



**GHWC's Virtual
Vacation Bible School 2020**

Unit 3

**Abram & Sarai Answer the Call
| Genesis 12:1—9**

**Genesis 12 Amplified Bible,
Classic Edition (AMPC)**

Introduction

Abram and Sarai were well beyond child bearing years. During the time that they lived, and even now, having children was seen as a blessing from God—and not having them was seen as a curse. Although the couple was wealthy in material possessions, they were missing something! They were missing a son of their own. As we read our Scripture today, we will see how God turns Abram and Sarai's lives around by calling them to leave their home and to travel to a land of promise. Their lives are forever changed by just one act of obedience followed by another. Watch as Abram and Sarai answer the call. Listen to God's promises and be assured that God is The Promise Keeper in your life as well.

Scripture

12 Now [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. ³ And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses *or* uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families *and* kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

⁴ So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

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⁵ Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the persons [servants] that they had acquired in Haran, and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,

⁶ Abram passed through the land to the locality of Shechem, to the oak *or* terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your posterity. So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he pulled up [his tent pegs] *and* departed to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

⁹ Abram journeyed on, still going toward the South (the Negeb).

Questions for Meditation

- 1) How did God speak to Abram? In person? Through a small still voice?
- 2) What was Abram's response to God's call? Did he hesitate?
- 3) What did Abram have to lose by following God's call? What did he have to gain?
- 4) What would you have done if you were in Abram and Sarai's shoes? What will you do if you are called to do the same thing—to leave your comfort zone and to go to a new land, people, or occupation?



Sermon Title: Abraham Believed God

Sermon Text: Genesis 15:1-6

Sermon Truth: God is pleased when we trust Him

Sermon Object: Abraham Believed God Sermon Picture

Seasonal Emphasis:

Sermon:

Have you ever promised someone that you would do something? Has anyone ever promised you they would do something, but then they didn't do it? That's not good, is it? Have YOU ever promised someone that you would do something, but you didn't do it? It's never good when we break a promise, is it?

A long time ago God made a very special promise to Abraham. Abraham was old. In fact, he was so old that he could no longer have any children. But then God spoke to Abraham and told him that he would have a child and then grandchildren and great grandchildren, and lots and lots of descendants. This was hard to believe because Abraham was so old. No one would believe that he could have children at his age. But God promised Abraham He would make his descendants like the stars in the night sky; so many that you couldn't count them.

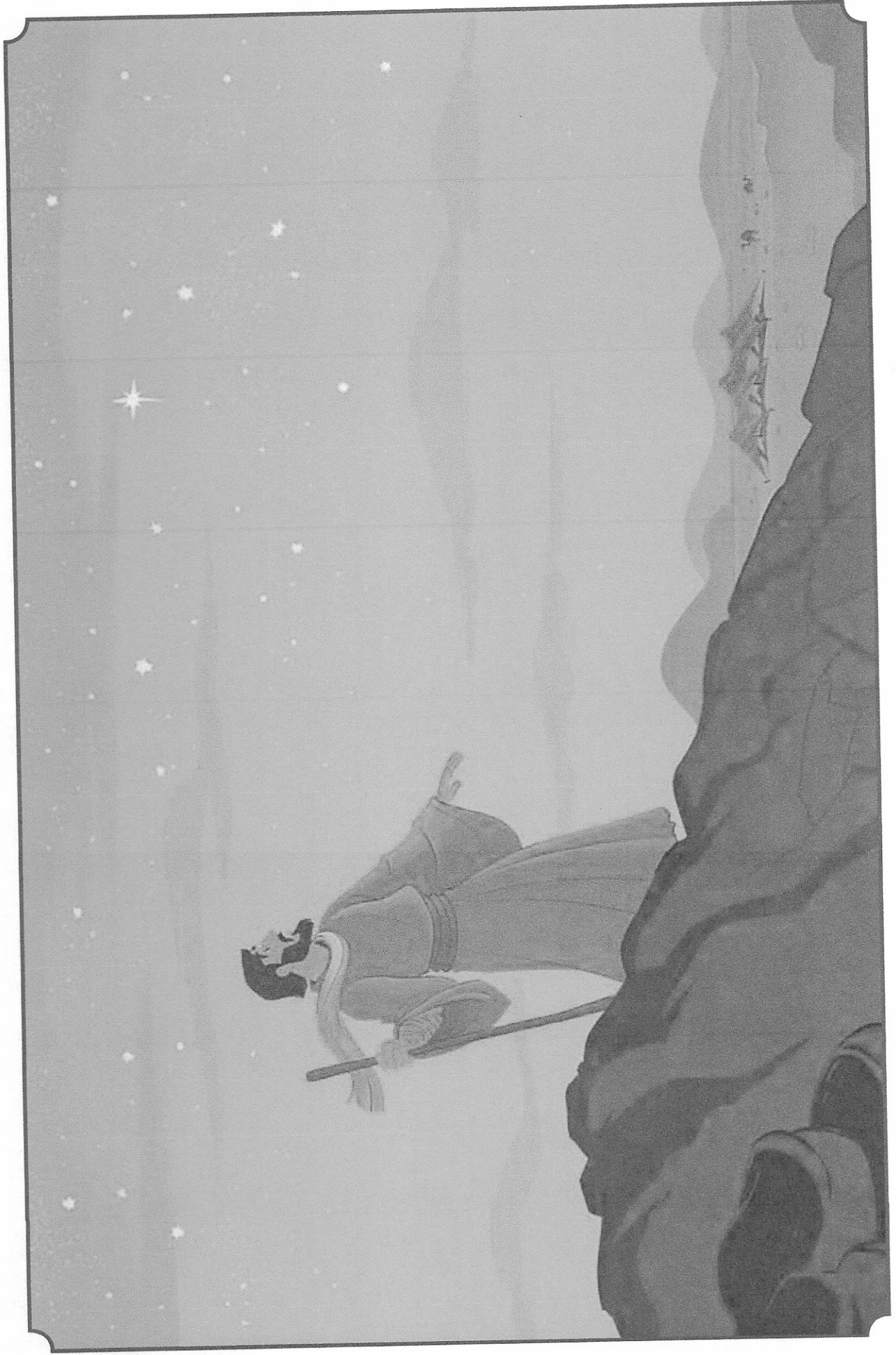
Here's an illustration of Abraham looking out at the stars when God made His special promise. Can you see the stars? Have you ever tried to count the stars? There's way too many of them, aren't there?

