Little Dwellers

Light in the Darkness Week 2

Welcome to week 2 of Light in the Darkness. If you had the opportunity to listen to last week's songs, you probably noticed your Little Dweller picking up on the words and melody by the end of the week. At this age, repetition is a great tool for little minds to not only hear, but also learn and understand. Please try to take the time this week to reinforce the stories, even after you've done the daily reading. This can be as simple as "what did we learn about Abraham in today's story?" "Tell (so and so) your favorite part about yesterday's story" or even reviewing the pictures of the previous story. You'll see Jessie and her mom, Mrs. Jana, doing a great job of this in some of the week 2 videos. Young minds are constantly absorbing the world around them. Why not use the opportunity to absorb how much God loves us and what all He has done to show us that?

Please watch for the Little Dweller's weekly information to be loaded on our platforms. Be sure to stay in contact with The Dwelling:

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Topic: Patriarchs, The Founding Fathers

Day 1 – A New Home

- We will be mimicking Little Dwellers during our normal Sunday service. Please watch the video with your little dweller: https://youtu.be/ShBFooV-FrM The images from The Beginner's Bible are listed on pages 6 – 9 below.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - What did God tell Abraham to do? God told Abraham to move to a new land.
 - Why did the helpers fight when they got to the new land?
 There was not enough grass for the animals to eat.
 - What did Lot do? Lot chose the best land for himself.
 - What did God promise Abraham and Sarah? God told Abraham all the land he could see would be his forever and Sarah would have children.

• Craft: pages 34 - 36

Coloring page: 37

Song: https://youtu.be/50_J30x6E6s

Day 2 – The Visitors & A Bride for Isaac

Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 https://youtu.be/04WHsIzw3Ew
 The images are on pages 10 – 15.

The Visitors

- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - Why didn't Sarah think she could have a baby? She thought she was too old
 - With God, anything is possible. Was Sarah able to have a baby?
 Yes. What did Sarah name her son? Isaac.
- Coloring Page: 38

A Bride for Isaac

Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:

- Abraham's servant prayed to find a wife for Isaac. How did he know Rebekah was the answer to his prayers? She offered water to the servant and the camels.
- Coloring page: 39
- Song: https://youtu.be/ASXowiv3FAc

Day 3 – Isaac's Blessing & Jacob's Dream

- Ask your little dweller their favorite part of yesterday's stories.
- Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 <u>https://youtu.be/h8Z7uXBJWDU</u>
 The images are on pages 16 19.

 Isaac's Blessing:
 - Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - What did Rebekah do so that Isaac thought Jacob was Esau?
 She made Isaac's dinner and tied goatskins around Jacob's arms
 - Why was Esau angry? Isaac gave Jacob his blessing
 - Tell about a time that you were angry. Why were you angry? What did you do?
 - Coloring page: 40

Jacob's Dream

- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - What did Jacob see in his dream? Jacob saw a stairway to heaven.
 - What did God tell Jacob? God said, "I am watching over you.
 Someday, all this land will belong to you and your family."
 - What did Jacob do when he woke up? Jacob praises God and set his stone pillow up as a reminder of his dream.
- Coloring page: 41
- Song: https://youtu.be/50 J30x6E6s

Day 4 – Jacob and Esau Meet Again

Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 https://youtu.be/1ocxQaiE6yk The images are on pages 20 – 22.

- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - What did God tell Jacob to do? Go back to his homeland.
 - Did Jacob obey God? Yes, Jacob went back to his homeland. What did Esau do when he saw Jacob? Esau ran to meet Jacob and gave him a hug.
 - Have you ever forgiven someone you were angry with when they said they were sorry?
- Coloring page: 42
- Song: https://youtu.be/ASXowiv3FAc

Day 5 – Joseph's Colorful Robe

- Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 https://youtu.be/xPm8mur3h0o
 The images are on pages 23 26.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - What did Jacob make his son Joseph? He made Joseph a colorful robe.
 - Why was Joseph's brothers jealous? They wanted to be loved as much as Joseph was loved by Jacob.
 - What did Joseph's brothers do to Joseph? They sold Joseph as a slave to traders and lied to their father that he was killed.
- Coloring Page: 43
- Song: https://youtu.be/50 J30x6E6s

Day 6 – Pharaoh's Dream

- Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 https://youtu.be/3vrG6NB5U01
 The images are on pages 27 30.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - Who did Joseph trust to help him? He trusted God. How did God help Joseph? God helped Joseph tell Pharaoh what his dreams meant.
 - What happened to Joseph because he was a wise man?
 Pharaoh made him a ruler over Egypt.
 - Tell about a time that you trusted God.

