

Genesis 15, 17, 18 & 21

Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Romans 4:3

**Readings this week:**

- S Genesis 15
- M Genesis 16
- T Genesis 17
- W Genesis 18: 1 - 15
- Th Genesis 21: 1 - 20
- F Romans 4: 1 - 12
- S Romans 4: 13 - 25

**Look at Genesis 15:1-6**

What did Abram want?

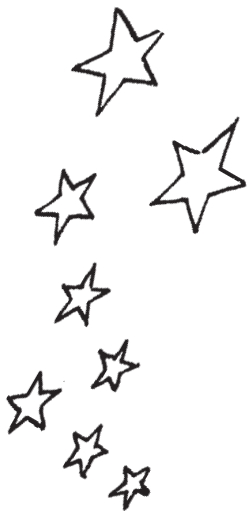
Why?

What did God promise Abram?

What other details of this promise can you find in chapter 17:1-8?

What did God promise Sarah? (v15-16)

Why did this seem impossible?



**God promised Abram**

that he would become the F

of many nations, and so

He changed his name to A

Even though it seemed I

Abram had complete T

that God would do what He

promised and give him an H

**A reason to laugh**

Look at Genesis 18:1-15.

What did Sarah do when she heard of God's promise?

What was God's reply to Sarah?

What did Abraham call his son? (Genesis 21: 1 - 7)

Why?

What did Sarah say after his birth?



## Decipher the code

NOTE : ~ THIS IS HOW GOD SEES OUR FAITH

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

How do you think Abraham and Sarah felt about God before their son was born?

How do you think they felt about God after their son was born?

Are there any lessons you can learn from Abraham and Sarah about how you feel about God?

In his life, Abraham showed through things he did how much faith he had in God. Which things in his life show the faith he had?

What about you? Can people see things you do which show them your faith?

### Digging Deeper - Ishmael

We know that Abram completely trusted God that he should have a son but after 10 years he wondered if he should do anything about the fact that Sarah had not had any children.

Read Genesis 16:1-4 to find out what happened.

Read the rest of chapter 16, particularly v11-12, to find out what Hagar's son was going to be called and what sort of man he was going to be and look at Genesis 17:20 for a promise that God made him about his descendants.

Carry on with the family tree that you started in lesson 5.

Use the information you have just learnt and Genesis 25:1-3 and 12-16.

You will notice that the names of some of these children are names of nations. Do you remember one of the promises God made to Abram? Present day Arabs claim to be Ishmael's descendants.

Pray that you will have faith in God's promises.