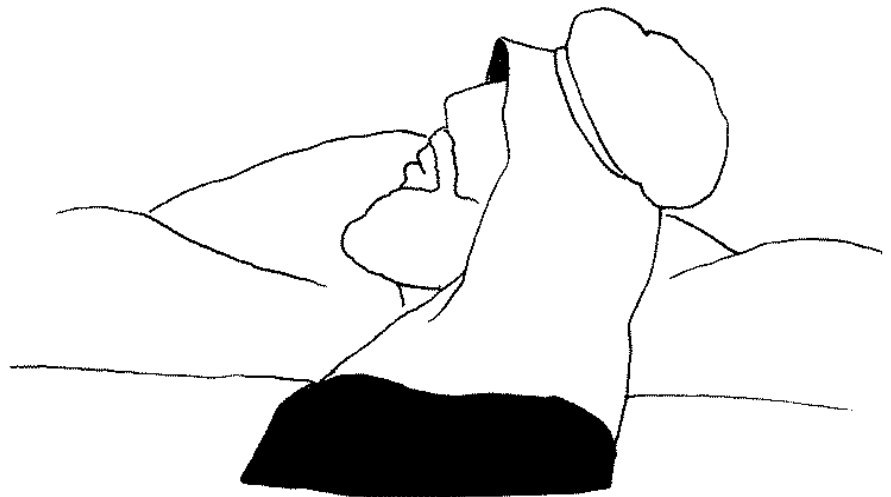
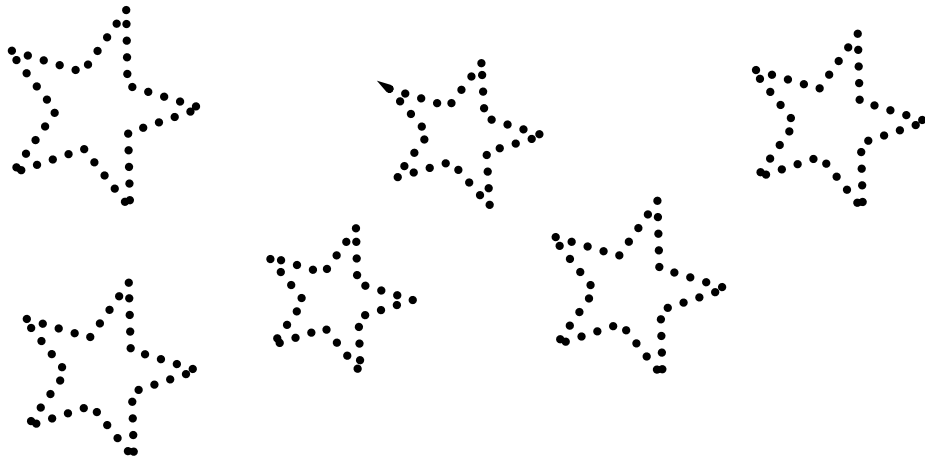


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Trace the stars and add more to the sky.

