



God keep his promises

BIBLE STORY: Genesis 18:1-14, Sarah Laughs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ndqrw6JYePQ>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuvLDMFO4Go>

Newspring Worship:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAAo_SIE1Yk

MEMORY VERSE/ACTIVITY

*"His signs are great. His wonders are mighty. His kingdom will last forever. His rule will never end."
Daniel 4:3 (NIRV)*

SUMMARY:

The clowns at the circus make everyone laugh. When Sarah heard God promise to allow her to have a baby when she was old enough to be a grandma, she laughed. She laughed because she didn't believe God could do something that seemed as impossible as that. But Sarah learned that God always keeps His promises.

QUESTIONS?

Who was Sarah?

What made Sarah laugh?

Why was it so funny to hear she would have a baby?

What happened a year later?

How do we know God keeps His promises?

PRAY IT!

*Dear God,
Thank you for always
keeping your promises.*

In Jesus' name, Amen

LESSON (Sarah- The Laughing Clown Gen. 18:1-14)

INTRO: How many of you guys enjoy clowns? How many of you are absolutely terrified of clowns? Adults, let's see those hands. Who is afraid of clowns?

My apologies to all of you who have let the scary clowns of the world get the best of you, but you can't talk about the circus without talking about clowns. Clowns have been a circus staple from the very beginning. Clowns appeared on the posters, in the parades, and of course, in the big top. Clowns are so important to the circus, that the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus actually once operated a clown college! From 1968 to 1997, students from around the world attended this one of a kind school to learn the fine art of American-style clowning. Clowns are known for many things. Some are happy, some are sad. Some are known for juggling or acrobatics. Some clowns perform with dogs, who dress like clowns and do amazing tricks. And then there's the ever-popular clown car, the tiny vehicle that drives out to the center ring loaded with dozens and dozens of clowns! Whatever their act, the main purpose of the clown was always the same: make people laugh!

Today's Bible story is not about a clown, but about a woman known for her laughter. There were no circuses around in the days of *Genesis*, and the woman's laughter was not due to anything truly funny. She heard someone make a promise that she believed was impossible. It was so ridiculous, it made her laugh. She would soon find out this promise was no joke. God made the promise, and when God makes promises, He keeps them, no matter how impossible they may seem!

MAIN POINT: Sarah was an old, old woman. She was far past the age when it was possible to have children. When she heard these strangers in her house promise that she would have a baby, she laughed! It was a joke. It had to be a joke. How could an old woman possibly have a baby? But look what happens in *Genesis*.

The man who said Sarah would have a baby was no clown. He was a messenger, delivering a promise straight from God. God never jokes around when He makes a promise. He is always faithful, and we can count on Him to keep His word.

Promises are no laughing matter to God. When He makes a promise, you better believe He will keep it.