forehead. It was HOT! He squinted across the desert.

"Who are they?" Abraham wondered. Three strangers walked toward him. Abraham bowed to the three men and invited them to stay. "Please stay to rest and eat," Abraham told them.

Who do you invite to come to your home?





Wait. Abraham invited strangers to stay?

Yes, he welcomed travelers to his home.





"Sarah! Visitors are here," Abraham called. "Make some bread!" Abraham rushed to his herd so he could prepare meat and milk for them.

The visitors rested under a shady tree. Abraham gave them water to wash their feet.

Sarah shuffled around inside the tent. She mixed and patted and kneaded the bread dough. She listened to Abraham and the visitors.

"Where is your wife, Sarah?" one of the visitors asked.

"She's making bread to eat," said Abraham.

The three visitors smiled. "Soon she will be feeding a baby!"

"HA!" Sarah laughed. "I'm too old for babies!"

The visitors heard Sarah laughing. "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" they asked her.

Finally, God DID give Sarah and Abraham a baby! Just as the visitors said! Just as God promised! Sarah and Abraham named their son Isaac.

Do you know what Isaac's name means?

Ha-ha! It means LAUGHTER!











