



# Isaac Is Born

Genesis 21:1-6

Preschoolers love to laugh and be happy. They laugh at funny faces and at discoveries that delight them. They can make the connection between the things and people that make them happy. They won't necessarily make the connection that God makes them happy because God made all those things and people. But with examples and reminders, they have the ability to learn that truth. Use this lesson to help preschoolers understand that God is the one that makes them happy.



**Bible Point**  
God makes us happy.

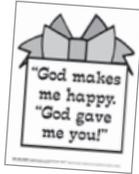
**Key Verse**  
"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will thank God for the happiness he brings to their lives.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>1</b> Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Welcome and Celebrate</b> Welcome each other, and praise God through music.</p>	<p>CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	
<p><b>2</b> Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Extra! Extra!</b> Practice the Key Verse, and perform it with motions.</p>	<p>Bible, newspaper</p>	
<p><b>3</b> Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Puppy Pointers</b> Hear how Theo's neighbor is having a baby shower.</p>	<p>CD player, Theo puppet, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, baby shower invitation</p> 	<p>Tape the baby shower invitation to Theo's paw.</p>
	<p><b>Bible Time: Isaac Is Born</b> Share a baby shower with Sarah and Abraham.</p>	<p>Bible, small blanket, doll</p>	<p>Set the doll outside the door.</p>

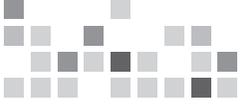
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weaving Faith Into Life</b> <i>about 20 min.</i> (Choose 2 centers.)</p>	<p><b>Center 1: Birth Certificate</b> Make pretend footprints on birth certificates.</p>	<p>My Bible Hugs, wet wipes (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> stamp pads</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Hugs student books, and write children's names on them. Add a drop or two of water to the stamp pads if they're dry.</p>
	<p><b>Center 2: A Joyful Shower</b> Celebrate the birth of Isaac.</p>	<p>CD player, 1 colorful cupcake per child, juice, cups, napkins, antibacterial gel (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	
	<p><b>Center 3: Baby Care Center</b> Practice taking care of babies.</p>	<p>baby doll, wet wipes, blanket, baby toy</p>	
	<p><b>Center 4: Gleeful Gift</b> Make posters for special people.</p>	<p>markers <b>Teacher Pack:</b> 1 copy per child of the "Gleeful Gift" handout</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lasting Impressions</b> <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges</b> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Hugs</p>	
	<p><b>Action Prayer</b> Hear prayers for each child.</p>		
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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## Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Kids, Come Join Us” (track 2), “Rejoice in the Lord Always” (Philippians 4:4) (track 7)

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Welcome and Celebrate



**Tip** Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

As the children arrive, greet each one with a smile. When it’s time to begin, use your signal to gather the children together sitting in a circle on the floor.

Lead children in singing “Kids, Come Join Us” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush.” Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.

🎵 **Kids, come join us on the floor,** (*make “come over” hand motion*)

**On the floor, on the floor.** (*point down*)

**Kids, come join us on the floor.** (*make “come over” hand motion*)

**We’ll worship God today.** (*wave hands in air*)

**God is here with us right now,** (*point up*)

**Us right now, us right now.** (*hug self*)

**God is here with us right now.** (*point up*)

**We’ll worship him today.** (*wave hands in air*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Say: **We can sing to God together because ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY! Let’s sing another happy song to God. The song uses the word *rejoice*. That means to be excited and happy.**

Have children stand, and lead them in singing “Rejoice in the Lord Always” (Philippians 4:4) (track 7 on the CD). Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.

🎵 **Rejoice! Rejoice!** (*jump in air*)

**And again I say rejoice!** (*wave hands*)

**Rejoice! Rejoice!** (*jump in air*)

**And again I say rejoice!** (*wave hands*)

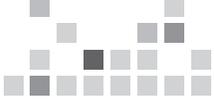
**Rejoice in the Lord always.** (*point up*)

**And again I say rejoice!** (*wave hands*)

**Rejoice in the Lord always.** (*point up*)

**And again I say rejoice!** (*wave hands*)



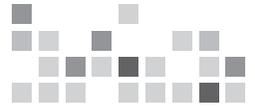


*(Repeat from the beginning 2x.)*

**Rejoice! Rejoice!** *(jump in air)*  
**And again I say rejoice!** *(wave hands)*  
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Say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY!** Today we'll learn how God brought happiness and joy into Abraham and Sarah's lives when they had a baby boy.

