




Isaac Is Born

Genesis 21:1-6

We're all familiar with the joyous gurgle of an infant or the contagious giggles of a toddler. Little things bring them great joy. While they may not yet fully comprehend the joy our loving God brings, they're not too young to sense how good it feels to laugh and smile. Thank you for creating an environment for these young children that encourages laughter and happiness.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD, plush heart	
2 Bible Exploration	Oh, Joy! It's a Boy! Have children touch figures as you talk about being happy about babies.	glue, craft stick, scissors Teacher Pack: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture 	Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Jump for Joy Watch "jumping" toys.	small stuffed animals Teacher Pack: rainbow ribbons	
	Happy Puppets Talk to children with a happy-face puppet.	wooden spoon, marker	Draw a happy face or place a happy-face sticker on a wooden spoon.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.




► **Bible Point**
God makes us happy.

Key Verse
"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will celebrate that God is the creator of laughter and smiles.




TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD, plush heart	
2 Bible Exploration	From Tears to Joy Look at happy and sad faces.	Bible, paper plate, marker, scissors, glue, craft stick Teacher Pack: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture 	Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson. Draw a sad face with tears on one side of a paper plate, and a happy face on the other side.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Smiling Joy Discuss joy while making happy faces.	pretzels, crayons or washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Happy Family” page (at the end of this lesson), wet wipes (optional)	Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Bubble Up Joy Catch “joy” bubbles!	bubble wand, soap bubbles	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD, plush heart	
2 Bible Exploration	Baby Boy Joy Learn about Abraham and Sarah's new baby, Isaac.	Bible, baby-care items, scissors, glue, craft stick Teacher Pack: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture 	Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Pretzel Smiles Use pretzel pieces to demonstrate smiles and joy.	bowl of pretzels, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Happy Family" page (at the end of this lesson), wet wipes (optional)	Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Joyful Hearts Sing a joyful song while passing a heart.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD, plush heart	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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INFANT

1

GETTING
STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 16 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. As you sing, let the baby touch the plush heart.



Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus

Because he first loved me.

There is a name I love to hear;

I love to sing its worth.

It sounds like music in my ear,

The sweetest name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus

Because he first loved me.

(Repeat.)

"Oh, How I Love Jesus" by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

As you sing "Is God Listening?" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Frère Jacques," gently touch infants' faces as described below:



Is God listening? Is God listening? (*touch baby's ears*)

Yes, he is. Yes, he is. (*touch baby's nose*)

God can hear me singing. (*touch baby's mouth*)

God can hear me crying. (*run fingers from baby's eyes to cheeks*)

Yes, he can. Yes, he can. (*touch baby's nose*)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

Sing and Celebrate
Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Oh, How I Love
Jesus" (track 16)

plush heart



Oh, Joy! It's a Boy! Supplies

glue
craft stick
scissors

Teacher Pack

Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture

Oh, Joy! It's a Boy! Easy Prep

Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson.

Jump for Joy Supplies

small stuffed animals

Teacher Pack

rainbow ribbons

Happy Puppets Supplies

wooden spoon
marker

Happy Puppets Easy Prep

Draw a happy face or place a happy-face sticker on a wooden spoon.

2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Oh, Joy! It's a Boy!

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture.

Say: **The Bible tells us ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY. See the daddy? Touch the daddy. He's happy because God gave him a baby boy named Isaac. See the mommy? Touch the mommy. She loves baby Isaac, too. Touch the baby. The baby is happy to have Abraham as his daddy and Sarah as his mommy.**

3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Jump for Joy

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Tie small stuffed animals or other soft toys to the ends of the rainbow ribbons. Dangle the animals in front of a baby's face. Then jerk the rainbow ribbons to make the animals bounce.

Say: **Jump up, toy! Jump for joy! ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY!**

Happy Puppets

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Use the spoon like a puppet to talk to a baby. Hold the happy face near the baby's face.

Say: **We love God! ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY!** Make the puppet come alive by bouncing it up and down. Pull the puppet away, and then return it to the baby's range of vision. If the baby laughs at this activity, affirm the emotion. **God gives us laughter, [baby's name]. ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY!**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do

Sing “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 16 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. As you sing, let the toddlers pass around the plush heart.

♪ Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus

Because he first loved me.

There is a name I love to hear;

I love to sing its worth.

It sounds like music in my ear,

The sweetest name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus

Because he first loved me.

(Repeat.)

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

As you sing “Is God Listening?” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Frère Jacques,” gently touch toddlers’ faces as described:



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 16)
plush heart



From Tears to Joy Supplies

Bible
paper plate
marker
scissors
glue
craft stick
Teacher Pack
Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture

From Tears to Joy Easy Prep

Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson.

