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.

Ada, how are they supposed to know how great this Bible is if there are only two stories?

Relax, Otto. They’re going to love it.
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.
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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?
Yes, he welcomed travelers to his 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.

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*Do you know what Isaac’s name means?*

*Ha-ha! It means LAUGHTER!*