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**2**

**KEY VERSE  
ACTIVITY**

# Extra! Extra!

## What You'll Do

Have children form a circle and sit down.

Pick up the newspaper and pretend to read it. Pretend to be excited about what you're reading. Gasp a few times or say "Wow!" to get kids' attention.

Say: **A long time ago, people used to stand on street corners selling newspapers. If there was a really big and interesting news story, the person selling the newspaper might yell "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" This would make people stop and listen to hear what had happened. The people would also want to buy a copy of the paper to read the news.**

Open your Bible to Luke 11:9, and show children the words. Tell children that the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible tells us all kinds of great things about God's people—and it tells about exciting promises from God. Our Key Verse from the Bible, Luke 11:9, says, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This means when you pray, God will hear you. Let's say our Key Verse together.** Lead children in saying the adapted Key Verse with you: **Ask and God will hear you (Luke 11:9).**

Have the children stand in a line and practice saying the Key Verse with motions together:

- Ask** *(fold your hands in prayer)*
- And God** *(point to the sky)*
- Will hear** *(cup your hands behind your ears)*
- You.** *(point forward with both hands)*

## Extra! Extra! Supplies

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Bible  
newspaper





Once kids are comfortable saying the Key Verse, invite kids to share the good news of the Key Verse individually. Let each child say, “Extra! Extra! Read all about it in the Bible!” Then have him or her perform the Key Verse and motions for the others in your group.

Say: **Wow! What a great promise! If we pray, God promises to listen to us. Today we’ll hear about how God listened to Abraham and Sarah and made them happy. ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY, too! That’s great news! When we hear good news, we like to share it. So today we’ll share the good news of our Key Verse.**

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was it like to share the Key Verse with everyone?
- When you hear about something exciting, what do you do to share the news with your family and friends?
- Why do you think it’s important to share God’s good news with others?

Say: **We can tell everyone that God hears our prayers and that ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY. That’s great news! Let’s say our Key Verse together one more time.**

Lead children in repeating the adapted Key Verse with you: **Ask and God will hear you (Luke 11:9).**

## 3

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Puppy Pointers

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Listen, everyone, Theo’s coming! He has something to show us. Let’s find out what it is.** Play “Here, Theo” (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever.

**Theo:** Hi, everybody!

**Teacher:** Hello, Theo! It’s so good to see you at church with us today. What do you have there?

**Theo:** This is a baby shower invitation.

**Teacher:** Why do you have a baby shower invitation?

**Theo:** My neighbor is having a party for a new baby!

**Teacher:** Wow! That’s very exciting, Theo! New babies bring lots of happiness and joy.

**Theo:** Yeah, everyone’s pretty excited because my neighbor prayed for a baby and she’s really happy.

**Teacher:** That reminds me of our Bible Point for today. Friends, let’s say our Bible Point for Theo.

(Lead children in saying the Bible Point for Theo: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**)

### Puppy Pointers Supplies

CD player

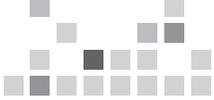
Theo puppet  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Here, Theo” (track 4)  
baby shower invitation

### Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Tape the baby shower  
invitation to Theo’s paw.



**Teacher:** We can be happy when new babies are born. God gives us new babies, and the babies bring us happiness.

**Theo:** I'm so excited about the baby. I'm going to go right now and buy a gift for the baby!

**Teacher:** That's a great idea! Friends, let's say goodbye to Theo.

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a baby you know.
- What do you like about babies?
- What are some other things God gives us that make you happy?

Say: **We'll read in the Bible today about a very special baby. Let's find out how God made this mother very happy. We'll also learn how ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

## Bible Time: Isaac Is Born

### What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 21, and show children the words. Tell children that the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Today as we read the Bible, we'll learn that ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

Say: **Today is special because we're going to pretend that Sarah and Abraham are visiting. Let's have a party for them and the baby they're having.** Have kids pretend to wrap gifts.

