Lesson 6 The Birth of Isaac

Picture 8



Aim

To tell the story of the birth of Isaac. To teach that God promised Abraham that all nations would be blessed through him because through his family a Saviour would come.

Teacher Preparation: Seek God's blessing on you and your students as you prepare this lesson. Then read and study Genesis 17:15-19; 18:1-15; 21:1-8 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you....

And through you I will bless all the nations.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Ask the class to raise their hands if they know women who are expecting babies. They will probably have sisters or mothers who are pregnant.

Ask the class who knows of a grandmother who is expecting a baby.

There may be a young grandmother but not very many.

Ask, "Do you think a woman aged 90 could have a first baby?" Without going into biological details, establish the fact that by that age a woman is too old.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. *Show picture 8*. Point out Abraham, Sarah and Isaac. Abraham and Sarah are the parents of Isaac. Ask what is unusual about Abraham and Sarah. They have white hair. Sarah was 90 years old, and Abraham was 100. Isaac was their first child.

2. When God told Abraham that Sarah would have a child, Sarah laughed. God promised Abraham a big and important family, Gen. 17:6.

Say memory verse.

3. Put away picture 8 while you tell story of Gen 18:1-15. One day Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent. Abraham saw 3 visitors coming etc.

4. Tell how Abraham looked after the visitors.

5. One of the visitors said Sarah would have a son.

6. Sarah heard and laughed - she was too old..

7. God spoke to Abraham - nothing is too hard for God.

8. Show picture 8 again. When Isaac was born everyone was very happy. Abraham gave a feast when Isaac stopped having his mother's milk.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that Abraham was God's friend. God blessed Abraham in many ways. He became the father of God's people. God always keeps His promises.

About 2,000 years after Isaac's birth, God sent his son, Jesus Christ to earth. He was born a descendant of Abraham and Isaac as Saviour for all people. The memory verse speaks of him blessing all nations as he came to be our Saviour.

Our Response to the Lesson

Ask the class to give you some examples of promises that have been kept. For example, your father promised to buy you a new school uniform if you were promoted to the next class. You were promoted so you had a new school uniform. God's promises are very big. He always keeps them. We often break ours. God kept the promise that is mentioned in the memory verse.

Teach Memory Verse