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The Whirl Kids Study Bible invites kids to enter the Bible in creative, colorful ways.

The characters from the Whirl videos are found throughout the pages of the Bible to help kids dive deeper into stories, ask questions, and make connections to their own lives.

When kids explore God's Word using the Whirl Bible, they learn how the story of God's people spans thousands of years, 66 books, and hundreds of people. They'll also see how the Bible is part of their story today.



# Meet the Whirl Kids

Look for the kids to show up together and talk about parts of the story!



*Hi, I'm Mimi! I love languages and geography and ponies and doing cartwheels. I think the Bible is super stupendous—it describes really amazing people in really amazing places. Like Moses in Egypt. Joshua in Jericho. And Jesus and the disciples in Galilee and all around Jerusalem!*

*The apostle Paul and many other early Christians even traveled to extra faraway places to tell the good news of Jesus. That's exactly what I'm going to do . . . in print form! You can find me all over this Bible with fabulous notes on locations and geography.*

*Hey, I'm Gabe. I'm just your average guy. And like most average guys I have a lot of questions.*

*Do you sometimes ask yourself what the deal is with all the stories and messages in the Bible? Do you ever wonder how the Bible applies to your life? Did you know that I'm here to ask questions to get you thinking as you read this Bible?*



*Leo, here. Science and technology are my fortes, but I also excel in history, vocabulary, culture, and other fascinating facts.*

*I'm here to educate you on a plethora of fascinating biblical trivia that will give you contextual insights into Bible passages and perhaps one day earn you a slot on your local Bible Scholars Bowl team!*



*I'm Ruby, and I help people figure stuff out and make stuff happen. I'm all about action! The Bible isn't just something to read and memorize, but something to live out. Good thing I'm here to get you people moving.*

# How to Use This Bible Sampler

Welcome to your Bible sampler for the story of Abraham and Sarah.  
Here's how to use this sampler.

Check out the book intro to learn more about the book of Genesis.

Read the Bible story with your group during the lesson.

## Genesis

### WHO is this book for?

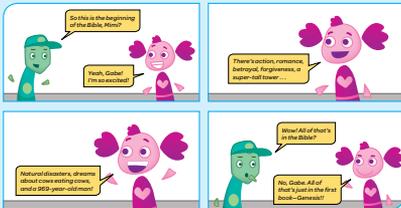
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Read what the Whirl kids are saying in the margins to learn more about the story of Abraham and Sarah and how it connects to your own life.



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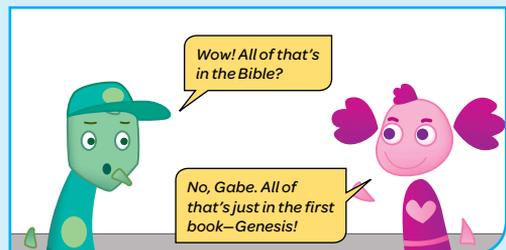
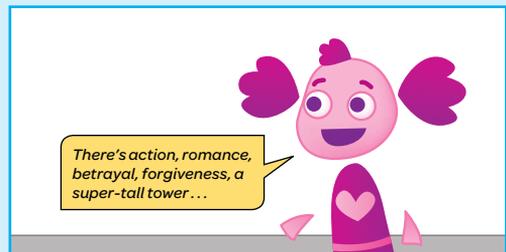
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7 Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”<sup>8</sup> But he said, “O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”<sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD<sup>c</sup> said to Abram, “Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for

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you and me!”<sup>6</sup> But Abram said to Sarai, “Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

7 The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.<sup>8</sup> And he said, “Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am running away from my mistress Sarai.”<sup>9</sup> The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit to her.”<sup>10</sup> The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.”

<sup>11</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael,<sup>a</sup> for the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

<sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.”

<sup>13</sup> So she named the LORD who spoke to her, “You are El-roi”;<sup>b</sup> for she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?”<sup>c</sup> <sup>14</sup> Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi;<sup>d</sup> it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

15 Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.<sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him<sup>e</sup> Ishmael.

### THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

**17** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty;<sup>f</sup> walk before me,

and be blameless.<sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.”<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram,<sup>g</sup> but your name shall be Abraham;<sup>h</sup> for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.<sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring<sup>i</sup> after you.<sup>8</sup> And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.”

9 God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.<sup>10</sup> This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.<sup>11</sup> You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.<sup>12</sup> Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring.<sup>13</sup> Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.<sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut



#### 17:3-6

Names carry a lot of meaning. Find out why you were given your name. Does it have a special meaning? Write it here.

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**17:15-17**

When have you thought something was impossible? How has God made impossible things possible for people in your life?

off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

15 God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!” <sup>19</sup>God said, “No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. <sup>a</sup> I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup>As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took his son Ishmael and all the slaves born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. <sup>24</sup>Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>25</sup>And his son Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>26</sup>That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised; <sup>27</sup>and all the men of his house, slaves born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

**A SON PROMISED TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH**

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham <sup>b</sup> by the oaks <sup>c</sup> of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures <sup>d</sup> of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful

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for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”<sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

## THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

**21** The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised.<sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.<sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.<sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.<sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.<sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.”<sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

## HAGAR AND ISHMAEL SENT AWAY

<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.<sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.<sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.”<sup>11</sup> The matter was very

distressing to Abraham on account of his son.<sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.”<sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.”<sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.<sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.<sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.”<sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.”<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.<sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

<sup>a</sup> Gk Vg: Heb lacks *with her son Isaac*



  
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