- Coloring page: 44
- Song: https://youtu.be/ASXowiv3FAc

Day 7 – Joseph Save His Family

- Please watch the video with your little dweller:
 https://youtu.be/X3szTnpA_qE The images are listed on pages 31 33.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - Why did Joseph's father sent his sons to Egypt to buy food?
 Because they did not have enough to eat.
 - Why were Joseph's brothers afraid? They were afraid, because they had sold Joseph to slave traders and lied to their father.
 - What did Joseph say to his brothers when they were afraid? He told them not to be afraid and that God had a special plan for him.
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- Song: https://youtu.be/50 J30x6E6s



A New Home

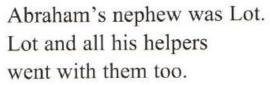
Genesis 12-17

Abraham loved God. So did his wife Sarah.



One day, God told Abraham to move to a new land.
So, along with their helpers,
Abraham and Sarah packed up and went.







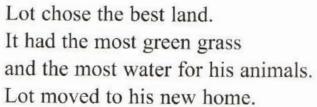
The helpers began to fight.

There was not enough grass for all the animals.

So Abraham said to Lot,

"You pick your own land to live on."







Then God gave Abraham a blessing. God said, "All the land you see here will be yours forever. Also, you and Sarah will be blessed with many children."



God led Abraham and Sarah to a place called Hebron. It was beautiful.

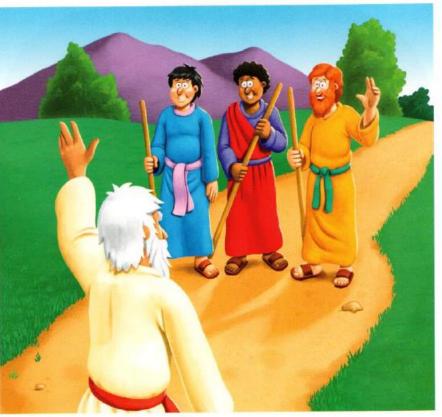


The Visitors

Genesis 18; 21

One hot day, Abraham was resting near his tent. He heard footsteps.

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Three men were standing nearby.

Abraham went out to greet them.

"Would you like to rest in the shade?

We have plenty of cool water to drink.

Can I get you something to eat?"



Abraham told Sarah about the visitors. He asked her to make a tasty meal.

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While they were eating, the three visitors shared some exciting news. They said, "Your wife is going to have a son."



Sarah heard what they said.
She laughed, thinking, *I am too old*.
God asked Abraham,
"Why did Sarah laugh?
Anything is possible with the LORD."



Sure enough, the next year, Sarah had a baby boy. They named him Isaac.

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A Bride for Isaac

Genesis 24-25

When Isaac grew up, his father,
Abraham, wanted him to get married.
Abraham told one of his servants,
"Go to my homeland. There you will find
the perfect bride for Isaac."

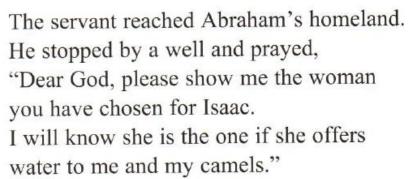
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So Abraham sent the servant on his way with ten camels and a lot of jewelry and clothes.

They were gifts for Isaac's new bride.







Before he finished praying, a young woman with a jar walked toward the well. After she filled her jar, the servant asked her for a drink. She gave him a drink. Then she gave water to his camels. She was the answer to his prayer! Her name was Rebekah.



The servant gave her the gifts, and they went to meet her father.

The servant asked for his permission to take Rebekah to Isaac.

Rebekah told the servant she would be happy to go.



When Isaac saw Rebekah, he fell in love with her. Soon, they got married. Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys named Esau and Jacob.



Isaac's Blessing

Genesis 27

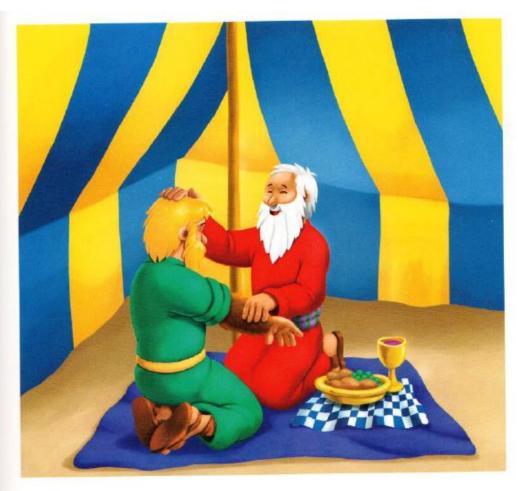
When Isaac was an old man, he could not see very well. He called for his firstborn son, Esau. "Bring me my favorite dinner. Then I will give you God's blessing."