Draw a sad face with tears on one side of a paper plate, and a happy face on the other side.

Smiling Joy Supplies

pretzels
crayons or washable markers
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Happy Family” page (at the end of this lesson)
wet wipes (optional)

! ALLERGY ALERT

Smiling Joy Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.



Is God listening? Is God listening? *(touch the child’s ears)*

Yes, he is. Yes, he is. *(touch the child’s nose)*

God can hear me singing. *(touch the child’s mouth)*

God can hear me crying. *(run fingers from the child’s eyes to cheeks)*

Yes, he can. Yes, he can. *(touch the child’s nose)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

From Tears to Joy

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of toddlers together, and show the Abraham and Sarah figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture. Open your Bible to Genesis 21:1-6, and tell children this is God’s special book.

Say: **The Bible says Abraham and Sarah were sad because they didn’t have any children.** Show the sad face on the paper plate. **Boo-hoo. Can you touch the tears on this sad face? Let’s rub our eyes to wipe away the sad tears.**

Abraham and Sarah were so sad. But then one day God gave them a baby boy. Hold up the Isaac figure. Let’s touch the baby. **Abraham and Sarah named the baby Isaac. They were so happy!** Show the happy face on the paper plate. **Hip, hip, hooray! Clap your hands, and say, “Hooray!” ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY, and he made Abraham and Sarah happy when they had a baby boy.**

3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Smiling Joy

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out large crayons or washable markers, curved pretzel pieces, and copies of the “Happy Family” page. Have children clean their hands.

Say: **What’s missing on the faces of the baby and the daddy and the mommy? Their smiles are missing. Remember how happy Abraham and Sarah were to have**

a baby boy? ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY!** Let's put smiles on the daddy, mommy, and baby in the picture.

Make a pretzel "smile" on each child's daddy, mommy, and baby. Help children place pretzel pieces, and then let them eat the snack as they draw in a real smile and color their handouts.

Say: **Yummy snacks make us smile. God made Abraham and Sarah smile.**
► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY!**

Bubble Up Joy

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Dip a bubble wand into a container of soap bubbles, and blow bubbles for the children. Encourage toddlers to try to catch and pop the bubbles. Each time a toddler pops a bubble, have him or her say "happy!"

Continue as time allows or as long as toddlers are interested.

Say: **That was fun, wasn't it? I'm so glad that ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY!**

Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Lead 2-year-olds in singing and doing the motions for "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 16 on the CD). Then sing the song again, this time without the CD, and let 2-year-olds take turns throwing the plush heart into the air each time they sing, "I love Jesus."



Bubble Up Joy Supplies

bubble wand
soap bubbles

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 16)
plush heart



Baby Boy Joy Supplies

Bible
baby-care items
scissors
glue
craft stick

Teacher Pack

Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture

Baby Boy Joy Easy Prep

Cut out the Isaac figure and glue it on a craft stick. The Abraham and Sarah figures should be on craft sticks from a previous lesson.

🎵 **Oh, how I love Jesus.** (*cross hands over heart*)
Oh, how I love Jesus.
Oh, how I love Jesus
Because he first loved me. (*hold up one finger*)

There is a name I love to hear; (*cup hand around ear*)
I love to sing its worth.
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth. (*raise arms overhead and make a circle*)

Oh, how I love Jesus. (*cross hands over heart*)
Oh, how I love Jesus.
Oh, how I love Jesus
Because he first loved me. (*hold up one finger*)
(Repeat.)

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

As you sing “Is God Listening?” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Frère Jacques,” have children use their hands to do the following motions:

🎵 **Is God listening? Is God listening?** (*cup hands around ears*)
Yes, he is. Yes, he is. (*nod head*)
God can hear me singing. (*put hands to mouth*)
God can hear me crying. (*put hands over eyes*)
Yes, he can. Yes, he can. (*nod head*)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY.**

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Baby Boy Joy

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather children together. Hold up the Abraham and Sarah figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture.

Quickly remind kids how Abraham and Sarah’s guests gave them the amazing news that they’d have a baby. Remind children that God does amazing things.



Say: **The special guests told Abraham and Sarah that they'd have a baby. I brought some baby things with me today. Can you tell me about some of these things?**

Hold up baby-care items, such as blankets and bottles, one at a time. Help children identify each item and tell how it's used. Open your Bible to Genesis 21:1-6, and tell children this is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible tells us that God promised Abraham and Sarah they would have a baby even though they were very old. God gave them a baby boy, and they named him Isaac. Hold your arms like you're holding baby Isaac. Let's rock the baby.**

While children are rocking their pretend babies, walk around and briefly hold the Isaac figure over each child's rocking arms.

