

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

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

(Genesis 18:10) Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

(Genesis 18:11) Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.

(Genesis 18:12) So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

(Genesis 18:13) Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’

(Genesis 18:14) Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

(Genesis 18:15) Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

(Genesis 21:1) Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised.

(Genesis 21:2) Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.

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

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

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

(Genesis 21:6) Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.”

(Genesis 21:7) And she added, “Who would 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?