

Sunday Club at Home

Hi Everyone,

Sunday 21st June

Hope you are all well and staying safe.

Today we are celebrating families and in particular the men in your family and the men that are special in your family. It may be your Dad, Grandad, brother or an Uncle. Today's story is about a family and you are part of this family, lets watch the video and see what happens.

Story - from the Bible Genesis 15: 1-6, 18:10-15 21:1-7

Our story this week is from the very beginning of the Bible. Genesis is the first book in the Old Testament.

For everyone - God's Story: Abraham and Sarah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdqrwGJYePQ>

For everyone - The story told by REAL children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNSZ22QKDUE>

Just for the adults -

Overview of the Book of Genesis in just 8 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo>



Story for our youngest children from the Play along Bible written by Bob Hartman. An interactive story for our younger Children
The Story is **A Promise Kept** from the Play along Bible written by Bob Hartman
Follow the instructions in Red

A Promise Kept Genesis 15: 1-6, 18:10-15 21:1-7

Sarah was very old (Croak, "I'm old")

Her husband, Abraham, was even older (Croak "I'm older")

They wanted to have children, but they couldn't. (Make a sad face)

So God gave them a promise (Cross your heart)

I will give you a big family (Make a big circle with your arms)

More than the stars in the sky (move your fingers like twinkling stars)

When Sarah heard this, she laughed (Laugh)

But God kept his promise (Give a thumbs up)

Sarah had a baby (Pretend to rock a baby)

She called him Isaac, which means "laughter" (Laugh again, louder)

Another Story for Older Children - Son of Laughter - taken from the Storybook Bible
written by Bob Hartman

Son of Laughter God's Promise to Abraham From Genesis 12-21

Years passed and things didn't get any better.

People were still just as cruel and mean to one another. They still get sick and died. The world was still full of tears. It was never meant to be like this.

But God was getting ready to do something about it. He was going to make all the wrong things right, and he was going to do it through.... A family.

'Abraham', God said, "How many stars are there?" God was about to tell his friend a wonderful secret.

"Let me see, Abraham said, rolling up his sleeves, (But have you ever tried counting stars? Then you will know how hard it is) "993, 994, 997, Uh-Oh. No. Wait. 1,2,...." Of course, he kept losing count. "Too many! He said. "Guess what!" God laughed "I will give you so many children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, you won't be able to count them either"

Abraham couldn't help giggling at such a wonderful idea. But he stopped himself. How could he have a family? Don't be silly. He didn't have any children, let alone grandchildren. He wiped away a tear. Anyway, it was far too late for him to start having babies at his age he was 99 years old! What could God mean? "Abraham", God said. "Believe me".

And then God told Abraham his Secret Rescue Plan.

“Abraham, I will make your family very big”. God promised. “Until one day, your family will come to number more that even all the stars in the sky.”

Abraham looked at the dark night sky, thick with stars.

“You will be my special family, my people, and through you everyone on earth will be blessed!”

It was an incredible promise God was going to rescue the world through Abraham’s family! One of his Great-great-great grandchildren would be the Child, the Promised One, the Rescuer.

“But it’s too wonderful!” Abraham said. “How can it be true?” “Is anything too good to be true?” God asked “Is anything too wonderful for me?”

So, Abraham trusted what God said more than what his eyes could see. And he believed. Now when Abraham’s wife, Sarah, heard God’s promise, she just laughed to herself. But it wasn’t a happy laugh, it had tears in it. She’d always wanted a baby, could her dream come true? Could she really have a baby when she was 90 years old? No, of course not, don’t be silly, it was far too late.

Sarah didn’t believe God could do that he promised. She had forgotten that when God says something, it’s as good as done.

Sure enough, nine months later, just as God had promised, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy. They named him Isaac, which means “Son of Laughter”. And Sarah laughed. But this time it was a glorious, happy laugh. Her dream had come true.

God would do as he promised. He would always look after Abraham’s family, his special people. And one day, God would send another baby, a baby promised to a girl and this baby would bring laughter to the whole world. This baby would be everyone’s dream come true.

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Song

For everyone – be warned very energetic with actions and lots of fun

FATHER ABRAHAM LYRIC & DANCE VIDEO - Kids on the Move

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASXowiv3FAC>

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Puzzle Sheet – print off the puzzle sheet about today’s story.

Time to Pray –

Make More Puppets - from the activity list - one for each member of your family who you want to celebrate. When you have made, them place them in a circle on the floor and include them in our prayer time

Star Prayers

Draw as many stars as you want. Then cut them out.

Then make sure there is one for every member of your family.

Draw or write the names of the people one on each star.

Then write or draw on the extra stars for someone who you know but haven't seen for a while and if you have any leftover draw or write some of your church family or people from Sunday Club.

Look at all the stars and remember what God said "he would make a family that would be more than the stars in the sky.

