

Abe and the Amazing Promise



What is the STORY about?

Bob the Tomato tries to bring the Bible story of Abraham and Sarah and their wait for a promised son to life, but when spitting camels and a film crew of zany French peas get involved, everyone's patience is tested! Can Bob pull everything together in time to teach a lesson? Whether they're waiting on a promise from God or cookies from mom, kids will learn that while being patient is never easy, the reward is always worth the wait!

- *A Lesson in Patience*
- *Key Passage: Genesis 17, 18, 21*
- *Running time: 14 minutes*
- *Bonus Show: "Blunders in Boo-Boo-Ville" (27 minutes)*



What do you THINK?

- *Name some characters in the story that needed patience. (Junior, Bob, Abraham and Sarah)*
- *Junior was impatient for what reason? (He wanted the cookies his mom promised)*
- *Why was Bob losing his patience? (Everything seemed to go wrong when he was trying to film the show)*
- *What were Abraham and Sarah waiting for that required patience? (A baby)*
- *What made Junior change his mind about being impatient? (Bob told him that he needed to trust his mom to "do what she says she's gonna do" just as Abraham and Sarah needed to trust God)*



What does the BIBLE say?

The biblical account of Abraham, Sarah, and their son Isaac is found in Genesis 17, 18, and 21. Read the story from your Bible OR tell it in this condensed version.

God appeared to Abram and told him that he would be the father of many nations. Abram was puzzled. He and his wife, Sarai, were very old and had no children. How could he have many descendents when he had no children of his own? God changed Abram and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah and promised that He would bless them with a son. Abraham fell face down and laughed when God told him that he would be a father. Sarah laughed, too, when she overheard the news that she would become a mother. They were too old to become parents! Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 when their baby boy, Isaac, was born... just as God promised!

Abraham and Sarah needed patience when they were waiting for their promised son. Talk about "patience" and what it means.

Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.

- **ROMANS 8:25** "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
- **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** "Love is patient, love is kind..."
- **PSALM 40:1** "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry."

The Story of Abraham and Sarah



ACTIVITY

Direct the children to stand in a circle.

Since Abraham was 100 years old when his son, Isaac, was born, tell the children that you are going to count to 100, with each of the children giving a number in numerical order. When someone reaches the number 5 or a multiple of 5, he says “Be Patient!” Example: The leader says 1, the next player says 2, next is 3, then 4, and then the next player says “Be Patient!” Play continues with 6, 7, 8, 9, and then “Be Patient!”

After the number 99, EVERYONE shouts: “Be Patient!” The quicker the count, the more difficult the game. If a person misses his number or forgets the count, he sits down at his place in the circle.

Younger children will enjoy singing the familiar song “Father Abraham” which is recorded on the CDs *More Sunday Morning Songs with Bob and Larry* and *25 Favorite Sunday School Songs*.



What can we DO?

Encourage the children to give examples of times when they have needed patience. Promote conversation and discussion with these questions:

- *What are some things that require patience? (Learning to play a musical instrument, waiting for a seed to grow, waiting until you're old enough to do something, etc.)*
- *Name a situation that you are waiting for or something that you want to happen in your life. Why is God's timing more important than your timing? (Answers will vary.)*

3 Things to remember about Abraham

1. Abraham was **PATIENT** in waiting for the birth of his promised son
2. He was **100 YEARS OLD** when he became the father of Isaac
3. God blessed Abraham as the **FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**

KEY VERSE

(Hebrews 6:15) “And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”

KEY NUGGET

It isn't always easy to wait, but we need to be patient and trust God.

