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**FUNDOCY Homework: People of the Promise**

Lesson Taught on Sunday, October 21

Homework Due: Sunday, November 4

*The focus of this week’s lesson is on the promise God made to Abraham, as well as the journey of faith Abraham and Sarah experienced as they followed God’s promise. Abraham and Sarah were called from their homes to a cloudy future. They had next to nothing—no land, and no people to their name. They couldn’t have children on their own. The only thing they really had was the promise of God. God promised them they would have a son and all the families of the world would be blessed through them. Because of their faith, a child was born and through their descendents Christ came to the world. We are heirs to this same promise. God is still calling us to venture out in faith, live boldly, and bless the world.*

*So what now? As we study the story of Abraham and Sarah, we are called to ask the question: “How has God blessed me? How might God be calling me to step out in faith and bless others?”*

**Part I: The Lesson**

1. Read Genesis 12:1-7.
2. How do you think Abraham felt when God commanded him to leave his country and travel to a new land? (Scared, excited, angry, etc.) Why?

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3. Highlight verses 2-3. What do you think God means by “and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”?

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4. Read Genesis 15:5-6.
5. Even though God had promised to bless Abram (in Genesis 12), here Abram doubts God’s promise because he has yet to have any children. But what does God promise in Genesis 15:5?

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6. Read Genesis 18:9-15.
7. How old were your parents when you were born? \_\_\_\_\_

Ask your parents what they think about having a baby at age 100. If God came to them at age 100 and announced that they were going to have a baby, what would they say? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Read Genesis 21:3 and write "Isaac=laughter" in the margin...because that's what Isaac's name means! His name highlights just how ridiculous Sarah and Abraham thought God's plan was.
9. Read Genesis 21:5-6 and write "Promise fulfilled" in the margin. How do you think Abraham and Sarah felt when Isaac was finally born? \_\_\_\_\_
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10. God once called an old couple to go on a faith journey. If they would make this journey of faith:
- A. They would be given a land of their own,
  - B. Their children would become a great nation,
  - C. Their children would become a blessing to the world,
  - D. All of the above
11. The old couple who would bless the world were named:
- A. Adam and Eve,
  - B. Abraham and Sarah,
  - C. Abram and Sarai,
  - D. Both B and C, but not in that order
12. How old was Abraham when God made the promise?
- A. 15,
  - B. 55,
  - C. 75,
  - D. Younger than our pastor but not as good looking
13. When told she would have a baby, Sarah:
- A. Laughed,
  - B. Screamed,
  - C. Cried,
  - D. Went out and bought a bigger tent
14. The name "Isaac" means:
- A. "You've Got To Be Joking,"
  - B. "Sacrifice,"
  - C. "Laughter" or "God Laughs,"
  - D. "I'm Way Too Old For This"
15. God made a covenant with Abraham. What's a covenant?
- A. A place where nuns hang out,
  - B. A percussion instrument used in ancient jazz bands,
  - C. A binding agreement between two parties,
  - D. The name for a group of geese, quail, or dodo birds

16. The OT is basically the story of:
- A. One quarrelsome family that couldn't get along,
  - B. One blessed family called to bless the world,
  - C. One blessed but dysfunctional family making one bad decision after another over the span of a couple thousand years,
  - D. All of the above if you really think about it
17. Christians are sometimes called "People of the Promise" because:
- A. The promise of Abraham continued on from Abraham to Christ and from Christ to us,
  - B. We promise to be good so God will love us,
  - C. We eat Promise® Margarine,
  - D. None of the above
18. Genesis 12:3, says, "I will bless you and make your name great so that...":
- A. "...you will be popular,"
  - B. "...you can get your face on a Wheaties box,"
  - C. "...you will be a blessing,"
  - D. "...you will be filthy, stinking rich"

**Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)**

1. Describe a time when you felt God calling you to go somewhere, do something to help someone, or say something to defend someone.

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2. What gave you the strength or courage to do what God called you to do?

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3. According to Genesis 12:2-3, what is the purpose of great blessing? If you are blessed in a great way (with talents, money, fame, power, celebrity) what does God expect you to do with that blessing?

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4. A friend's mother just died from cancer. "I think God has abandoned me", she says. How might you respond to her?

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