



God keeps His Promises

Bible Story: God's Promises to Abraham¹

You will need to have some pictures or a picture book to show characters.

See examples below

Say: Today we're going to hear about a man called Abraham. [Show Abraham] Actually when this story began his name was Abram & later on God changed it to Abraham. Abraham was a man who lived a long time ago and the Bible tells us about him. He was a friend of God. Abraham had a wife called Sarah [show Sarah] Abraham was married to Sarah. They didn't have any children and they were quite old.

One day God told Abraham to leave his country and move to a different place that God would show him. God made some promises to Abraham too. God promised that he would do some things for Abraham and his family. God promised a land for them to live in and God promised a big family for Abraham. God said, 'This is the country that I am going to give to your family.' And he gave Abraham another promise too, that his family would be a special blessing for everyone – that means they could be good for other people and help others.

So Abraham did what God said. He packed up all his things and took Sarah, the people who lived with him [show people], and all his animals. [Show animals] They went a long way to a new country called Canaan. [Move all of them across to the other side of you] It would have been hard because they either had to ride on their animals or walk. There were no cars or planes. When they were there, God promised to give that place to Abraham's family. What a wonderful promise!

But Abraham and Sarah were very old and they had no children of their own, how could this new land be for their children if they had none! I wonder if God's promises would be true?

As time went on Abraham and Sarah were getting very old [show older picture of Abraham & Sarah] and they still had no children. But God promised that they would have a son. [Show black cardboard with stars on it] God promised that Abraham would have a big family—lots and lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God showed Abraham the sky at night. God said to Abraham, 'Look at the sky and try to count the stars; you'll have as many descendants as that.' God told Abraham to try to count the stars. There are lots and lots of stars in the sky. God said that Abraham would have lots and lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Abraham believed what God said. Abraham believed God's promise.

One day Abraham was sitting outside and he saw three men who were sent by God with a special message that means that they had something important from God to say to Abraham. Abraham asked them to stay and have something to eat. So they had dinner with Abraham.

One of the men said that he would come back next year and that when he came back Sarah would have a baby boy. Sarah heard him and laughed because she thought she and Abraham were too old to have a baby. Then God said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Can I really have a child when I am so old?" Is anything too hard for me the LORD your, God? I will come back, and Sarah will have a son.'

God did what he promised. He gave Abraham and Sarah [add baby] a baby just when he had promised. They were

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so happy that God gave them a baby! Abraham called the baby Isaac.

God made some promises to Abraham

1. That God would give him a land and make it a great nation.
2. That Abraham would have a big family.
3. That all people would have a special blessing through this family.