"I will make a special meal for you," said Esau. Then he hunted for some meat to cook.



Isaac's wife Rebekah wanted Jacob to get God's blessing. So, while Esau was hunting, she told Jacob her plan. She made Isaac's dinner. Then she tied goatskins around Jacob's arms.



Jacob took the meal to his father. After dinner, Isaac reached out to bless his son.

Isaac thought Jacob was Esau. So he gave Jacob his blessing.

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When Esau returned, he found out what had happened. Esau was very angry. He wanted to hurt Jacob. Rebekah asked Isaac to send Jacob to his uncle Laban's house.

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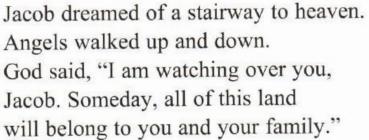


Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28

Jacob traveled for many miles. His uncle Laban lived far away. One night, he lay on the ground, using a stone for his pillow. Jacob fell fast asleep.







The next morning, when Jacob woke up, he said, "The LORD is in this place!"
He took his stone pillow and set it up as a reminder of his dream.
Jacob praised God.
Then he continued on his way.



Jacob and Esau Meet Again

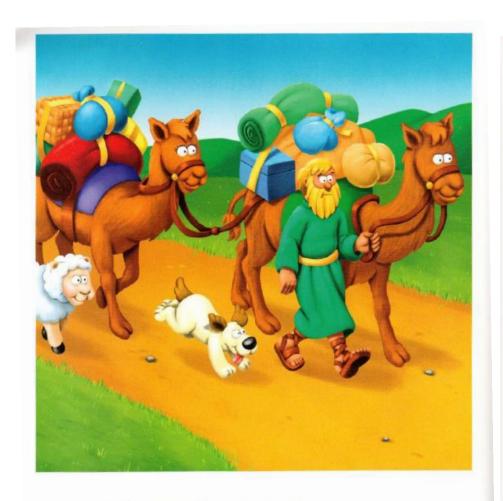
Genesis 29

While Jacob lived with his uncle Laban, he became a shepherd.
He fell in love and got married.

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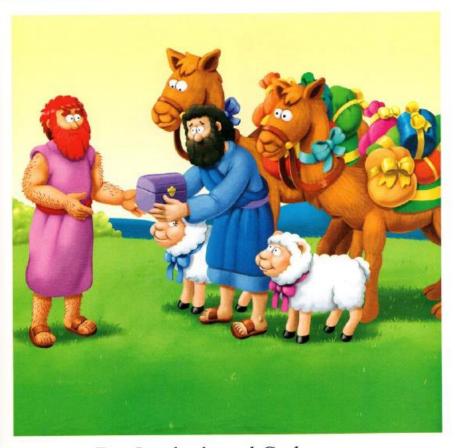


God blessed Jacob with many sons.
Jacob also had many sheep,
donkeys, and camels.
One day, God told Jacob to
go back to his homeland.



Jacob wanted to go back, but he was afraid of his brother, Esau. He thought Esau would still be angry with him.

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But Jacob obeyed God. He and his family packed up everything they owned. Jacob sent servants ahead to offer gifts to Esau.



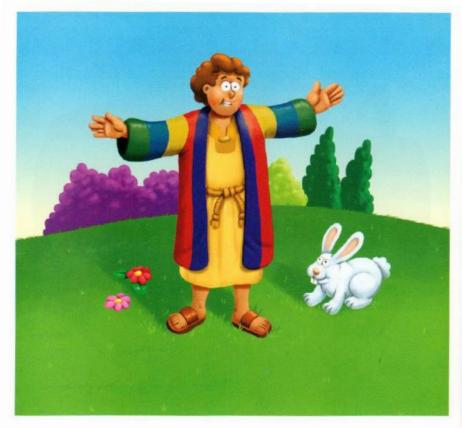
Much to Jacob's surprise,
Esau ran to meet him.
And he gave Jacob a big hug.
They were so happy
to see each other again.



Joseph's Colorful Robe

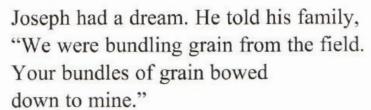
Genesis 37

Joseph was one of Jacob's twelve sons. Jacob loved him more than all of his other sons.



Jacob made Joseph a colorful robe. His brothers were jealous. They wanted nice robes too. And they wanted to be loved as much as Joseph was loved.





