

LEARNER SHEET: ABRAHAM AND SARAH

Genesis 11-12



PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

DISCUSSION TIME

- **God told Abraham and Sarah to go—and they did! Have you ever wanted to “go” but lacked the courage to do so? What was that like?**

- **Read again the entry about Abraham and Sarah on page 154 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. There they are not only described as old, but as *extremely* old. What old people have you known or heard about who accomplished amazing things?**

- **If you were going to shoot a modern-day movie of Sarah and Abraham's faith journey, who would you cast in their roles? Where would you film? Any ideas about music for the movie?**

- **What gives people patience? Have they lowered their expectations? Do they pray constantly?**



THE BIG IDEA

God heals divisions by promising blessings for all.



BIG FUN IDEA

Stage a field trip in which everything goes wrong. Run out of gas. Forget the money. Get lost. Gather at the end to compare yourselves to Abraham and Sarah, setting off into the unknown amidst challenges and problems.



BIG SERVING IDEA

Babysit! Abraham and Sarah were all about wanting a baby. “No baby, no future” was the way they saw it in their time. Volunteer as a class to work in the nursery or cover child care for a special event in your parish. Advertise a night when parents can bring their children to church for a couple hours while you care for them. This serving idea requires planning and adult partnership.

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KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

GENERATIONS

RISK

BLESSING

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Inspire us, God of wisdom, to do your work, as Sarah and Abraham did. Give us what we need—direction, perspective, motivation, love. Give us patience to know that we are waiting with you or boot us out of our rut of selfishness. May we share your courage in our family, knowing that at any given time someone needs it. We thank you for the blessing our ancestors passed on to us. Amen

TALK TIME

- Many families have to make decisions about moving or staying in the same place. God told Abraham and Sarah what to do, but God doesn't always speak so clearly to the rest of us. Is your family planning or being forced to accept a change? Have you talked to God about it?
- Make a label or bookmark for your Bible that reminds you of Abraham and Sarah's humanness: "It's okay to be scared; it's okay not to know."
- Do you have friends, neighbors, or acquaintances who are Jewish or Muslim? Ask them about what they are taught regarding Abraham. If you don't know anyone, you could still research this question through books or the Internet.
- Abraham and Sarah believed (or at least trusted) that the one God they worshiped could be everywhere. Could God be everywhere in your home? Where would you least expect to find God in your home? Most expect?

I'm happy, Abraham, but aren't we a little too old to be begetting?



WEB TIME

Use the Internet to search for the key words listed above, starting with *generations*. Write down the most interesting site you find that pops up for each word. Then do a search for "Abraham and Sarah." What do you find? Explore five sites that mention them and discuss the various opinions and perspectives about them that you find.

RITUAL TIME

Go to a variety of places in your home and outside your home. At each stop, say quietly, "God, we know you are everywhere. Help us trust you."