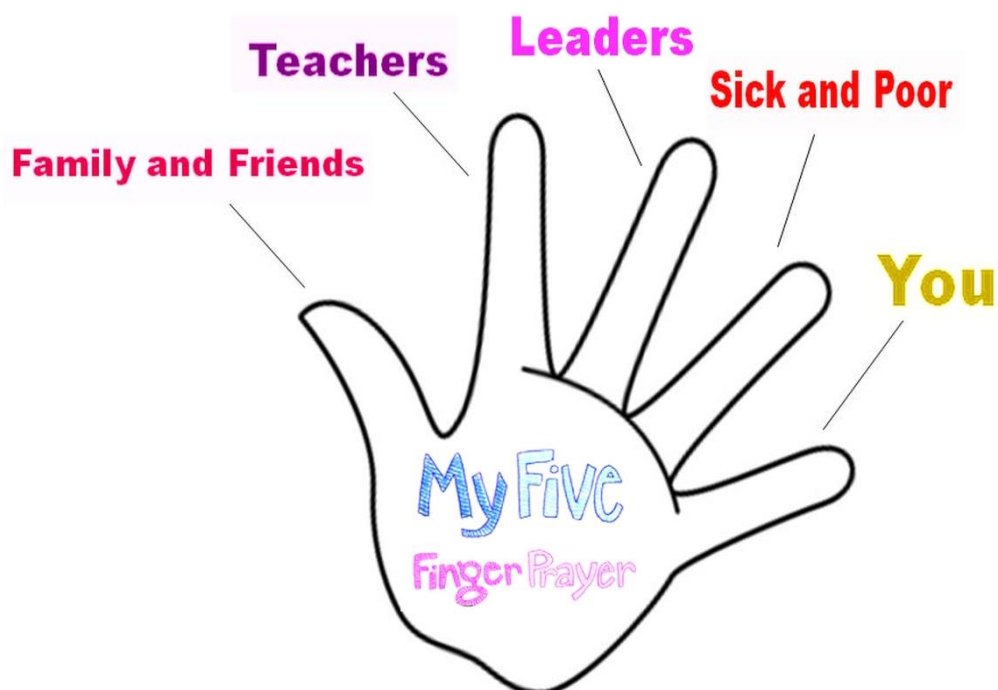
All these people are part of your family - your family at home, your family at Church and Sunday Club and your family in the Community.

If you have a Batterie Operated Candle place it in the middle of the stars to show God's shining light in the world. (if you need to use a real candle remember to supervise the candle and don't leave it light after you have finished your prayers). You can all blow the candle out at the end.

After you have said the Lord's Prayer.

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You could think of other prayers for each finger -



Activities

The activities today are things that you can give to the special men in your family. Like Isaac was special to his family this people are special to your family.

Make a Card - Make cards for the men that are special in your family

You will need

Card / Colouring Pencils / Felt tips / Glue / Things to decorate the card with

What to do

Draw and decorate the front of the card

Then write or draw something in side

Remember to write who the card is to and who it's from.

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Make a Tie

You will need

A piece of Card (A4) / Decorations / Glue / Colouring pencils/felt tips / Ribbon / Sticky tape

What to do

Draw a tie front on the card. Then cut it out. Then using the decorations and your colouring pencils to make it very special Then attach the ribbon to the back or the tie at the top. You can send a message on the back

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Make a Rosette

You will need

A paper plate / Decorations / Glue / Colouring Pencils or felt tips / Sticky tape

Large safety Pin / Coloured paper or ribbon

What to do

First decorate the paper plate, remember to put the name of the person on the plate.

Then using the coloured paper or ribbon cut two tails to fit on the bottom of the paper plate.

Then turn the plate over and using the sticky tape position the safety Pin.

I am sure they will wear it with pride.

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Rock Message

You will need

A large Pebble / Paints or Permanent Markers / Some sparkles

What to do

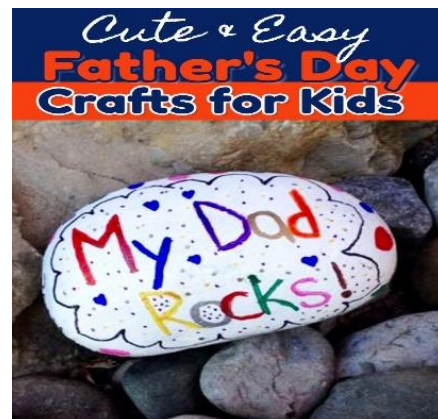
Wash the Large Pebble

Then decide which is the side you want to decorate (this will also depend on how the pebble lies on the surface sometime the flatter side needs to be on the bottom to keep it still).

Then decorate the pebble with your paints or markers to the design of your choice. (remember to include the person's name - e.g. Daddy, Granddad, uncle Pete)

Leave to dry if you have painted

Then decorate with sparkly things if you have them.



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Puppet Craft

You will need

Lolly ice sticks or spatulas / Card / Wool / Wobbly eyes (optional) / Glue / Colouring Pencils or felt tips

What to do

Take the card and cut out the number of heart, you need for the number of puppets you want to make.

Then in the middle of the hearts draw the face of the person you are making a puppet of.

Add wool for hair and if you have wobbly eyes use them as well.

If you haven't got wool or wobbly eyes draw them on.

When you have finished, the face use the glue to stick your heart onto the stick.

Then write the person's name on the stick with your marker pen.

When you have finished them all you can make up a play about them and use the puppets to tell the story.



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Make Cakes

You can make some cupcakes or a big cake or even biscuits to celebrate the special men in your family.

Please use the recipes that have been provided in previous weeks or a favourite recipe from home. Have fun and enjoy celebrating Family.

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