Well, I'm sure Abraham was excited, but the fact remained that he and Sarah didn't have ANY children! So, Abraham had to choose to trust God to work a miracle. I'm sure it wasn't easy at Abraham's age to believe he would have children, but the Bible says, "Abraham believed the Lord, and He (God) credited it to Abraham as righteousness." That means God declared Abraham was righteous because he trusted God.

That's the kind of faith God wants us to have also. God wants us to believe He will fulfill His promises even when it looks like there's no way He can keep His promises. God is pleased when we trust Him and, like He did with Abraham, God declares we are righteous because we have believed Him.

I hope we'll each learn to trust in God's promises just like Abraham even when the circumstances say God can't be trusted.

Abraham Believed God



God Made a Promise to Abraham

Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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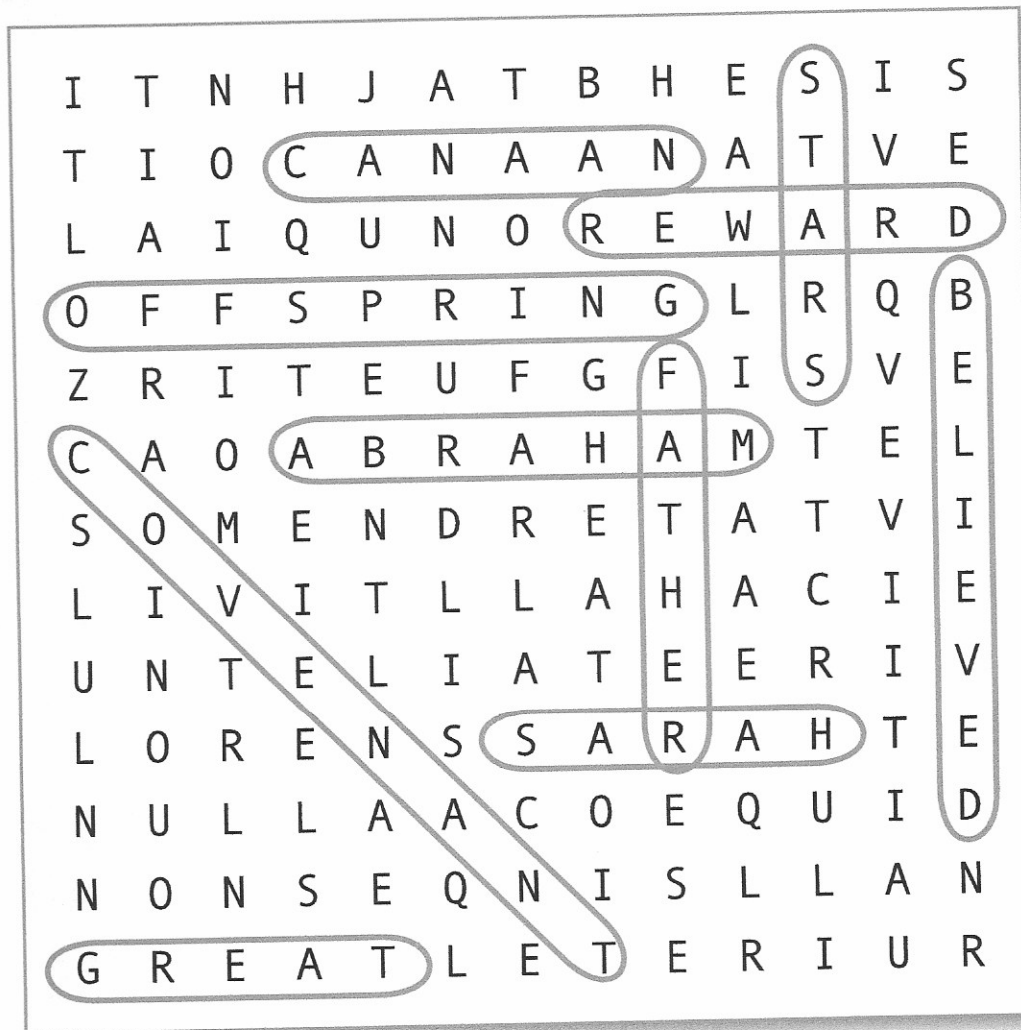
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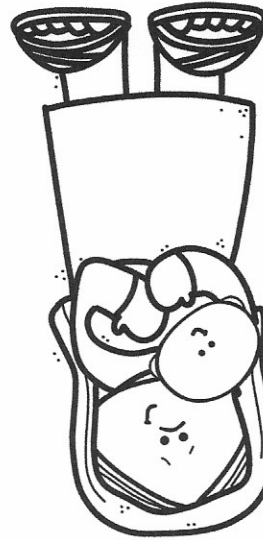
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Abraham & Sarah