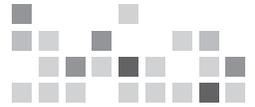
Have the children sit in a circle. Then say: **Hold your pretend gifts in your laps.**

**You'll each get a chance to pretend you're the guests of honor: Abraham or Sarah.** Choose one boy and one girl to be the first actors, and have them come to the center of the circle. Put the blanket over "Sarah's" shoulders and invite her to stick her tummy out to pretend she has a baby in her belly. Give Abraham the Bible to hold.

Say: **Let's welcome Abraham and Sarah to the celebration.** Encourage the children to welcome the two actors, and hand them pretend gifts.

Let each child have a chance to pretend to be Abraham or Sarah and be welcomed with gifts. Then place two chairs in the center of the circle. Hang the blanket on one and put the open Bible on the other. Then point to the chairs and say: **Let's pretend Abraham and Sarah are sitting right here with us.**

Cup your hand over your ear, and say: **Do you hear that? I think we may have another**



### Bible Time: Isaac Is Born Supplies

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Bible  
small blanket  
doll

### Bible Time: Isaac Is Born Easy Prep

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Set the doll outside the door.





**visitor, too. I think Abraham and Sarah's baby has arrived.** Encourage the children to cup their ears, too. Then lean outside the door and make a loud cry before carrying the doll back to the circle of children.

Say: **Did you hear that crying? Baby Isaac is here now, too.** Let the children pass the doll around the group, encouraging them to hold the baby carefully.

Get the baby from the children. Then say: **God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby, just as he promised. They named him Isaac, which means "laughter." God brought them laughter, and everyone who hears about old Sarah having a baby can laugh with them because ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

Invite the children to show different ways to laugh.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a time you laughed like Abraham and Sarah.
- What about God makes you happy?

Say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY** in lots of ways, and he can do really great things in our lives. He brought Sarah a baby when she thought she was too old to have a baby. When things happen that make you laugh or make you happy this week, remember that ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

#### Center 1: Birth Certificate Supplies

My Bible Hugs wet wipes (optional)

**Teacher Pack** stamp pads

#### Center 1: Birth Certificate Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book, and write children's names on them. Add a drop or two of water to the stamp pads if they're dry.

## 4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

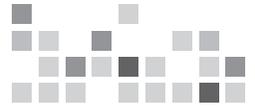
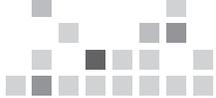
Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.

### ■ CENTER 1:

## Birth Certificate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a My Bible Hugs Lesson 12 page. Say: **Abraham and Sarah had a son named Isaac! Today when a baby is born, the hospital makes a birth certificate like this one.** Point to the birth certificate on the page.



Say: **On the birth certificate, they put a lot of things, like the baby’s footprints. Let’s make footprints on these birth certificates.** Set out the stamp pads.

Have the kids make fists. Have each child press a fist straight down, with the thumb side of the fist up, onto a stamp pad. Then have children press their stamped fist onto their certificates. Show kids how to add toes to the “footprint” with the tip of one finger. Have each child repeat the procedure with the other hand to make a pair of footprints.

Have the children clean their hands.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What were you like when you were a baby?
- Why were your parents happy when you were born?

Say: **Abraham and Sarah were so happy when Isaac was born, and I’m sure there were people who were so happy when you were born! God made all those people happy when he made those babies, and he does other things that make people happy, too. ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY through all the good things he does in our lives.**

Encourage children to ask their parents to show them their birth certificates when they get home.

## ■ CENTER 2:

# A Joyful Shower

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have children clean their hands and then sit down for the snack. Pass out colorful cupcakes and juice. Say: **Let’s have a party to celebrate Isaac’s birth!** Invite one child to thank God for the snack and for making everyone happy.

### Center 2: A Joyful Shower Supplies

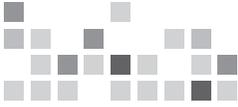
- CD player
- 1 colorful cupcake per child
- juice
- cups
- napkins
- antibacterial gel (optional)

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Sarah Had a Baby Boy” (track 25)

**! ALLERGY ALERT**





To continue the celebration of Isaac's birth, when children finish eating, lead them in singing "Sarah Had a Baby Boy" (track 25 on the CD) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."



