## The Birth of Isaac - Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

I wonder why God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah? I wonder what Sarah thought when she heard she was going to have a baby? I wonder who the three visitors were? What kind of messengers from God were they? I wonder why Sarah laughed? I wonder how Abraham and Sarah felt when Isaac was born?

I wonder why this story is important for us to know?

## A Baby!

As parents we can remember how happy we were when we first saw our beautiful bundle of joy. We can only imagine how happy Abraham and Sarah were to hold Isaac after having to wait so many years. Show your child pictures of their birth, both before (your pregnant belly, preparing the nursery, baby showers, etc) and after. Tell your child about the day you found out you were pregnant, how you prepared while you waited, why you chose your child's name, and the exciting day of their birth.

Then talk about Abraham and Sarah. They had to wait much longer for Isaac to be born but were excited to see God's promise arrive!

Isaac means "he laughs." Why do you think Abraham and Sarah chose that name?

## Welcome to the World

Every time a baby is born to a Highland family, we give them a handmade baby blanket and a children's Bible. Our Bible classes often make cards welcoming the new baby to our church. As a family, make some congratulatory welcome cards that we can put in the gift bags.

When you are finished with the cards, send them to the His Kids Ministry office at Highland, and we'll make sure they are included.

## It's All in the Name

Abraham and Sarah chose to name their son Isaac. It means "he laughs" in Hebrew. What does your name mean? What about the names of your other family members? Do they have special meaning? Tell your kids the reason and meaning behind the choosing of their names.