

C. THINKING ABOUT BIBLE TRUTHS

Hebrews 11:11, 17-19

Even though Abraham and Sarah made some mistakes, they are outstanding examples for us to follow. In these verses, God commends them for their faith in Him.

1. What does it mean to have faith in God? Cross out the statement that gives a *wrong* answer for this question.
 - a. A person with faith in God will do whatever God asks of him, even if he does not understand why God wants him to do it.
 - b. A person with faith in God will continue to believe God's promises, even if they seem impossible.
 - c. A person with faith in God will always move away from his own home and country, as Abraham did.
 - d. A person with faith in God will accept hard things without becoming upset, because he knows God has a reason for them.
2. Sarah proved her faith in God by
 - a. believing that God would be faithful and give her a child as He had promised.
 - b. laughing when God said that she would have a child in her old age.
 - c. giving her maid, Hagar, to Abraham as a wife so that Hagar could bear a child for her.
 - d. all the ways given above.
3. Abraham proved his faith in God by
 - a. taking Hagar for his wife when Sarah suggested it.
 - b. believing that God would keep His promise to make him a father of many nations, even if he offered up his only son as a burnt offering.
 - c. pretending that Sarah was only his sister and not his wife.
 - d. all the ways given above.

★ *How well did you read the verses for the exercises that you did about the life of Abraham? Match the following characters from the story of Abraham with their descriptions. Do as many as you can without looking back in your workbook or using your Bible.*

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| <u>g</u> 4. I married one of my father's sons. | a. Abraham |
| <u>f</u> 5. I traveled with my uncle to a strange land. | b. Eliezer |
| <u>b</u> 6. My home was in Damascus. | c. Hagar |
| <u>c</u> 7. My husband married me because his wife wanted him to. | d. Isaac |
| <u>a</u> 8. God asked me to leave my home and travel to a new land. | e. Ishmael |
| <u>h</u> 9. My son worshiped a different God than I did. | f. Lot |
| <u>e</u> 10. My mother was the servant of a rich man's wife. | g. Sarah |
| <u>d</u> 11. My mother laughed when she heard that I would be born. | h. Terah |

This exercise brings out some details that the student may have missed as he read the Bible accounts. It also serves as a brief review of Abraham's life. You may want to do it together in class.