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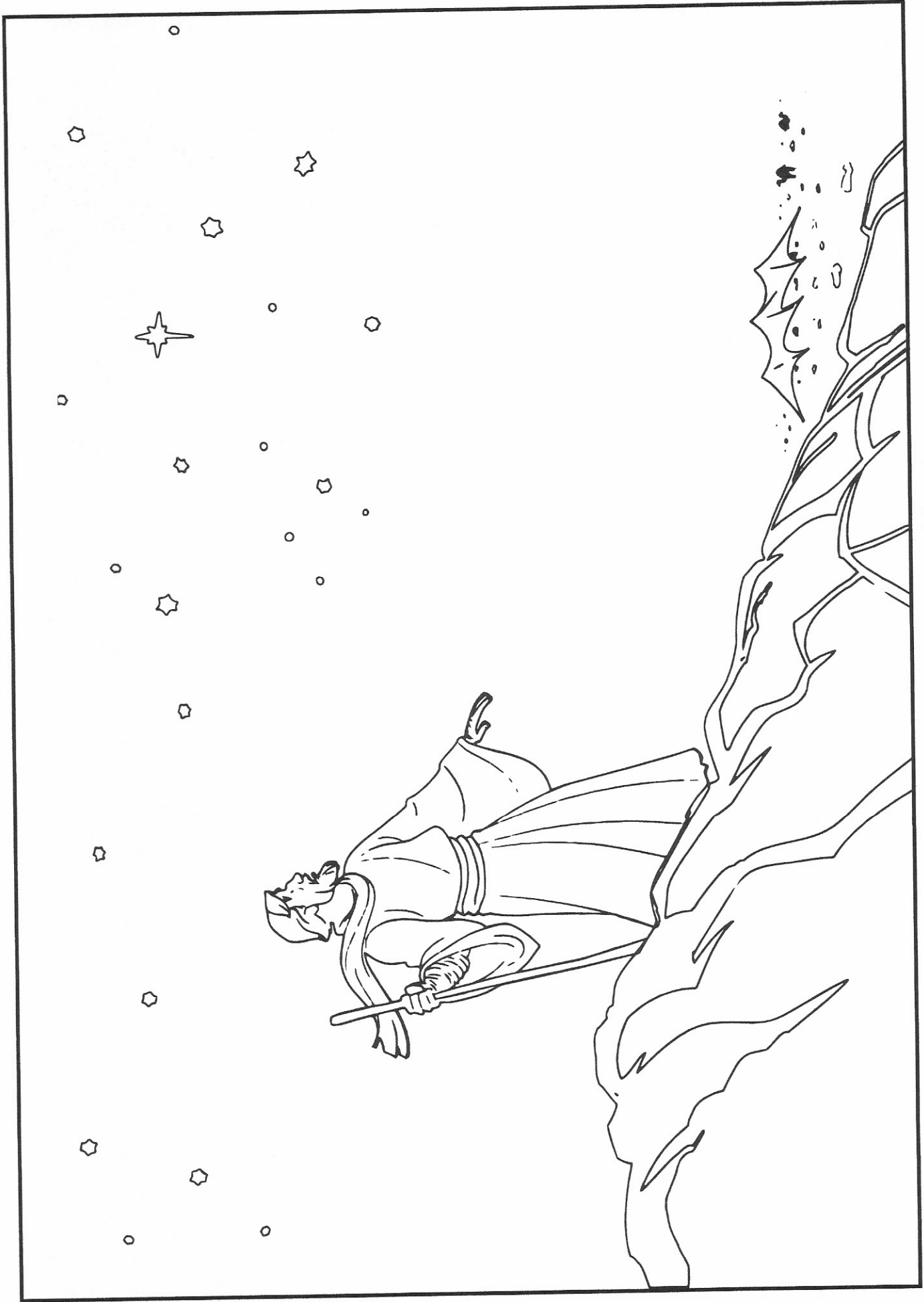
God said, "Anything is possible with the Lord." The next year, Sarah had baby Isaac.



God sent three men to tell Abraham that Sarah would have a baby.



Sarah wanted a baby, but she thought she was too old.



God made a promise to Abraham.