

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #13
Genesis 18:1-15

Hook: How would you react if someone told you something that you didn't believe was true? Would come right out and say, "That's not true!" Or, maybe you would roll your eyes and shake your head to show that you don't believe them. You might even laugh and say, "That's ridiculous!"

Book: Well, in the book of Genesis we read more about Abraham and Sarah and how Sarah reacted when they were told something that was hard to believe. One day, while Abraham rested next to his tent, three men stood near by. We aren't told exactly who these men were, but Abraham seemed to know that one was the Lord so he invited them to stay a while. He made them feel comfortable and gave them food. Then, one of them (Jesus) said to Abraham: "**I will surely return to you about this time next year. Your wife Sarah will have a son.**" When He said this, Sarah was listening from inside the tent and it made her laugh because she didn't believe Him. After all, she had never been able to have a baby before. Now Abraham was old and she was too old to be a mother, she thought. But the Lord also said, "**Is anything too hard for me?**"

Look: The Lord, who knows everything, knew that Sarah laughed because she did not believe. God knows what we're thinking, even if we don't say it out loud. When the Lord gave her a chance to confess her unbelief, Sarah was afraid and lied, telling Him she didn't laugh. But the Lord knew and replied, "Yes, you laughed." Still, Sarah would soon learn that God would keep His promise.

Took: Sometimes it is hard to believe that God will keep His promises. Sometimes we may not totally believe that what He says is true. When you feel like that, don't be like Sarah and lie about it. Tell God that you are struggling to trust Him. Be honest about your unbelief. The Lord loves you and He will help you to believe His Word and trust Him. Remember, nothing is too hard for Him. He is our powerful God!

Bible Verse: "Is anything too hard for me?" Genesis 18:14a

Prayer: "Dear Lord, You are full of power. You are full of surprises! Help us to remember that nothing is too hard for You. Help us to believe that what You say You'll do, You'll do! Thank You for being a promise keeper. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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memory
verse

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parent/child
activity

Like Sarah, sometimes it's hard to believe that God will keep His promises. We may not totally believe that what He says is true. Yet, when we feel that way, we shouldn't be like Sarah and lie about it. Encourage your child to be honest with God when he's struggling to trust Him because the Lord loves his children and helps us to believe His Word and trust Him. Then, memorize today's verse together and repeat it to each other several times...and throughout the week. Write it on a piece of paper and have your child decorate it. Then hang it up for your whole household to see and be reminded.



daily prayer

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