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| **Teaching Plan – Abraham – Friend of God** |
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| **Aim –** To show that God wants friendship with us and will  speak to us – but we must do all he tells us to. |
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|  **Welcome** |
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|  **Game** |
| The group is ready to start – just sit quietly looking at watch until someone asks what you are waiting for. Explain that when God promises something – he always keeps his promise but sometimes we have to wait – he knows the right time. **and/or** Invite each person to roll dice – each number corresponds to an action they need to do. This game is about following instruction. 1. shake hands with 3 people
2. change places with someone
3. mime eating chips
4. play a musical instrument
5. sing a song
6. smile your best smile.
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| **Bible reading**: Genesis 12:1-2 |
|  **Drama using pictures** |
| To tell the story use pictures (Ivy can send you some clip art pictures to go with this story – just ask) – as you tell the story get someone to hold up picture. Everyone says/sings words in bold. 1) God speaks to Abram and tells him to leave his home and move to another place – he goes with his wife Sarah – he does what God told him to do. They take lots of things with them but they have no children. Abram trusted God and did what God told him. (**Go Abram Go Abram)**2) Abram was rich – he wondered who would get all his stuff when he died. God said you will have children – lots of them – look up at the stars in the sky – you will have more children than all those stars. God changed his name to Abraham. Abraham and Sarah were very old – how could they have children? With God all things are possible – when God promises something it will happen. **(What a promise)**3) Something wonderful happened – a wee baby was born – Sarah and Abraham became Mum and Dad to baby Isaac – the first of many children. Abraham and Sarah were so happy and they did not forget to thank God. **(It’s a baby, it’s a baby – a tiny little baby boy)** 4) God gave Abraham a big test. Did Abraham love God more than his family – if God said to kill Isaac would Abraham do it? Abraham passed the test and Isaac grew up to be a man.  (**Hurray and well done)**5) Abraham died when he was a very old man – he had a great big family – God had kept his promises. Throughout his life Abraham was a friend of God. They spoke together often. (**We are family**) |
| **Talk** |
| Abraham was a good man – God knew that – and he knows all about us – good and bad. He asked Abraham to move to a new place – Canaan – it means Promised Land. God promised not only a new place to live, but that Abraham and Sarah would have children – that seemed impossible as they were very old. **But when God promises something he always keeps his promise**. And God told Abraham He would be with him always. Sometimes a promise is a two-way thing – we often call that a covenant, a contract, a legal agreement etc. God made agreements with Abraham and he makes agreements with us. It’s a good deal – we need to grab it – better than the best bargain at the shops!! **What does God promise us?**That when he gives us things to do he will help us – Jesus says I will be with you always. (Mat 28:20) That you can have a life in all its fullness now and in heaven – you are part of God’s big family. (John 3:16) *Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life*.God asked Abraham to do some difficult things – and life was not always easy for us – but God was always with him – loving him and caring for him. That’s the same for us – God never ever stops loving and caring for you.  |
| **Prayer Time** |
| Show a teaspoon and explain how some of the letters help us to pray Thank you, sorry, please – (TSP) teaspoon prayers  **T** – invite people to pray out loud short thank you prayers. **S**- invite people to say sorry to God **(silently**) – then remind them that God forgives them. **P** - please help – invite people to pray for people and situations that need help – this can be done in big group or split up into small groups.  |
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| **Possible Craft –**  |
| Cut out some stars – people can decorate them in any way they want – write name on (with help as needed). Either people take star home or put them on a big picture. Reminds us we are part of Abraham’s big family and in God’s plan. |
|  **Possible Songs** |
| * The Bible is the word of God (Prospects)
* Father Abraham
* He’s got the whole world in his hands
* Be still and know that I am God
* Give us faith more faith (Prospects)
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