

Teacher's Supplement - God's Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (10 minutes)

Section 1

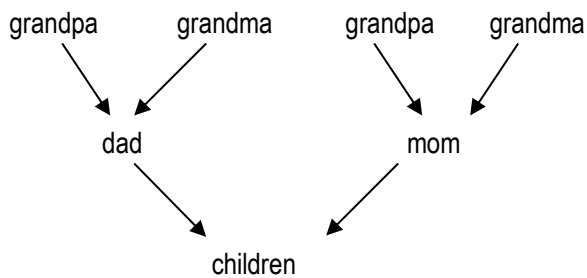
Prior to class:

Abraham's Family Tree:

1. Illustrate that Abraham was a descendant of Noah.
 - a. Shem (Son of Noah; ancestor of Terah)
 - b. Terah (Abraham's father).
2. Abraham's descendants are listed in "Abraham's Family Tree Diagram" (Shown below. Exclude Jacob's sons in your diagram)
 - a. Consider cutting and using illustrations in **Materials**.

Generic Family Tree:

Family Tree



Lesson Development (15-20 minutes)

Section 1

Abram and Sarai

"Story - God's Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" located on pages below.

Section 2

Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, and Jacob

"Story - God's Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" located on pages below.

Suggestions/Scriptures for Further Study/ Exploration/Extension of Topic

Extension of lesson:

The story of Joseph
The story of Moses
The story of the Choice Seer

Church Education Lesson

Covenants

Abraham's Family Tree Diagram



Story - God's Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

1) A long time ago, about 2,000 years after the fall of Adam, a man named Abram lived in the land of Ur. The land of Ur was close to the Tower of Babel. Abram may have lived about two hundred years after the Tower.

2) Abram was a righteous man, which meant he knew God, He believed God, and He listened to God. Abram's wife was Sarai. After many years of marriage they had no children. Abram wanted a son. When Abram was seventy-five years old, God told him to move to the land of Canaan, which God promised to him and his children. Abram packed up his belongings and moved. God promised Abram that (a) he would become a father of many nations, (b) every nation of the world would be blessed because of his family, (c) his family would be special to God (God would protect and provide for them) and (d) the land of Canaan would belong to him and his children forever.

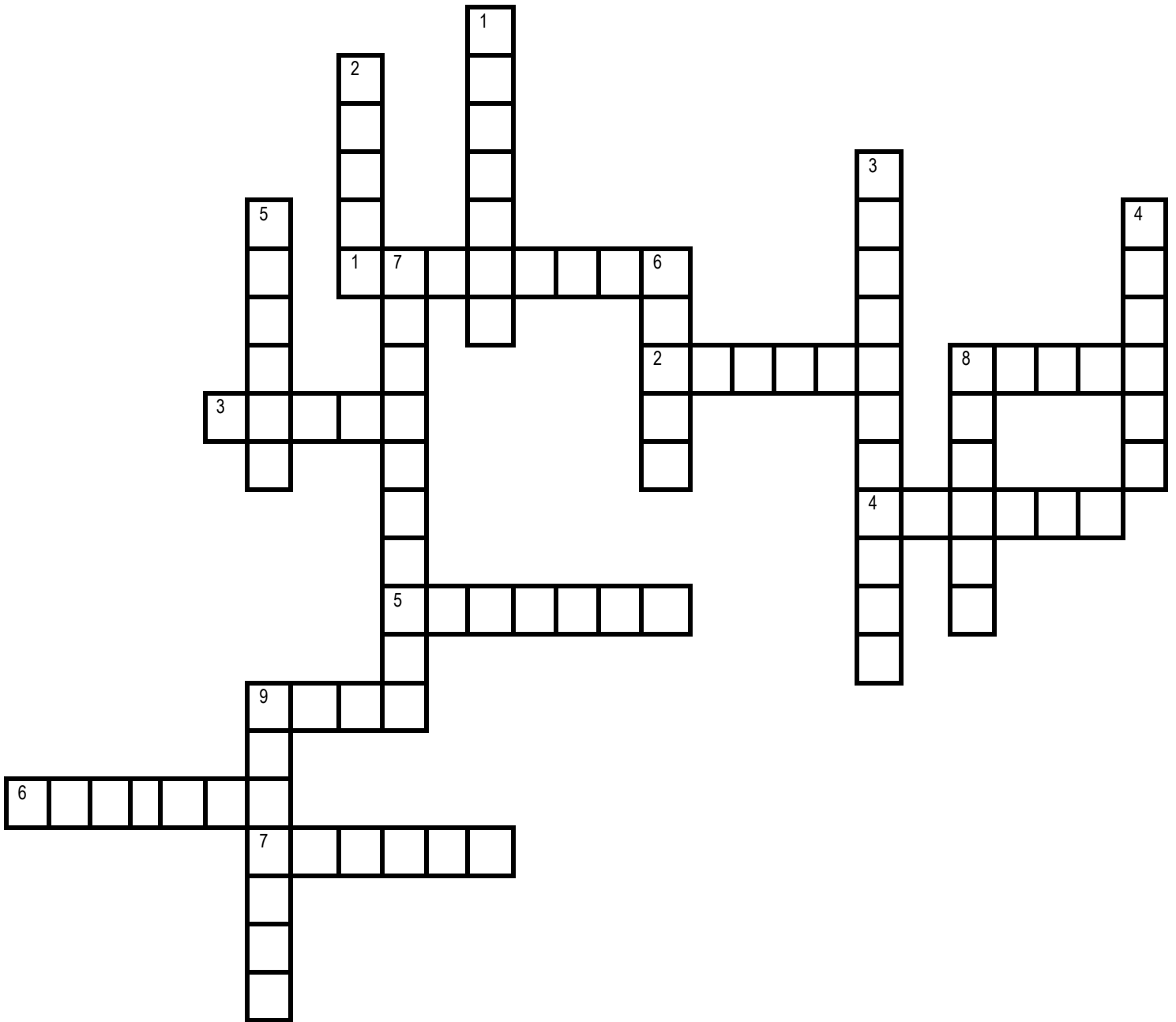
3) Abram believed God. Ten years went by and they had no child. Abram and Sarai wondered when they would have a baby. About 13 years later, when Abram was 99 years old, God spoke to him again and said, "Abram, now is the time your wife will become pregnant. You and Sarai will have a baby next year and he will be the son that I promised." Abram laughed and said, "Lord, I am ninety-nine years old and Sarai is eighty-nine. How can we have a baby in our old age?" God answered, "You and Sarai will have a son next year and you will name him Isaac and he will be the son that I promised. From now on you will be called Abraham and your wife will be called Sarah because you will become a father and mother of many nations." That same year Sarah became pregnant! When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was ninety, Sarah delivered a baby boy which they named Isaac. Isaac was the only son of Abraham and Sarah.