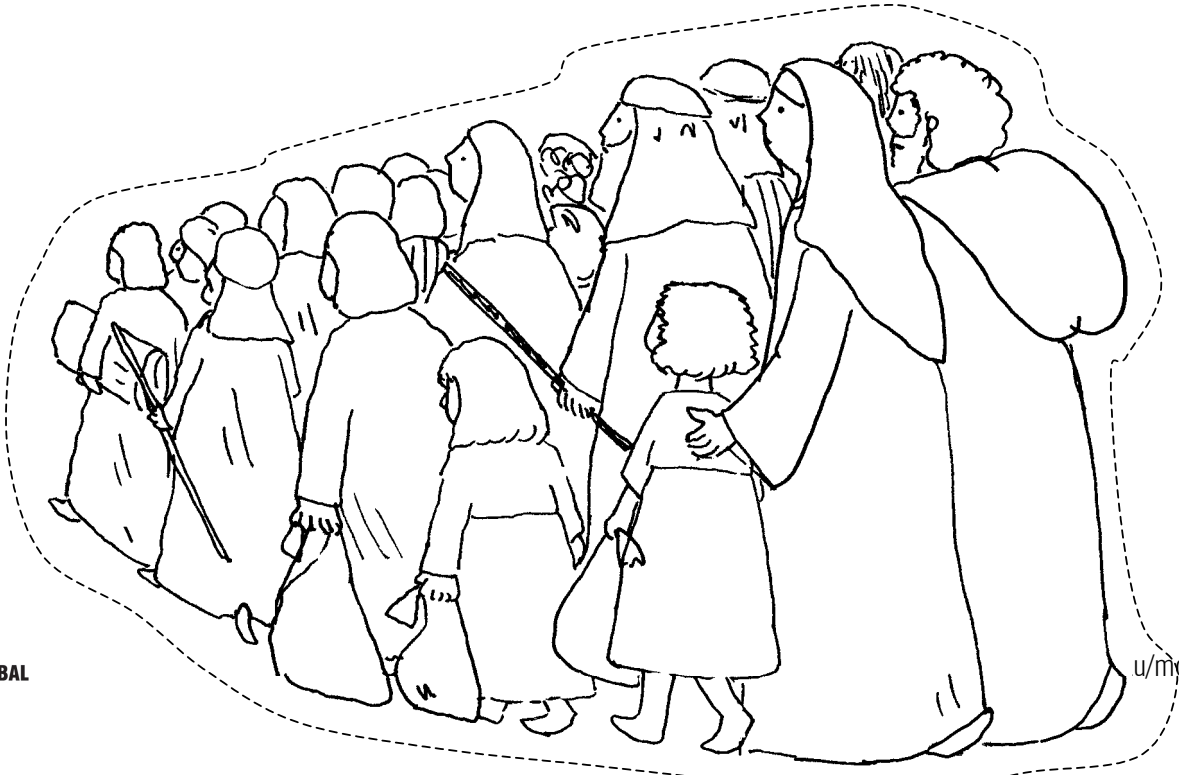
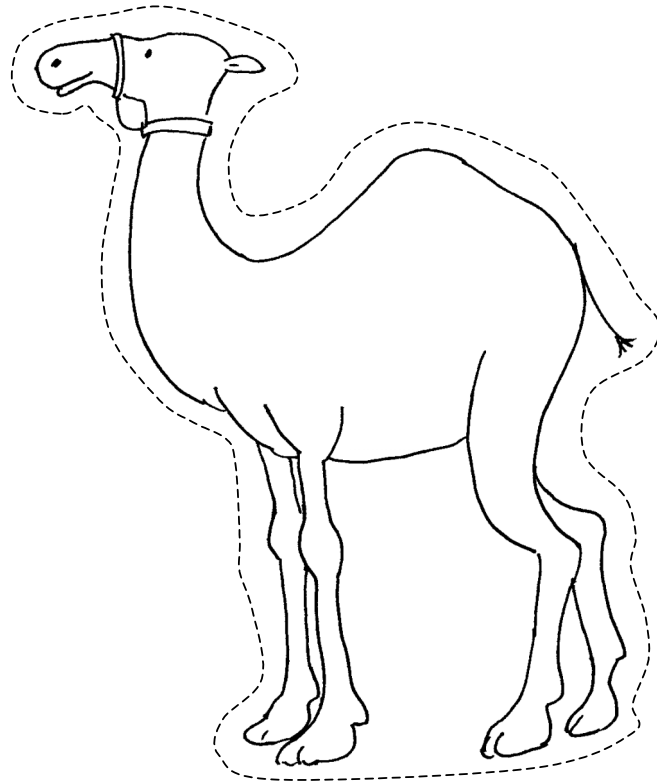
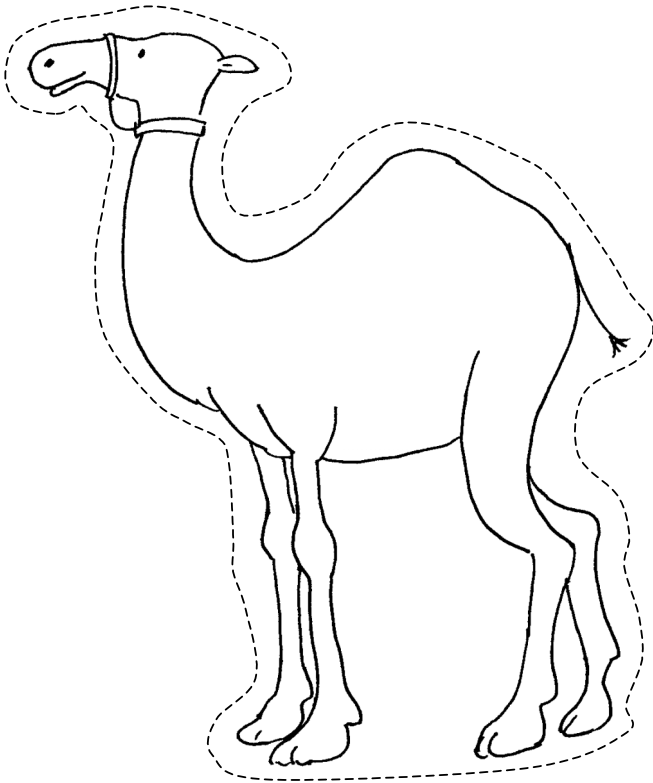
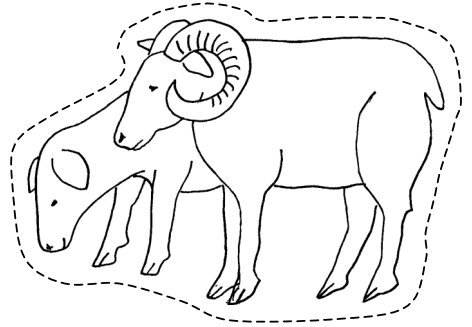
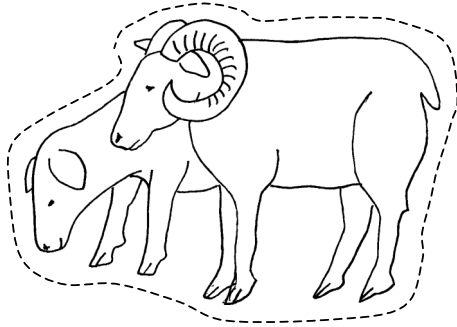
Even when Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children and were old, God was true to His promise. When Abraham and Sarah were very old, God gave them a baby, a boy called Isaac. God showed Abraham the land they would have one day and the special blessing from this family is Jesus!

