

Study Guide on Genesis 17:15-17; 18:9-15; 21:1-7

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 17:15-17

(Genesis 17:15) God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

(Genesis 17:16) I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

(Genesis 17:17) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

Genesis 18:9-15

(Genesis 18:9) They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

(Genesis 18:10) Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

(Genesis 18:11) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

(Genesis 18:12) So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?”

(Genesis 18:13) The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

(Genesis 18:14) Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”

(Genesis 18:15) But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Genesis 21:1-7

(Genesis 21:1) The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised.

(Genesis 21:2) Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

(Genesis 21:3) Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

(Genesis 21:4) And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

(Genesis 21:5) Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

(Genesis 21:6) Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."

(Genesis 21:7) And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?