**Sarah had a** (*hold hands on stomach*)

**Baby boy, baby boy, baby boy.** (*cradle and rock arms*)

**Sarah had a** (*hold hands on stomach*)

**Baby boy.** (*cradle and rock arms*)

**He brought his family joy.** (*point to your happy face*)

(Repeat 3x.)

### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was your favorite part of our celebration?
- What things do you want to celebrate about God?

Say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.** And there are many things to celebrate and be happy about. Abraham and Sarah were so happy about their new baby boy; so they celebrated that. Your family was happy when you were born, too. And they probably celebrated, too. We can celebrate all the things God does that make us happy.

### CENTER 3:

## Baby Care Center



**Tip** You can borrow the baby items from your church nursery.

### What You'll Do

Have kids sit in a circle. Lay the baby doll and baby items in the middle of the circle.

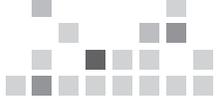
Say: **Babies can't do things for themselves, so their parents or other adults take care of them. What are some ways we take care of babies?** Allow time.

Say: **Let's pass the baby around carefully while we say our Bible Point, ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY, in different happy voices. If the Bible Point ends while you're holding the baby, you can take a baby item from the center and show a way to take care of the baby with that item.** Demonstrate for kids, and then check for understanding.

Lead the children in saying ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY** several times in different voices and at different speeds. Encourage joyfulness and silliness as you say the Bible Point in several different ways. Play as time allows. As kids play, remind them to pass the baby carefully.

#### Center 3: Baby Care Center Supplies

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baby doll  
wet wipes  
blanket  
baby toy



### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a way of taking care of babies that you're good at.
- How does God take care of you?

Say: **One way** ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY** is by taking good care of us, just as you were taking good care of this baby doll.

### **CENTER 4:**

## Gleeful Gift

### What You'll Do

Say: **God made Abraham and Sarah happy by giving them Isaac.** ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY** by giving us special people in our lives.

Say: **Today you'll make a poster to tell a special person in your life that you're thankful God put him or her in your life.**

Give each child a "Gleeful Gift" handout. Say: **Your poster says, "God makes me happy. God gave me you!"** Encourage kids to decorate their posters as you walk around and ask kids about what they're drawing.

### Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about how your person makes you happy.
- What can you do to thank God for that person?

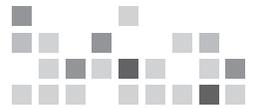
Say: **God loves us, and** ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY**— he brings people into our lives that make us happy. Give your poster to the special person this week and tell that person you're thankful for him or her!

## **5** LASTING IMPRESSIONS

## Daily Challenges

### What You'll Do

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area



### Center 4: Gleeful Gift Supplies

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markers

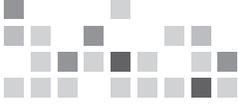
#### Teacher Pack

1 copy per child of the "Gleeful Gift" handout

### Daily Challenges Supplies

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My Bible Hugs





on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about what they learned from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: **Today we learned that ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY. I would like each of you to choose a way to thank God this week when something happens that makes you happy.**

Give kids these three challenges to choose from:

- **Give your mom or dad a big hug, and thank God for giving you a wonderful family that makes you happy!**
- **Ask your mom or dad to make your favorite dessert. Thank God for the treat. Then while you eat it, talk about why a special treat makes you happy.**
- **Before bed one night, thank God for everything that made you happy that day.**

Have kids each whisper in your ear or tell you which idea they've chosen, and then circle it on each child's My Bible Hugs page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

## Action Prayer

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Take this opportunity to thank God for each child in your group individually and let kids say thank you to God, as well. Use the following example as a pattern.

Pray: **Dear Lord, Thank you so much for** [name of child]. Invite the child you named to thank God for something that makes him or her happy. After each child has a chance to pray, end the prayer: **In Jesus' name, amen.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their My Bible Hugs pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Daily Challenges" activity. Encourage the parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment during the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

