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Children Of Promise

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Galatians 4:28

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Isaac

Genesis 17:19

Long ago, God made a promise to Abraham that his family would be a great nation. But he and his wife Sarah had no children.

One day, God appeared to Abraham and told him that Sarah would have a son. Most people thought that Abraham and Sarah were too old to have a baby. Abraham and Sarah waited and trusted God. They knew God would keep his promise. Soon Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy named Isaac; they loved him very much.

One day when Isaac was a young man, God spoke to Abraham again. He told Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham listened and obeyed God. Early one morning he and Isaac set out for the top of a high mountain. As they walked along Isaac asked where the lamb for the offering was. Abraham told him that God would provide a lamb for the offering. At the top of the mountain Abraham built an altar, he bound Isaac and placed him on the altar. As Abraham raised his knife to complete the sacrifice he heard a voice from heaven. God told him not to harm Isaac. Just then Abraham saw a ram caught in the bushes nearby. He offered the ram in place of Isaac. Abraham knew that God had a plan for Isaac.

Many years later, Abraham knew that Isaac needed a wife to love him and care for him. Abraham knew that Isaac's wife should come from his own people. Abraham called for his most trusted servant and sent him back to Haran to choose a wife for Isaac. The servant was worried that he would not be able to get the young lady to come back with him. Abraham told him that God would show him what to do.

The journey was long, hot and dusty. At last he came to the town and rested in the shade near a well. While he was resting he said a prayer that God would show him the right wife for Isaac. Soon some young ladies came to the well for water. He knew that the young lady that gave him water, and offered to water his camels, was the one God had chosen to be Isaac's wife; Rebekah.

The servant was so happy and he thanked God for helping him. The servant went to Rebekah's house to meet her family and ask permission for her to marry Isaac. Rebekah agreed to go back to Canaan. She and the servant set out for the long journey. As they neared Abraham's home, Isaac came out to meet them. He loved her as soon as he saw her. Isaac and Rebekah were very happy. Soon God gave them twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Jacob's family would become the family of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Isaac was a very special child. He was chosen to fulfill God's promise to Abraham. God always keeps his promises!

Coloring Activity

Abraham offers Isaac.

Joseph

Genesis 45:7

Jacob loved his wife Rachel very much but they did not have any children. Rachel had wanted a child for many years. God had not forgotten his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to make their family a great nation. He sent Rachel a son, whom she named Joseph.

Jacob had twelve sons. He loved all of them, but one was special. His name was Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph a coat made with many different colors. All of the other brothers were very jealous.

Joseph began having dreams about his family bowing down to him. This made the brothers and Jacob very upset. They wanted Joseph to stop talking about the dreams.

One day Jacob sent Joseph out to find his brothers. Jacob did not know it, but the brothers were waiting to catch Joseph, and they threw him into a big hole in the ground. Soon the brothers saw a big group of men on their way to Egypt. The brothers sold their brother Joseph to them. They thought they would be rid of Joseph forever.

The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colors and dipped it in blood and tore holes in it. They took the coat to their father. Jacob was so sad. He thought Joseph was gone forever.

In Egypt, Jacob had to work very hard. He was a slave. Then Joseph was put in jail for something he did not do. One night the king of Egypt had a dream that no one could explain. The king heard that Joseph could understand dreams, so the king sent for Joseph.

The king told Joseph what he had dreamed. Joseph explained that the dream meant that Egypt was going to have seven years of harvest, lots of food, and seven years of famine, or no food. The king was very pleased. He put Joseph in charge of gathering and storing food.

The famine came. People came from far away to buy food. One day Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food from Joseph. They did not recognize him. He wanted to make sure they had changed. When he was sure they had, he told them who he was. They were very ashamed. Joseph did not want them to be sad. He told them that God had sent him to Egypt so that he would be able to take care of them.

Joseph sent them back to get their families, their flocks, and their father, Jacob. They returned to Egypt with their father and Joseph was so glad to see him. Joseph and his family lived together in Egypt for many years. They were thankful that God had taken care of them.

Joseph was a very special child. He was chosen by God to save his own family and many others. God always keeps his promises!

Coloring Activity

Joseph wore his coat of many colors.

Samuel

Samuel 11:14

There was a man named Elkanah. He had a wife named Hannah. Even though Hannah wanted very much to have children, she had none.

Every year they would go to Shiloh to worship in the tabernacle. Hannah prayed year after year for the God to give her a son. Hannah wanted a child badly, and others made fun of her for not having one.

One year, Hannah was very upset because she did not have a child. She went to the tabernacle to pray. Hannah cried a lot during her prayer. She did not pray out loud but her lips were moving. She promised God that if He would give her a son, she would give him back to the Lord. Eli, the priest, was watching her and he thought she was drunk. He did not understand how sad Hannah was. He told her to stop drinking.

Hannah told him how upset she was and that she had been asking God to hear her prayer. Eli then understood and told Hannah to go in peace, and that he hoped God would answer her prayer. A year later, Hannah received her answer from God. A son was born to her and she named him Samuel.