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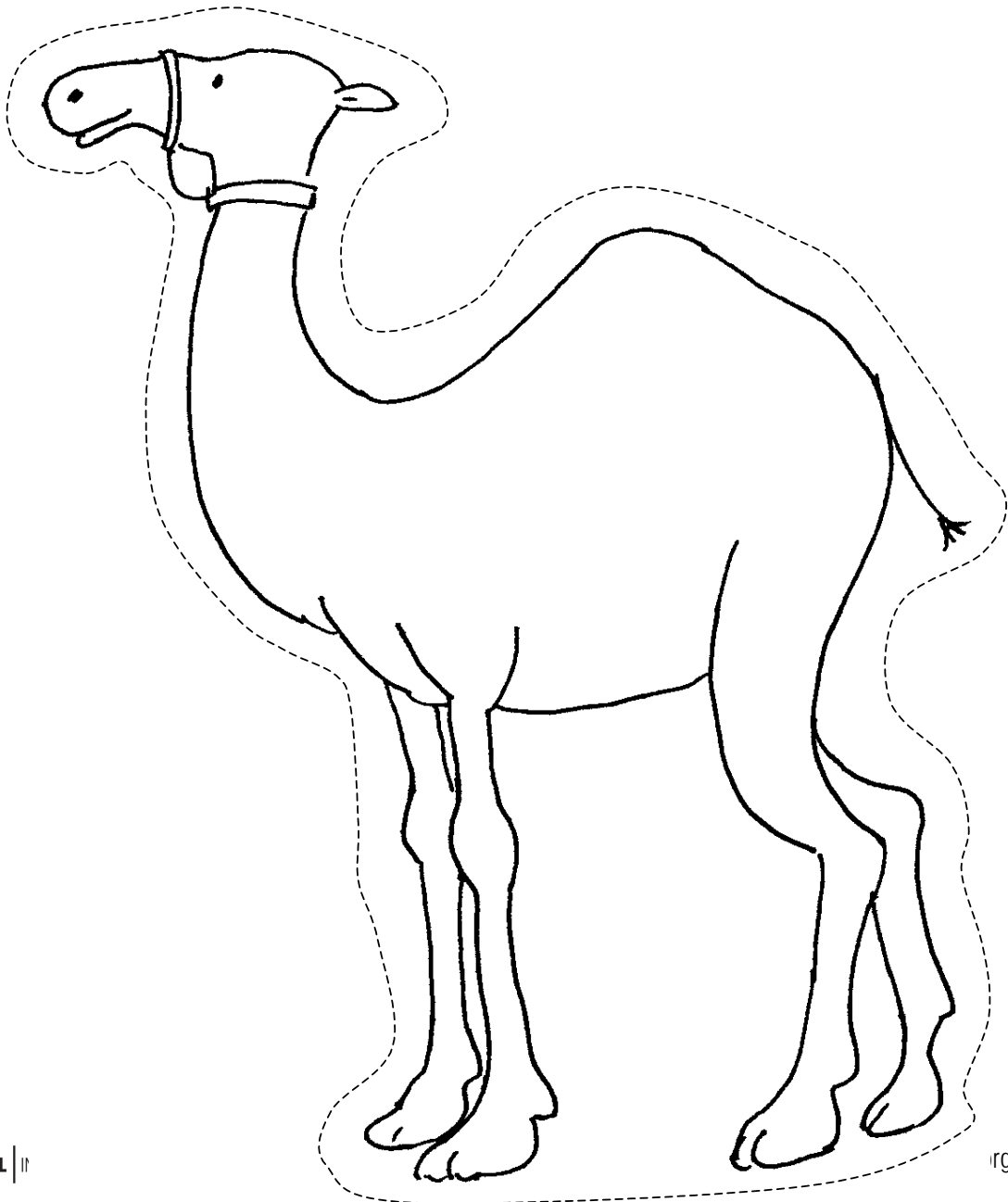
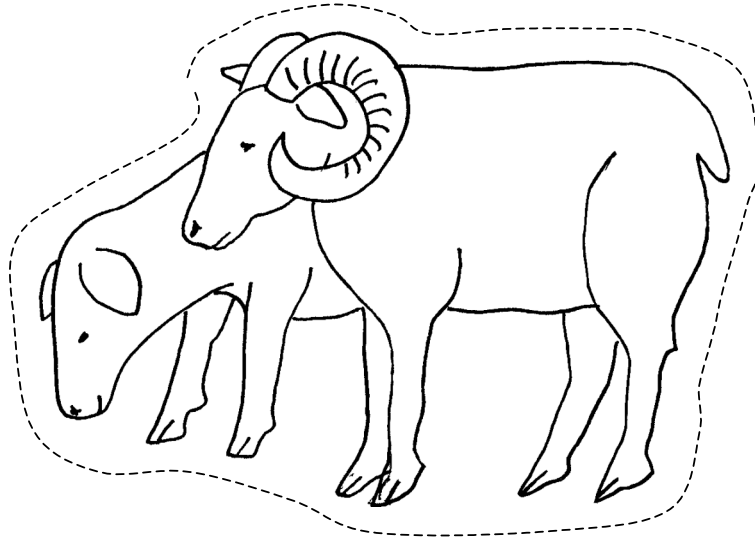
This story happens in the beginning of the Bible & the rest of the Bible tells the stories of Abraham's family, the land God gave them and the great blessing of Jesus who came into the world so everyone could become friends with God.



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