

This week we were visited by Katie McGlew who ran a Godly Play session for us on the story of Abraham and Sarah; therefore, this Sunday connection is a one for all.

Aim: To explore the story of Abraham and Sarah as we head towards Advent.

Bible Passages: Genesis 12-18 tells the full story of Abraham and Sarah, although not all verses have been used for the Godly Play script.

Retelling: A link to someone else telling the story in the Godly Play style is found [here](#)

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A very condensed version of the story is found [here](#). For some reason they have replaced grains of sand with specs of dust and there doesn't seem to be a single abridged version that is not flawed in some way!

Godly play is about wondering. Together we wondered and so can you: What bit of the story each of us liked best? What was the most important part of the story? Could we leave anything out of the story and it still hold together? We then had a chance to think more through the options of craft, playdoh, or working with the story figures.

Christmas Connection: Read the promises to Abraham in Genesis Chapter 12:1-3. **Chat:** Do we think Abraham saw God's promises fulfilled? How do we know they were? **Look** at Jesus's family tree found Matthew Chapter 1 and Luke 3:23-38 which trace Jesus's lineage to Abraham on both sides of his family! Pretty cool.

Craft: Make a question board (as simple or as creative as you like) Draw or write your questions about God's promises, Advent, and Christmas on it/ pin them to it. Commit to praying and thinking through those questions as a family between now and Christmas.