

Recreate a scene

Think about all the stories you have heard over the last few weeks about Abraham and Sarah and their baby Isaac, Isaac's own children Esau and Jacob and about Jacob's life when he went to live with Uncle Laban and fell in love with Rachel.

Which story was your favourite?

Why did you like it?

What was the best part of that story?

Take a picture frame and using the materials provided make a scene from one of the stories. You can play with the materials first and get the feel of them.



Get active with the story

Giant Snakes and Ladders

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all had ups and downs in their lives. The game of snakes and ladders is all about ups and downs!

You need at least one other person to play the game with.

Grab a dice and start playing. When you get to a square with a card on it, read it and think about whether it is an up or a down in the life of our bible characters. You will then either have to go down the snake (BOO!) or get to zoom up the ladder (HURRAY!)

The first person to the top of the board wins!

Talk about

How do you react when things go wrong in your life? Do you remember to trust God? Even though its hard to understand why hard things happen sometimes, God promises us that he will be with us and will help us if we ask Him.



Explore the story

What's in a name?

There are lots of names in our bible stories with their meanings.

Isaac means "laughter"

Esau means "hairy"

Jacob means "cheat" but can also mean "may God protect"

What does your name mean? Look up the meaning and then using the canvas to draw and decorate your name. You can add the meaning too if you like!



Build the story Tents

Abraham and his family left their home in Haran and travelled to their new home in Canaan. They lived in tents.

Use some of the things provided to make your own tent.

Allow the children to take the lead in constructing tents with the materials provided. Use clothes pegs to secure the sheets to whatever frame you are using.

Talk about

How do you think Abraham travelled? How did he manage to bring all his belonging with him?



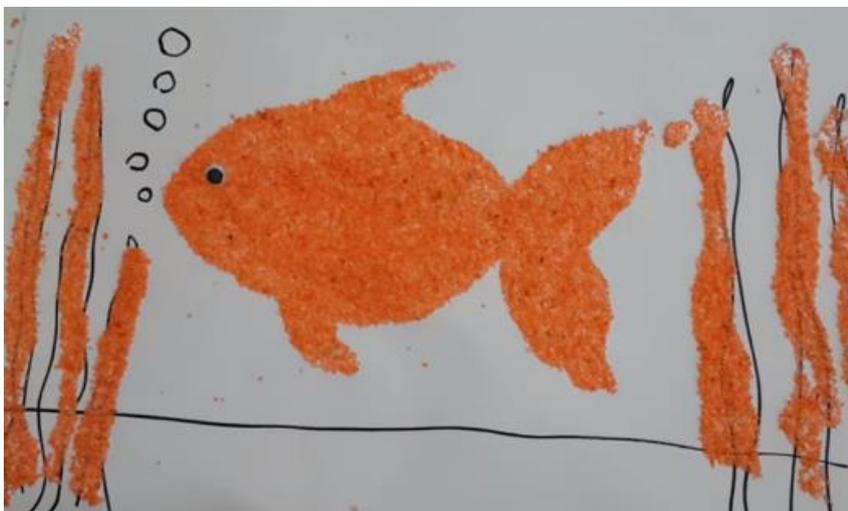
Draw the story Sand art

Draw a simple picture with a pencil and then paint over it with PVA glue. Sprinkle the coloured sand all over the picture and leave to dry. If you want to keep it simple just use one colour.

Talk about

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. Look at the tiny grains of sand and imagine how many grains would be on the seashore.

Abraham trusted God even when His promises seemed impossible.



Make the story Lollipop star

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Genesis 22:17

Colour or paint the sticks and leave to dry

Stick the ends of the lolly sticks together to make your star and then decorate to make it as sparkly as you can.

Talk about

Have you ever looked up at the stars on a clear night? There are so many it is impossible to count them all. God promised Abraham as many descendants as all the stars!