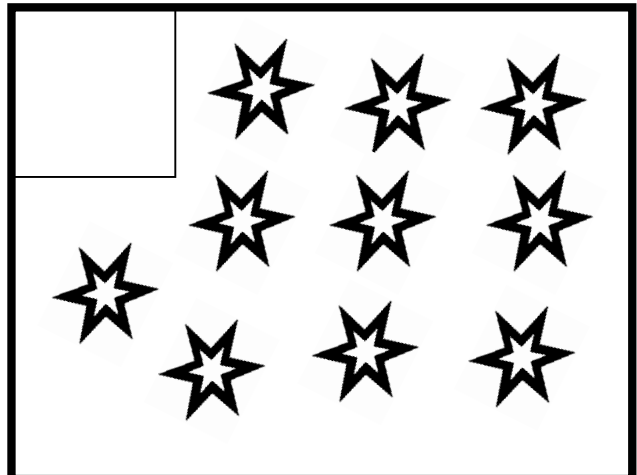
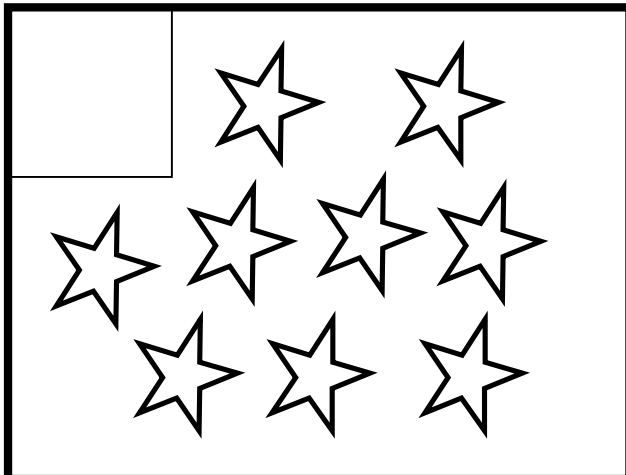
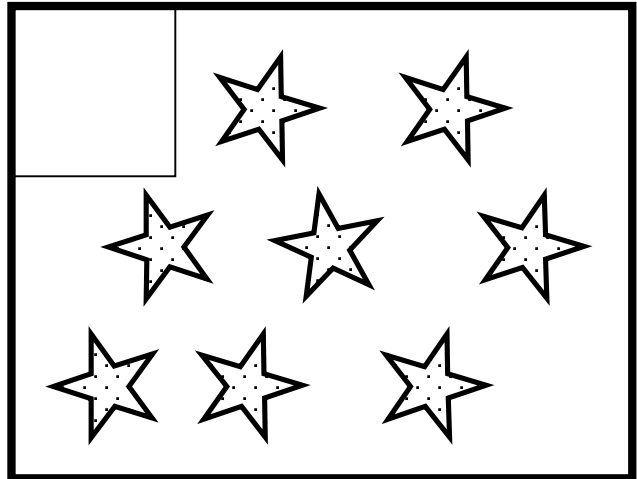
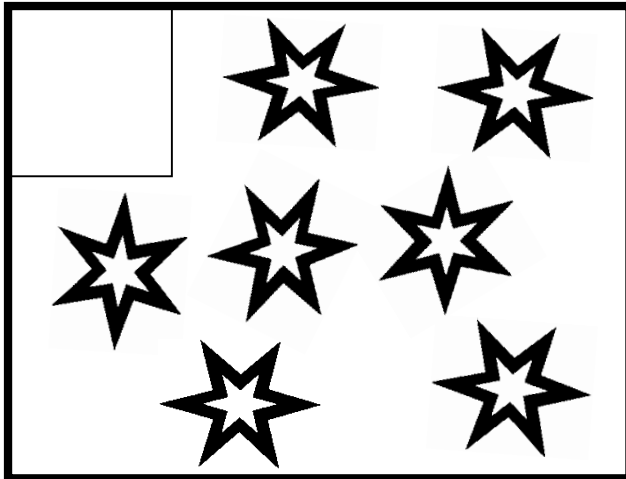
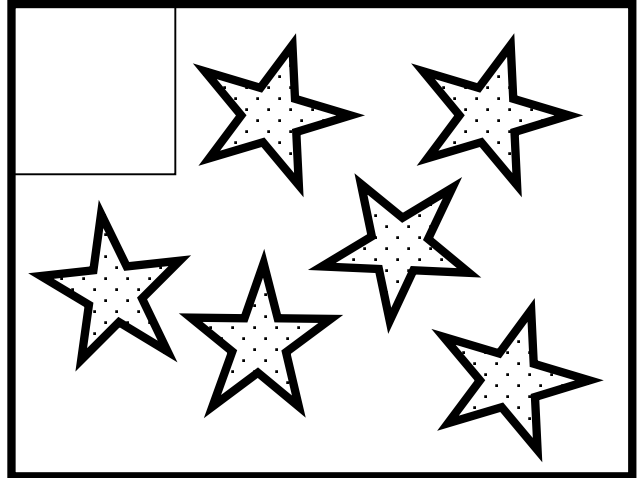
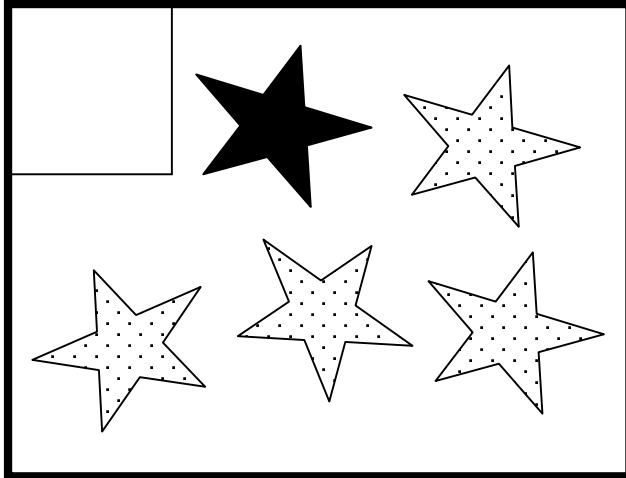


God promised Abraham that he would have so many people in his family that they would be as hard to count as the stars in the sky.