4) When Isaac was forty years old, he wanted a companion, so Abraham sent his servant to search for a wife for his son. The servant met a woman named Rebekah and she agreed to become Isaac's wife. Rebekah willingly left her family and traveled with Abraham's servant to the land of Canaan to meet Isaac. Isaac loved Rebekah very much. After many years of marriage, Isaac and Rebekah had no children. Rebekah asked Isaac to pray to God to give her a child, and that is what he did. When they were married twenty years Rebekah became a mother to twin boys. They named them Esau and Jacob.

5) Esau grew to be a hairy man who liked to work outside and to hunt. Jacob preferred to stay home and to work around the house. When Isaac was old and nearing death, he called for his son Esau to make some delicious venison for him to eat and then he would give him his blessing. While Esau was gone, Rebekah dressed Jacob in animal fur to disguise him as his hairy brother. She made a delicious meal from goat's meat and told Jacob to bring it to his father so that he would give him the blessing. Rebekah did this because God spoke to her while she was pregnant and told her that the older son would serve the younger. Because Isaac had poor vision he could not see that Jacob was disguised. When Jacob brought his father his meal, Isaac recognized Jacob's voice and became suspicious. He called him closer so that he could feel and smell him. The animal skin that Jacob wore fooled his father and Jacob wore Esau's clothes to smell like his brother. Isaac blessed Jacob thinking that he was Esau.

6) When Jacob grew older, he married and became the father of twelve sons. Jacob's twelve sons became nations and many became famous, such as Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, Samuel, King Saul, King David, King Solomon and many other kings of Israel, Sampson, Esther, Ruth, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Elizabeth (mother of John the Baptist), John the Baptist, Mary (the mother of Jesus) and Jesus Christ, to name a few. Jacob's descendants traveled to America too. We know them as Lehi's family and the people of Zarahemla. Jacob's family lives all over the world. God kept all of His promises to Abraham and He kept his promise to Rebekah in that Jacob's descendants became rulers of people.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - Crossword Puzzle
Genesis chapters 11-36



Crossword puzzle clues

ACROSS

1. another word for promise
2. God changed Jacob's name to ____
3. Abraham's wife's name was changed to ____
4. the number of Jacob's sons
5. Isaac's wife's name
6. Abraham would become a father of many ____
7. number of years Isaac and Rebekah were married before having children
8. he was tricked on his wedding night
9. Abraham's children would be as numerous as the ____ of the seashore

DOWN

1. name of Abraham's first son
2. Abraham's son of promise
3. God's promises are ____
4. Israel's twelve sons are referred to as ____
5. land promised to Abraham
6. Esau and Jacob were ____
7. Abraham's age when Isaac was born
8. Jacob's favorite son of his old age
9. Leah and Rachel were ____

ANSWER
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CANAAN
COVENANT
EVERLASTING
ISAAC
ISHMAEL
ISRAEL
JACOB
JOSEPH
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Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - Answers

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