Then Joseph had another dream.

He said, "This time, the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

His father asked, "Does this mean our family will bow down to you someday?"



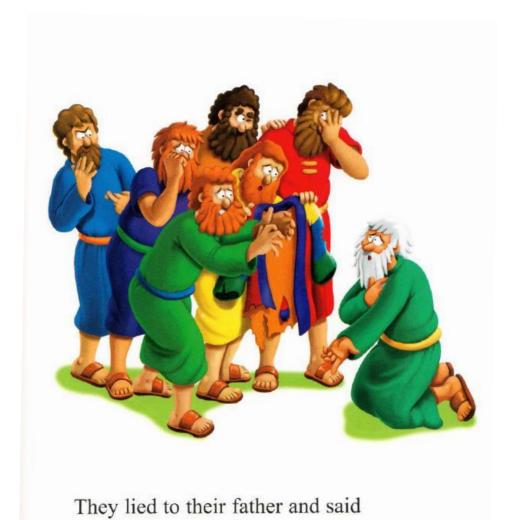


The brothers were even more angry. They threw Joseph into a dry well.

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Along came some traders. The brothers sold Joseph to them as a slave.



Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

But God was with Joseph.



Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 39-41

The traders took Joseph to Egypt. He was thrown into jail. But he did nothing wrong. Joseph trusted God to help him. He made friends with some of the prisoners.

One of them had been a wine taster for Pharaoh.

Pharaoh was the leader of Egypt.

The wine taster said, "Last night,

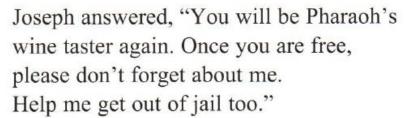
I had a dream. I was picking grapes and squeezing them into Pharaoh's cup.

Then I put the cup in his hand.

What does this mean, Joseph?"









A few days later, the wine taster's dream came true.

He got out of jail and became Pharaoh's wine taster once again.

But he forgot about Joseph.



Later, Pharaoh had two strange dreams. In one dream, he saw seven heavy cows and seven skinny cows. The skinny cows ate up all the heavy cows.



In another dream, Pharaoh saw seven healthy plants. Then he saw seven dried-up plants. The dried-up plants ate all the healthy plants. Pharaoh was confused.



Pharaoh's wise men were confused too.
Then the wine taster remembered Joseph.
He told Pharaoh that Joseph could explain his dreams.
With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh

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what his dream meant.



"For the next seven years, plenty of food will grow. For seven years after that, not enough food will grow because there will be no rain." Pharaoh said, "Joseph, you are a very wise man. I will make you a ruler over Egypt."



Joseph Saves His Family

Genesis 42-46

For the first seven years, Joseph was in charge of gathering extra food for the people of Egypt.

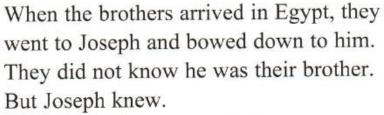
That way, when hardly any crops grew, there would still be plenty to eat.



The seven bad years began, and people in other countries had no food at all. Even Joseph's family did not have enough to eat. So Joseph's father sent his sons to Egypt to buy some food.

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Joseph sold them some food.

Then the brothers left to go home.



Sometime later, they returned to buy more food. Just as Joseph had dreamed, they bowed down to him—again. Finally, Joseph told them, "I am your brother!" His brothers were afraid!



But Joseph told them not to be afraid. "God meant it for good. He had a special plan for me," he said. They all hugged.

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Joseph's brothers rushed home.

They told their father what had happened.

Jacob was so happy to hear
that Joseph was alive.

The whole family moved to Egypt.

Abraham and Sarah Move Craft

This is one of the best Abraham Bible crafts for preschoolers and up while you tell the Abraham and Sarah story in pictures with packing the camel to move!

