

GOD CHOSE ABRAHAM

**Bible 4
Genesis 12-21**

**There were many people.
God chose one person.
His name is Abraham.
God chose Abraham for a special job.**

**God said to Abraham,
 "Leave your country and your family.
 I will show you where to go.
 I will give you a big family.
 They will be a new nation.
 They will have a special job.
 They will tell all people about me."**

**Abraham was 75 years old.
He had a wife.
Her name was Sarah.
Abraham and Sarah had a problem.
They did not have any children.**

**Abraham and Sarah left their home.
They went to Canaan.
God said, "Later Canaan will be your new home."
They traveled some more.**

**God said to Abraham,
 "Your family will be big.
 They will be more than the stars."
Sarah still did not have a baby.**

**Abraham was 99 years old.
Sarah was 90 years old.
God said,
 "I am God.
 I will give you a big family.
 I promise Sarah will have a son.
 His name will be Isaac."**

**Sarah laughed.
Sarah thought she was too old to have a baby.**

**God kept his promise.
One year later Sarah had a son.
Sarah named him Isaac.
Isaac means "God made me laugh."**

Isaac grew up.

**Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau.
Jacob had twelve sons.
They had many, many children.
Abraham's family was very big.
They made a new nation called Israel.
The people are called Jews.**

**The Jews loved God.
The Jews obeyed God.
God wanted the Jews to tell all the people about him.**