

## *PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE*

### ***HEBREWS 11 - FAITH AT WORK***

*Abraham and Sarah – Genesis 12:1-9; 17:15-21; 18:9-15; 21:1-7*

- Read the Genesis passages listed above for the story line referenced in Hebrews 11:8-12 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
  
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
  - Hebrews 11:8-12 talk about the faith of Abraham and Sarah. The Bible says that Abraham’s obedience when God told him to leave home was a powerful demonstration of faith. The reason these actions were considered “faithful” has to do with the fact that Abraham believed it was better to obey God who would give him an eternal home in heaven than a nice earthly house now.
  - Sarah is called faithful because she believed that God had the power to give her a child even though she was very old. When God told her that he would give her a son she couldn’t help but laugh! The idea seemed outrageous to her because she had waited so long and she thought she missed her chance. But when God makes a promise he always keeps it, just ask Sarah.
  
- **Questions:**
  - What did God tell Abraham to do? What do you think was the hardest part for Abraham when he obeyed God and left home? Why do you think God told Abraham to do such a hard thing? What do we learn about Abraham and his obedience to God?
  - Early on God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a child. Why do you think God waited so long to send Isaac into their lives? Do you think that Sarah was tired of waiting? Do you think she was probably sad because she couldn’t have kids even though she wanted some?
  - When God asks you to do difficult things, like to wait patiently for his plan, why is it hard to obey? If we are filled with faith like Abraham and Sarah, does that help us during the long times of waiting?