PREP TIME 10 minutes ACTIVE TIME 20 minutes TOTAL TIME 30 minutes

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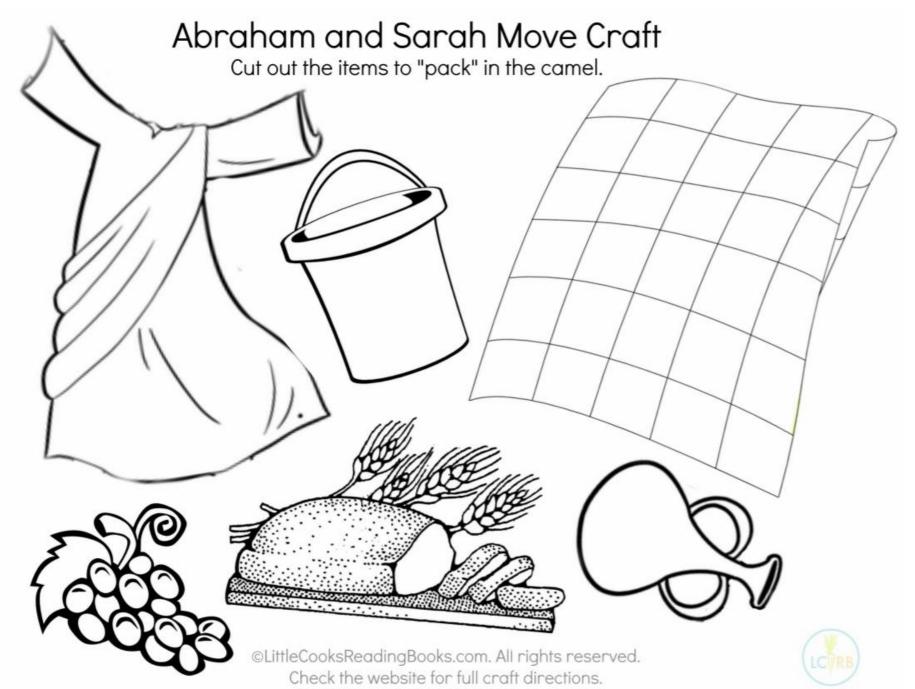


Materials

- White envelope: square size with triangle flap (not rounded edge because the triangle flap will be the camels hump)
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Brown and/or yellow yarn
- FREE Abraham and Sarah Printable (below)
- Piece of white or colored construction paper

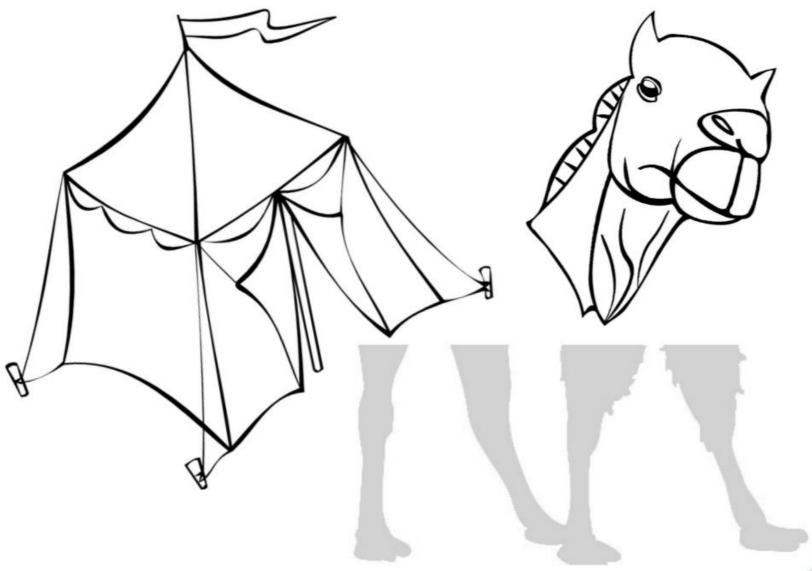
Instructions

- 1. Print out the printable.
- 2. Color "packing items" on the printable and cut out items.
- 3. Color the camel's head and legs and cut them out.
- 4. Color the envelope (this will be the camel's body).
- 5. Paste the envelope onto the middle of the construction paper, with flap up and "pocket" opened toward you.
- 6. Glue the camel's head onto the end of the envelope and the feet under the bottom of the envelope.
- 7. Use the yarn for the camel's tail.
- 8. Write TRUST above the camel.
- 9. Read the Bible or tell the Abraham and Sarah story while allowing the child to "pack" the camel with the cutouts (put the cutouts inside the camel envelope), making sure to focus on discussing how Abraham and Sarah put their TRUST in God.



Abraham and Sarah Move Craft

Cut out the items to "pack" in the camel.



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Abraham went, as the Lord told him. Genesis 12:4





In their old age, a son was born to Abraham and his wife, Sarah. He was named Isaac.

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Rebekah was a beautiful maiden. She was chosen to be the wife of Isaac.

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Isaac thought Jacob was Esau. Isaac gave Jacob his blessing



Jacob dreamed of a stairway to heaven. Angels walked up and down. God said, "I am watching over you, Jacob. Someday, all of this land will belong to you and your family."



Esau came to greet Jacob. And he wasn't angry! He hugged Jacob, and wept for joy to see his brother come home at last.



