

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying being school work free and getting to see some of your friends again. I am looking forward to hearing all your biz when we get back to KIDS Church.

Today you are going to be hearing Sarah's story. She was told by God that she would have a baby but this didn't happen until she was more than 90 years old! Sarah needed to trust and have faith in God's promise.

When we are waiting for something to happen we often want it to happen straight away but sometimes God needs us to wait and sometimes even when we trust in Him He has a different plan for us. This can be very difficult even for big people.

I hope as we listen to Sarah's story today we can all remember that God is always with us and wants the best for us. Have a good week ahead.

Judith, Mark, Abigail, Nikki, Katie, Ben, John, Ruth and Lois!

Challenge:

"Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord?."

Genesis 18:13-14 (NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out.

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>

Bible Story:

"Heroes of Faith" based on Hebrews 11 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlGXVihi_S8) is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on over the summer! We will learn about a different person from Hebrews 11 who demonstrated faith and this week we are focussing on Sarah. Watch the video below and read Genesis 18:1-15 and Genesis 21:1-7.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrGkO8TOFck>

"And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise." Hebrews 11:11.



Sarah grew in her faith as she waited to have a son, just as God promised. She laughed because she thought it would be impossible. Why would someone who laughed at a promise of God be included as a hero of faith? Sarah was included because her faith grew and grew as she waited on God. We mentioned last week that the only perfect person is Jesus and that everyone else has flaws (even superheroes), but that doesn't mean that their story isn't important to God.

We can learn a lot from Sarah. What are you waiting for? Maybe it's for a summer trip or meeting up with friends and family. Whatever it is that you are waiting for, remember what Sarah does. In her time of waiting, she had faith that God would keep His promise. Our prayer is that you know that God has your best interest at heart and that you would use your time of waiting as a time to have faith and develop your relationship with God.

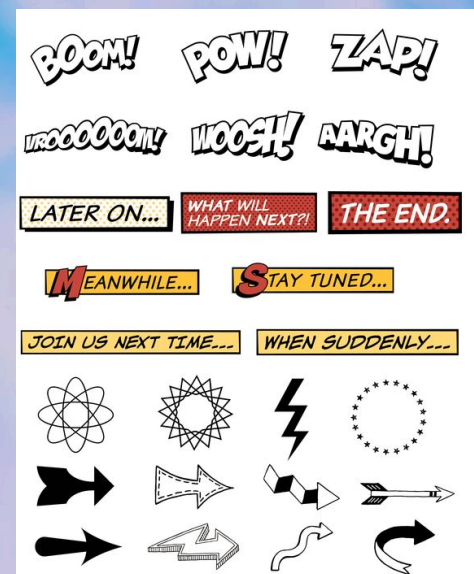
Craft:

Superhero stories are often told in comic books. Today, we would love it if you created a comic book based on Sarah's faith!

What you will need: Paper, felt tips or colouring pencils.

Some tips and tricks to help you:

1. You can include some of the phrases and drawings from the picture shown here.
2. Draw squares or rectangles on your page to draw the story and leave a bit of space below it if you want to write what is happening.
3. Be as creative as possible!
4. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org



Worksheet.

What are some of the things that you are waiting for? How do you feel about waiting?
Draw or write some examples below:

When you feel like you've been waiting forever and ever, what are some of the things you can do to help you be patient? Draw or write them below:

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for keeping your promises. We won't always understand your ways, but we trust that you love and care for us. We might be waiting for something right now and we pray for help to be patient as we wait for your plan to unfold. Help us to have faith right in the middle of our waiting.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

Jesus is our ultimate hero of faith because he is perfect, but we can still learn from imperfect people. We are so excited for you to work through the "Heroes of Faith" series. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

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Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, 'Kids Read Matthew.' This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
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