



(6) Abraham Promised Many Descendants, Sarai & Hagar, Sarai's Baby, Offering

Genesis 13-22

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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Then, let them drop a little bit of water in the center of the toothpicks. It only takes a second and they will watch it grow into a star. If nothing is happening, add more water. (They may try several times as time allows.)

While they are doing this activity, you may ask kids what they know about stars. The biggest thing we want to get to is that there are so many we can't count them!

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- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
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