

## GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE

Genesis 20:1- 21:34

Lesson 10a

Key verse: 21:1

\* ABRAHAM'S BAD HABIT AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS (20:1-18; 21:22-34)

1. Who was Abimelech? How did Abraham lie to him? Why did he lie? (10-13) When had he previously done something like this? (12:10-20) What does this reveal about his weaknesses?
2. What happened? How did God rebuke him (Abimelech)? What excuses did he make? What did God tell him to do? What did he do? How had Abraham misjudged him?
3. How was the matter resolved? (What did Abraham do and what did Abimelech do?--14-18) What does this event show about God's character? About Abraham's need for spiritual growth?

\* ISAAC AND ISHMAEL (21:1-21)

4. What does Isaac's birth teach us about God? (1-2)
5. What did Abraham name his son? Why? How else did he show his obedience to God? In what way does this baby's birth testify to the almighty power of God? (3-5)
6. What was Sarah's testimony at Isaac's birth? Why was she so joyful? Compare the blessings God gives with the things for which men strive.
7. What happened on the day Isaac was weaned? What might be the problem between Isaac and Ishmael? What did Sarah tell Abraham to do? What were her mixed motives?
8. How did Abraham react? How did God counsel him? What promises did God give Abraham? What did Abraham do? How could he do this? Why was it necessary? How was this a turning point in his life of faith?
9. Describe Hagar's second encounter with the Lord. (See chapter 16) What does this event teach us about God? (15-21)

\* THE TREATY AT BEERSHEBA (22-34)

10. Why did Abimelech come to Abraham? What did he recognize about him? What request did Abimelech make?
11. What complaint did Abraham make to Abimelech? How does this reveal Abraham's changed attitude? How did Abraham take the initiative to be clear with Abimelech? What did he do after this event? (33) Why? How might we account for Abraham's changed attitude?