Teacher: The students could add foil stars to the sky.

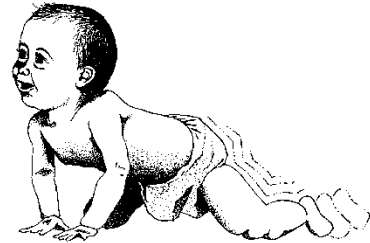
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Could you count all the stars in the sky? Count all the stars in each set and write the numbers in the boxes.

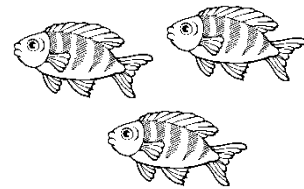
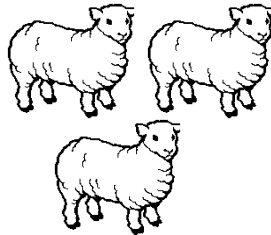
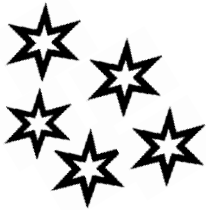


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Abram asked God for a:



God promised Abram a family like the:



How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?

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100

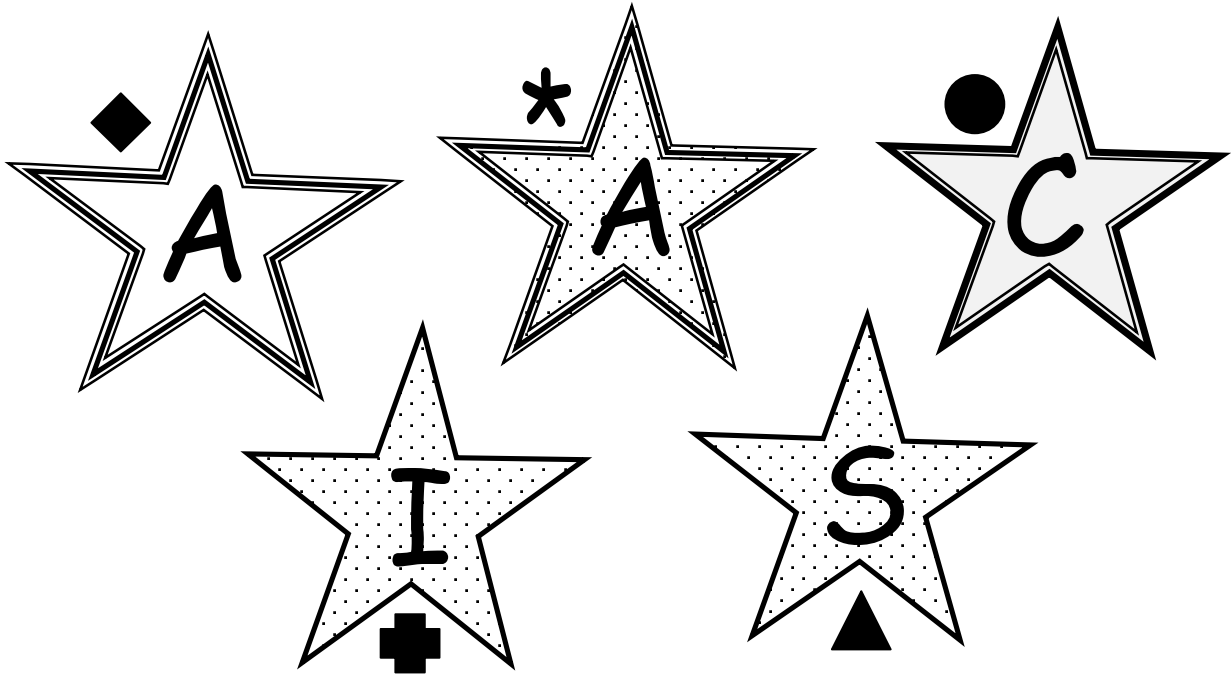
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Does God keep His promises?

Yes

No

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God promised Abraham:



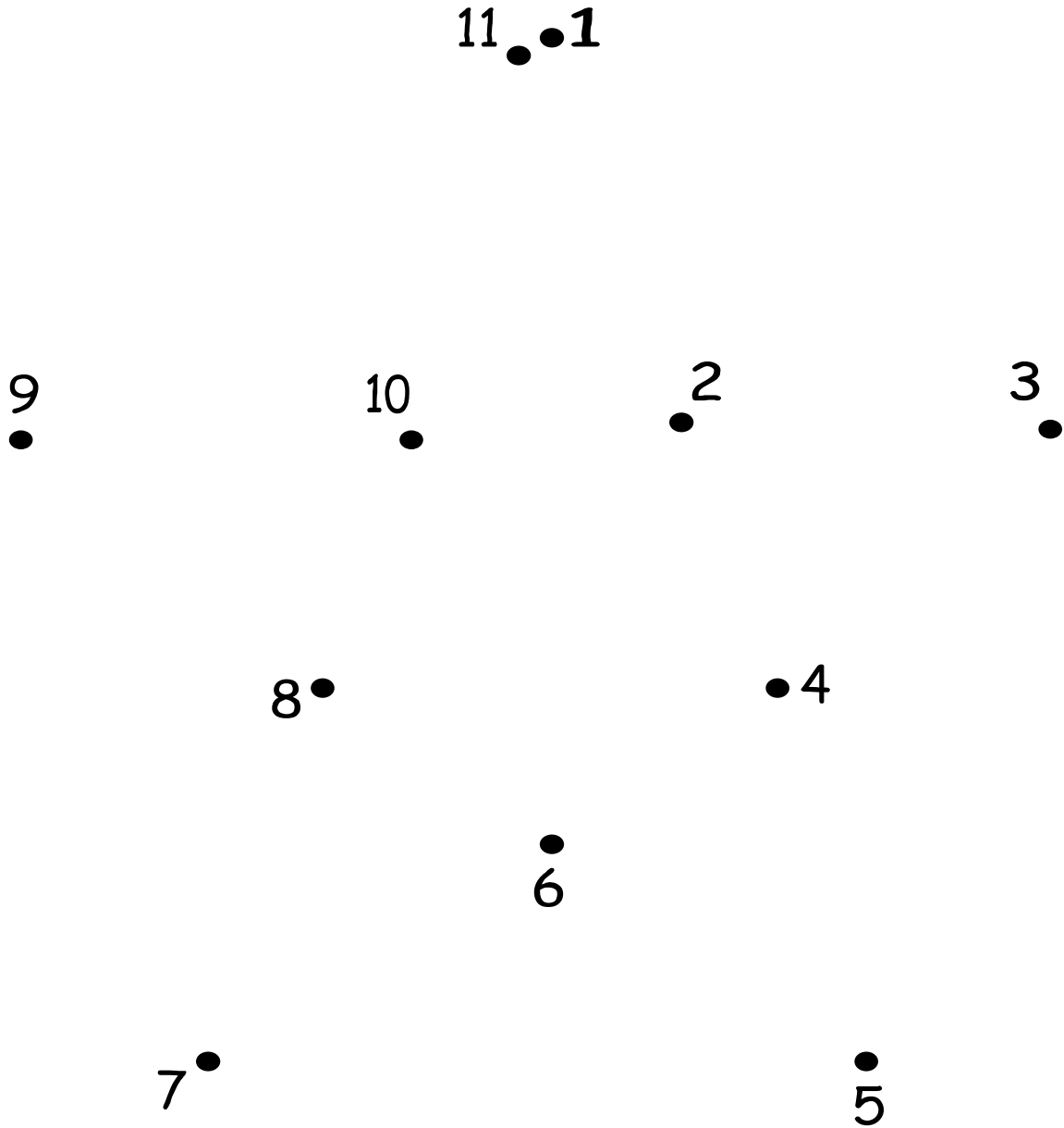
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Color baby Isaac.



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Connect the dots to see something that can remind us of God's promise to Abraham.



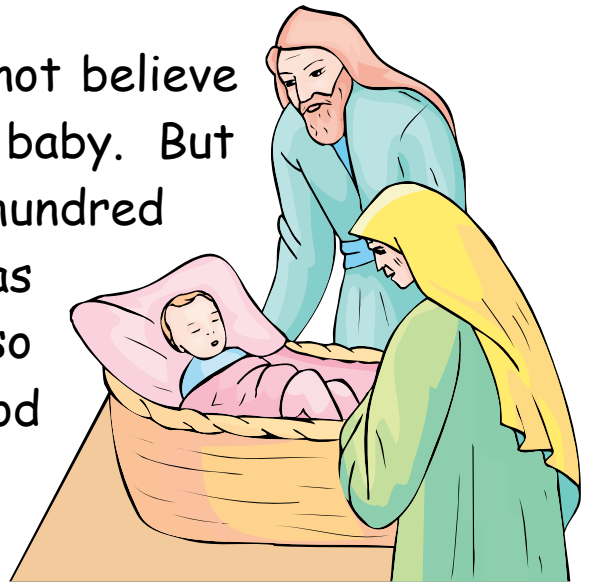
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Genesis 15-21

Abram was God's friend (James 2:23). Abram and Sarai had been married a long time but had no children. Abram asked God for a baby. God said He would give them a baby boy and they should name him Isaac. God told Abram that his family would grow so large that counting them would be like trying to count the stars in the sky.

When Abram was 99 years old, God told Abram to change his name to Abraham. God gave Sarai a new name too: Sarah.

They were so old Sarah did not believe that they could really have a baby. But later, when Abraham was one hundred years old, their baby boy Isaac was born. Abraham and Sarah were so happy! God kept His promise. God ALWAYS keeps His promises.



Our new memory verse is:
"Abraham...was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).

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OBJECTIVES:

Help your students understand what an important character Abraham is in Bible history. He is the father of many nations, as God promised him! He was called "the friend of God," as we learn from the memory verse.

PREPARING FOR THE LESSON:

It is suggested that you make a chart on poster board showing some of Abraham's descendants. I put mine sideways, and printed Abraham and Sarah at the top, with a big star between them. Then Isaac (star) and Rebekah with an upside down V going to Esau and Jacob. Rachael to the right of Jacob (stars between them, too). Then I drew a line from Jacob to the left side, where I listed Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah. I did not put a star by Dinah, but did by the rest. Then I drew a line from Rachael to the right side and printed JOSEPH in capital letters to show that he is the one we are following in our lessons, and a big star by him. Benjamin below Joseph with a smaller star. I used this four weeks as we covered these lessons. My 2s and 3s might not understand it as much as older student, but I do believe it was helpful even for them. Also **print the number 100** on a piece of paper or cover stock so the little ones will recognize it for the multiple-choice (choose the picture, number or word).

Stickers: I have many types of stickers in my file box. The huge stars had been sold to decorate gift bags, but I didn't use them. If you save a variety of types of stickers you will have them on hand when you come up with a special idea for your class. I use one of the plastic file boxes from a discount store and have one file folder for each sticker topic. Once I got it organized, it saves a lot of time because I do not have to search through a lot of different types of stickers to find what I want. If you only have a few types of stickers, you could use one of the larger note card boxes and label each section.

There is no cutting and pasting with this activity, but you will need small star stickers for the graphic of Abraham looking to the sky at the stars. I happened to have grey copy paper, and used it for my own visual aid as well as the coloring page. I used a gold paint marker to trace my stars, but of course my students had to use crayons to avoid getting it on clothing. Be sure to give each child several stars to add to the picture so they will grasp the idea better. Select other appropriate pages for your age group.

LESSON AND ACTIVITIES:

Use the graphic visual aid you colored of Abraham looking to the sky unless you have a book or other visual you would prefer to use to teach the lesson. The chart you make should also be used to help illustrate how many children grew from one family. If you have a child in your class with some aunts and uncles who also worship at the same congregation, you could use that as an illustration.

SONGS AND PRAYER:

I adapted a song to use for my class. If you know the "Father Abraham" song, you can sing it and have the children follow you around the room as a "follow the leader" game/song. At the end, change it to "Isaac is one of them, and millions more, so let's just praise the Lord..." You could do anything after Lord, like "right arm" and hold it out. Then maybe switch the next verse to "left arm." Any variation would work for as many verses as you want: "raise arms," "jump up," etc. The last verse could be "sit down" if you are done with stand-up songs. **During your prayer** thank God for the example of Abraham and his faith in God. Ask God to help you (the class) have more faith. Thank God for always keeping His promises!