Hannah did not go with her family on their yearly trip until Samuel was weaned. She knew it was time for her to go with her family to worship. It was time for her to keep her promise to God. When the family got to the tabernacle, Hannah found Eli, the priest. She reminded him that she was the woman who had been praying so hard. Hannah told Eli that he had prayed for Samuel and God had granted her prayer. She was now giving him back to the Lord. From that year on, Hannah only saw Samuel when the family went to the tabernacle to worship. She was not sad; she knew that she and Samuel were doing what the Lord wanted them to do.

One night when Samuel was a boy, he heard a voice calling. He thought it was Eli. Eli told him that he had not called him and to go back to bed. Samuel heard the voice again but Eli still said it was not him. When Samuel had heard the voice for the third time, Eli realized that it was God speaking to him. He told Samuel to go back to bed and listen; if he heard the call again, he was to answer, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." God had a special message for Samuel. He was to tell Eli that his sons had been very wicked and He was going to punish them. Samuel did not want to tell Eli what God had told him. He did not want to make Eli sad but he knew that he must give Eli the message. Eli knew that the message was true.

Samuel was a special child. He often heard God speak to him. He always said what God wanted him to say. Because he obeyed God, the people of Israel trusted him. He showed them the right way to live. God always keeps his promises!

Coloring Activity

Hannah prayed for a son, and she named him Samuel.

John the Baptist

Luke 1:17

Zechariah was a priest in the temple. His wife was Elizabeth. They were both very old and had no children. Zechariah and Elizabeth loved God very much and followed all his commandments. They often talked about God to each other.

Zechariah was chosen out of all the priests for a special duty in the temple. Zechariah would pray inside the temple for all of Israel. Elizabeth and all of the other people would wait outside and pray. While Zechariah was praying an angel appeared. Zechariah was very frightened. The angel had been sent by God to tell Zechariah that his prayer had been heard. Elizabeth would have a baby and his name would be John. He would be a very special man and would tell the people to get ready for God's son. Zechariah could not believe how this could be possible. They were much too old to have a baby. Because of Zechariah's disbelief God caused him to be mute. He would not be able to speak until the baby was born.

Zechariah had been in the temple a long time. Elizabeth was getting worried. When Zechariah finally came out she knew something had happened. Zechariah could not speak.

At last the day came and Elizabeth's baby was born. Lots of friends and family came to see the baby. Everyone called him baby Zechariah. Elizabeth told them that his name was John, not Zechariah. The friends were confused; the first child was always called by the father's name. Zechariah then wrote a message for them all to read that said the baby's name was John. As soon he had written the message and obeyed God, Zechariah could speak again.

John grew strong in the spirit of God and became a prophet. He had a very strange appearance. His clothes were made of camel's hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. Many people came to hear him preach. His message was simple. He told the people to repent from their sins and to get ready for the Savior's coming. Many people believed John's message and were baptized in the Jordan River. Because he baptized the believers he was known as "John the Baptist."

One day Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. John knew that Jesus was the Savior. At first he couldn't understand why Jesus needed to be baptized, because Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus told John that he must baptize Him in order to obey God. As John brought Jesus up out of the water he saw a dove (which was the spirit of God) resting on Jesus' shoulder. He heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John was a very special child. He was sent by God to tell the world about Jesus and the plan of salvation. God always keeps his promises!

Coloring Activity

John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Jesus

Genesis 3:15

Mary and Joseph lived in the little village of Nazareth in Galilee. They were going to be married soon. Mary loved the Lord, and she knew that God had promised to send a Savior. Joseph was the village carpenter and a descendant of the royal line of David, Israel's greatest king.

God was very pleased with Mary. One day God sent the angel Gabriel to give Mary a very special message. The angel told her she was going to have a baby and to call his name Jesus. An angel also visited Joseph during a dream. He told Joseph that Mary was going to have a baby; the Son of God. The angel also told Joseph to call the baby Jesus, and that He would save the world.

While Mary and Joseph waited for Jesus to be born, the ruler of their country made a new law. Everyone had to travel back to his home town to be counted. Mary and Joseph would have to go all the way to Bethlehem. Mary knew the trip would be long, but she also knew that the prophets had said that God's son would be born in Bethlehem.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the town was very crowded. There was no room for them in the inn. The innkeeper let them stay in the stable with the animals. Mary knew the baby would be born soon. When the baby was born Mary wrapped him up warmly and laid him in the manger, where the animals' hay was kept.

Out in the fields of Bethlehem, shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks. Suddenly an angel appeared to them. The angel told them that in the City of David, the Savior of the world had been born: and they would find him wrapped warmly, lying in a manger. The shepherds hurried into town, eager to see the Savior. When they had seen the baby, they told everyone they met.

Wise men from the east, being led by a star, searched for the baby that was born king. When they entered the house, they bowed down to worship Him. They brought with them gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the king. When the wise men left Bethlehem on their journey home, they took a different way. God had warned them in a dream the wicked King Herod wanted to harm the baby.

Jesus was a very special child. He was sent to save the world. God always keeps his promises!

Coloring Activity

Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem.