

Children of the Old Testament

Children are important to God. He loves them and takes care of them.

In the Old Testament we read about boys and girls who loved God. Some were important and became kings; some were brave and became soldiers; others were servants or prisoners.

God wants us to know about each one of them and to learn from them. As God took care of them in difficult situations, so he will take care of us. We must remember to ask him to help us.

‘Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.’

Ecclesiastes 12:1





Isaac - Child of Promise

Genesis 21

Isaac was born when his parents, Abraham and Sarah, were very old. God told Abraham that Sarah would have a child, and he laughed in astonishment. When Sarah overheard angels tell Abraham again that his wife would have a baby, she laughed too. It seemed so impossible but it was in God's plan that Abraham and Sarah should have a son.

Just as God had said, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy. God told Abraham to call him Isaac, meaning *laughter*. Probably Abraham and Sarah would always be reminded of the fact that they laughed in disbelief at God's promise of a son.

Young Isaac gave a lot of pleasure to Sarah and Abraham in their old age. He brought laughter and happiness to their home. When he was about two or three years old Abraham had a big party in his honour.

