

Assembly (3rd and 4th Class)

Based on Term 2 Lesson 1 Log On

Abraham and Sarah - Loved by God

The assembly tells the story of Abraham and Sarah and the covenant God made with Abraham. It then focusses on the theme of trust for the prayers. The dialogue between Abraham and Sarah could be dramatized.

The assembly is written for 10 parts. It is of course possible to give each child a line or to add some prayers.

You need: 1) To have taught the lesson Abraham and Sarah (Term 2 Lesson 1) Log On
2) Word COVENANT on a sign/ flashcard/ poster/ slide
3) Costumes for drama (optional)

Songs: Be Still for the presence of the Lord, Be bold be strong or anything on the theme of trust or promise

Narrator 1	Last week in R.E. we were learning about Abraham
Narrator 2	Abraham's story comes from the first book in the Bible - Genesis
Narrator 3	We have a very long way to travel back in time to when Abraham was alive. He lived far away in a very hot climate.
Narrator 1	Life was very different. Abraham did not live in a house or have a job. He lived in a tent and travelled from place to place on foot to find good land to feed his animals. He was nomadic.
Narrator 2	Before we imagine ourselves back in Abraham's time there is an important word we learned
All	Covenant (on poster/ slide)
Narrator 3	It's a bit like a promise.....but much stronger
Narrator 1	It's the special promise that God made to Abraham. It couldn't be broken.
Narrator 2	It's time to travel back to the desert, thousands of years ago and hear Abraham's story. (<i>Abraham and Sarai can appear in costume</i>)
Narrator 3	But his name wasn't Abraham then, it was Abram and his wife was called Sarai and they had no children.
Storyteller 1	God spoke in a special way to Abram . He told him to move with his wife and relatives to a new country that he would show him. He would be blessed there and God would make a special covenant with him, a special promise.

Storyteller 2	Abram and Sarai must have been a bit worried as they set off, following a command Abram had heard from God. Their friends and neighbours must have thought they were mad.
Storyteller 3	They travelled for a long time across and arrived in Canaan.
Storyteller 1	God made a covenant with Abraham. This is the place where he, his children and his descendants would live and be blessed by God.
Storyteller 2	Problem! Abram and Sarai were old and had no children
Storyteller 3	But listen to Abram explain to Sarai about the covenant
Abraham Sarai	<p>Abraham: Sarai! Sarai! Sarai! Have I got news for you! You'll never believe who I've been talking to. Who's been talking to me.</p> <p>Sarai: Slow down Abram, go easy. You know that at your stage overexcitement is dangerous. Calm down. Act your age, what has you so excited?</p> <p>Abram: Sarai he called me by my name.</p> <p>Sarai: Who did?</p> <p>Abram: God. There I was on my own. I couldn't believe it at first. I thought I must be dreaming.</p> <p>Sarai: You must have gone crazy</p> <p>Abram: No I'm not. But things have changed. My name is not Abram. God said now I should be called Abraham.</p> <p>Sarai: Why, what does that mean.</p> <p>Abram: Father of the people</p> <p>Sarai: What people? Explain.</p> <p>Abram: God made aa covenant</p> <p>Sarai: What' s a covenant? What is God doing?</p> <p>Abram: God has made a promise that we will share in his love for his people. We will have a son, and lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will all be God's people. That's the covenant.</p> <p>Sarai: We are too old to have a baby now.</p> <p>Abram: I know it's a shock, but God has promised and we must trust him. And your name has changed too - your new name Sarah means princess.</p>
Storyteller 1	And it all worked out as God promised. Abraham and Sarah had a son Isaac, he had a son Jacob and he had 12 sons....and the generations continued.
Storyteller 2	Because of that we have all the stories in the rest of our Bible.

Narrator 1	Back in our world... What did we learn from the story of Abraham?
Narrator 2	God made a special covenant with him
Narrator 3	This is an important story from the Bible. Abraham had to trust God. We can trust God too because he has promised to love us always. The Bible is full of God's promises to us.
Prayer 1	Let us pray God help me To be true to my word, To honour my promises To be trusting of others And to be faithful always to you. Amen.
Prayer 2	The Lord's prayer starts with the words Our Father. Just like Abraham we are part of God's family. The Lord's Prayer.
Narrator 1	Thank you for listening to our Assembly about Abraham.

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