



Isaac and the Long Wait

God's promise comes true — when the time is perfect!



Waiting, Waiting, Waiting



Abraham and Sarah waited... and waited... and **WAITED**.
 God had promised them a baby — when Abraham was young and strong.
 But year after year went by. No baby.
 They got **OLD**. Like, *really* old.
 Abraham's beard turned **snow white**. Sarah's hair sparkled silver.
 "Maybe we heard God wrong?" Sarah sighed one night.
 But God does NOT forget His promises. Not ever. Not once.

*"I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her."
 — Genesis 17:16*



The Big Wait Drawing

How long is **25 years**? If you are 5 now, you'd be **30**!
 Draw a picture of what you think you'll look like at 30. Now
 imagine waiting **THAT** long for a promise!



A New Name!



When Abraham was **99 years old**, God gave him a *new name*!
"Abraham" means *Father of Many*.
"Sarah" means *Princess*.
 They still had **zero** children.
 But God said their *names* would tell the truth — **before** it happened!

GOD SAYS:

"Your son's name will be ISAAC — which means LAUGHTER!"

Imagine wearing a name tag that says "Father of Many" when you have **NO** kids!
 That's how **sure** God's promises are!



Tiny Truth

God calls us what we **WILL** be, not just what we **ARE** right now. He sees our future!

🏃 Guests at the Tent!



One super hot day, three men walked toward Abraham's tent. Abraham didn't know they were **angels**! But he ran to them like they were **KINGS**.

👼 **ANGEL SAYS:**

"Sit! Rest! Eat!"

That's what Abraham said. Sarah made fresh bread. A calf was cooked. They sat in the cool shade. Then one man said something **CRAZY**...

👼 **ANGEL SAYS:**

"About this time next year, Sarah will have a SON!"

"He said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'" — Genesis 18:10

🏃 Run to Welcome!

Pretend to run as **FAST** as Abraham to welcome a guest! What would **YOU** serve a very special visitor? Draw your favorite food to share!

😂 Sarah Laughs!



Sarah was hiding behind the tent door. She **HEARD** the angel! And you know what she did?

She LAUGHED! 😂

"I'm **too old** to have a baby!" she giggled. But the angel heard her laugh.

🌟 **GOD SAYS:**

"Why did Sarah laugh? Is **ANYTHING** too hard for the LORD?"

Sarah got embarrassed. "I didn't laugh!" she said. But oh yes — **she DID!** And it was just the beginning of the laughter...

😂 Laugh Like Sarah!

Now **YOU** laugh out loud: "HA HA HA HA!"

Now whisper: "**Nothing** is too hard for God."

Sometimes what makes us laugh with surprise makes God smile with love!

👶 Hello, Isaac!



And then... the time was **PERFECT**.

BOO-YAH!

God kept His promise! ✨

Sarah held a tiny, wiggly, **perfect** baby boy.

Abraham was **100 years old**. Sarah was **90**.

Their faces were *wrinkly*. Their hearts were **BURSTING!**

They named him **ISAAC** — which means *LAUGHTER*.

Because when God finally does the impossible, you just have to **LAUGH** with JOY!

🗣️ SARAH SAYS:

"God has made **LAUGHTER** for me! Everyone who hears will laugh **WITH** me!"

"The LORD visited Sarah as he had said... and Sarah bore Abraham a son." — Genesis 21:1-2

🎉 The Big Party!



Abraham threw the **BIGGEST PARTY!**

Everyone came to see the **miracle baby**.

When Isaac was old enough to eat big-kid food, they had *another* party!

Sarah watched Isaac playing in the sunshine.

🗣️ SARAH SAYS:

"Who would have told Abraham that I'd nurse children? But **LOOK** — here he IS!"

Sometimes God's surprises are SO big, you have to **celebrate TWICE!**

Waiting makes the gift even **sweeter**.

The empty cradle was filled.

The tired hearts were dancing.

God had done it! ✨

💡 Tiny Truth

When God keeps a promise after a long wait, the **JOY** is SO big that laughter spills out everywhere!

🎉 Celebrate!

Make a celebration card for someone who waited a long time for something good. Write: "God's timing is **PERFECT!**"

🕒 God's Perfect Clock



But **WHY** did God make them wait SO long?
 Couldn't He have given them Isaac when they were young?
 YES. He *could* have.
 But **God's clock** is different from ours.
 While Abraham and Sarah waited, God was doing something
 IMPORTANT:

- ★ Building their **FAITH**
- ★ Teaching them to **TRUST**
- ★ Showing that **HE** gives gifts — not our own plans

By the time Isaac came, **EVERYONE** knew:

This was GOD'S miracle!

"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage." — Psalm 27:14

💡 Tiny Truth

Waiting isn't **wasting** time when we're with God. He is painting a bigger picture than we can see!

🦋 Your Wait Too



Are **YOU** waiting for something?
 Maybe a sick grandma to get better.
 Maybe a new friend to come along.
 Maybe to feel **brave** for something scary.
 Waiting feels *hard*.
 But just like Isaac came at the **PERFECT** time...
 God's gifts to **YOU** come at the perfect time too!
 He is **working** while you wait.

★ The Waiting Secret

God is **NEVER** late. He is **ALWAYS** on time. His delays are not denials — they are *designs*!

In fact, the **BEST** gift of all — **JESUS** — came at God's perfect time, too!

And because Jesus came, we can wait with **HOPE**.

🕒 Make a Trust Timer

Draw a BIG clock. At 12 o'clock, write something you're waiting for.

Around the edges, write: "God's timing is PERFECT for me!"

Color it bright and keep it by your bed.

**Baby Isaac Laughter Rattle**

1. Take a paper plate and fold it in half like a taco.
2. Put a small handful of dried beans or rice inside.
3. Staple or tape the edges closed.
4. Draw a big happy baby face on top — add googly eyes!
5. Color around the edges: yellow for joy, gold for God's promise.
6. Write across the top: "Isaac means LAUGHTER!"
7. Shake it and laugh out loud — HA HA HA!

**The Waiting Chain**

1. Cut strips of colored paper — one for each week until your next birthday.
2. On each strip, write ONE thing you trust God for.
3. Link them into a paper chain.
4. Each week, tear one off and read it aloud: "Thank You God for working while I wait!"
5. When the last link comes off — CELEBRATE!

Memory Verse Song (Tune: "Twinkle Twinkle"):

*"Isaac, Isaac, laughs with joy,
God keeps promises, oh boy!
Sarah waited, Abraham too,
God is faithful, He came through!"*

**Family Discussion Time**

1. Have you ever had to wait a LONG time for something? How did waiting feel?
2. Why do you think God made Abraham and Sarah wait 25 years for Isaac?
3. Sarah laughed because the promise seemed impossible. What seems impossible to you that you need to trust God for?
4. The angel asked: "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" What big thing can YOU trust God with this week?
5. Isaac's name means "laughter." What has God done in your life that makes you laugh with joy?
6. Galatians 4:4 says Jesus came "when the time had fully come." How is Jesus like God's perfect "Isaac" for the WHOLE world?

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When God's Time is Perfect, His Promise is Unstoppable!

Don't hurry the clock.
Don't pull up the seed.
Just trust the Gardener.
He knows exactly
when you need to **bloom.** 🌸

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