Say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY. Abraham and Sarah were so filled with joy they laughed. Show me how you laugh.** Wait for the children to laugh. **That's such a happy sound. I like to hear you laugh. I'm glad ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY!**

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3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Pretzel Smiles

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out a large bowl of pretzels. Have children clean their hands.

Say: **What do you look like when you're feeling sad? Show me a sad face.** Let children make sad faces. **Now I'd like to see what you look like when you're happy. Show me your happy faces.** Let children demonstrate smiles. **We can smile because ► GOD MAKES US HAPPY. Let's use these pretzels to make a big happy face on our table.**

Help children take turns adding pretzels to make eyes, a nose, and a large smiling mouth on one end of your table or work area. Then distribute copies of the "Happy Family" page.

Say: **What's missing on the faces of the baby and the daddy and the mommy? Their smiles are missing. Abraham and Sarah were so happy to have baby Isaac. Let's use some pretzel pieces from our happy face to make smiles for Abraham, Sarah, and baby Isaac.** Help children place the pretzel smiles on their pages. Say: ► **GOD MAKES US HAPPY!** Then let kids eat the pretzels.

Pretzel Smiles Supplies

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bowl of pretzels
My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
"Happy Family" page
(at the end of this
lesson)
wet wipes (optional)

! ALLERGY ■ ALERT

Pretzel Smiles Easy Prep

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Remove the Lesson 12
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.



Joyful Hearts Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "God Gives Joy"

(track 17)

plush heart

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
"Growing With Jesus"
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Joyful Hearts

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather 2-year-olds in a circle on the floor. Have children sing "God Gives Joy" (track 17 on the CD) to the tune of "This Old Man." As they sing, have them pass the plush heart around the circle. Have the child who's holding the heart at the end of the song stand up and shout, ► **"GOD MAKES US HAPPY!"** If the child is shy about shouting alone, have everyone shout with him or her.

🎵 God gives joy.

God gives joy.

Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy.

With a jump up and down,

And a turn 'round and 'round,

Let's all shout—God gives joy!

(Repeat.)

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus

Your child learned that God makes us happy (from Genesis 21:1-6). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Happy Puppets

Draw a happy face or place a happy-face sticker on a wooden spoon. Use the spoon like a puppet to talk to your baby. Hold the happy face close to your baby's face.

Say: **We love God! God makes us happy!** Make the puppet come alive by bouncing it up and down. Pull the puppet away, and then return it to your baby's range of vision. If your baby laughs at this activity, affirm the emotion. **God gave you laughter, [baby's name]. God makes us happy!**

TODDLER

Bubble Up Joy

Dip a bubble wand into a container of soap bubbles, and blow bubbles for your child. Encourage your toddler to try to catch and pop the bubbles. Each time your child pops a bubble, have him or her say "happy!"

Continue as long as your toddler is interested.

Say: **That was fun, wasn't it? I'm so glad that God makes us happy!**

2-YEAR-OLD

Happy Hearts

Cut a heart out of construction paper. With your child, sing "God Gives Joy" to the tune of "This Old Man." As you sing, pass the heart back and forth. Whoever has the heart at the end of the song can shout, "God makes us happy!"

**God gives joy.
God gives joy.
Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy.
With a jump up and down,
And a turn 'round and 'round,
Let's all shout—God gives joy!**



Smile! God Loves You

There's nothing quite like the joyous gurgle of an infant or the contagious giggles of a toddler. Little things bring them great joy. While they may not yet fully comprehend the joy our loving God brings, they're not too young to sense how good it feels to laugh and smile. When you encourage laughter and create happiness in your home, you're helping your child feel God's love.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- **Day 1:** Show your child his or her first baby pictures. Tell your child how happy you were to have a baby.
- **Day 2:** Dance with your child to joyful praise.
- **Day 3:** Chase your child around his or her bedroom. When you catch your child, say, "God makes us happy!"
- **Day 4:** Gently tickle your child—or let your child tickle you. Enjoy God's gift of laughter together.
- **Day 5:** Repeat a nonsense phrase or word combination that makes your child laugh.
- **Day 6:** Sing your favorite upbeat hymn or chorus to your child as he or she accompanies you on errands.
- **Day 7:** Every time you catch your child smiling or laughing, say, "I see [hear] that you're happy."



Happy Family



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