

PATIENCE



MONDAY





What do you see in the picture?

Can you make a prediction about what we are going to talk about today?

What questions do you have about this picture?

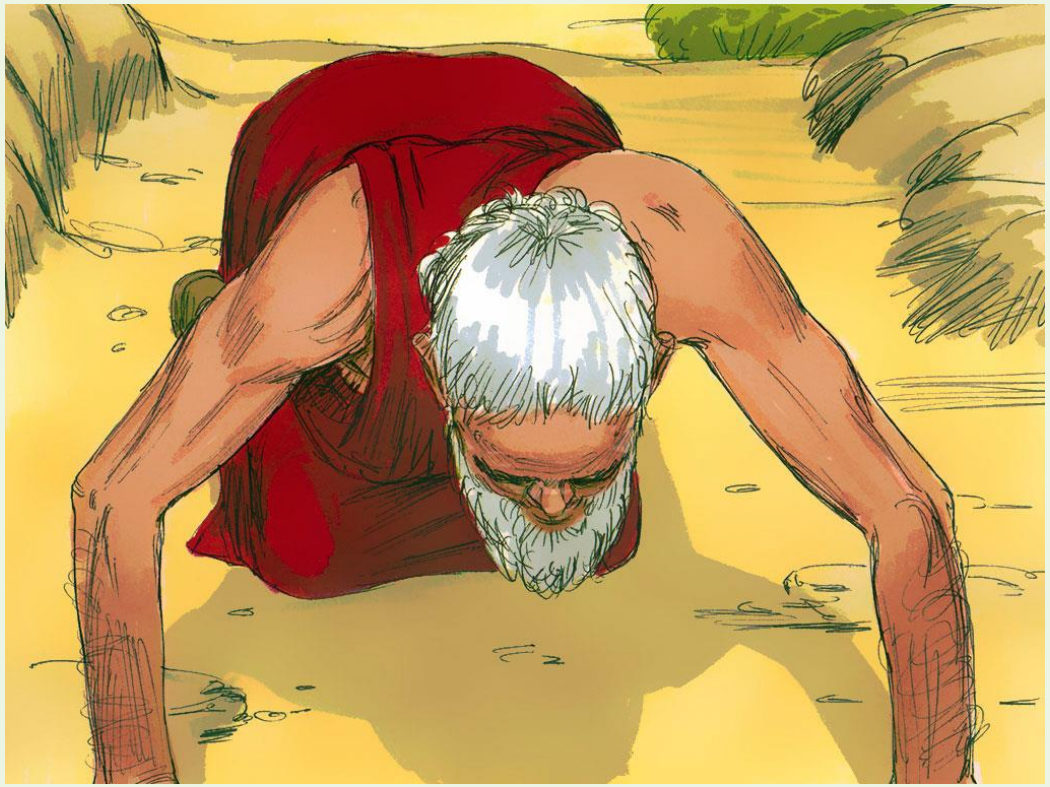
Come up with three questions.

BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 17 & 18)

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him. The Lord said, "I am
God All-Powerful. Obey me and do what is right. **2** I will make an agreement
between us. I will make you the ancestor of many people."
3 Then Abram bowed facedown on the ground. God said to him, **4** "I am making
my agreement with you: I will make you the father of many nations. **5** I am
changing your name from Abram[a] to Abraham.[b] This is because I am making
you a father of many nations. **6** I will give you many descendants. New nations will
be born from you. Kings will come from you. **7** And I will make an agreement
between me and you and all your descendants from now on: I will be your God
and the God of all your descendants. **8** You live in the land of Canaan now as a
stranger. But I will give you and your descendants all this land forever. And I will
be the God of your descendants."

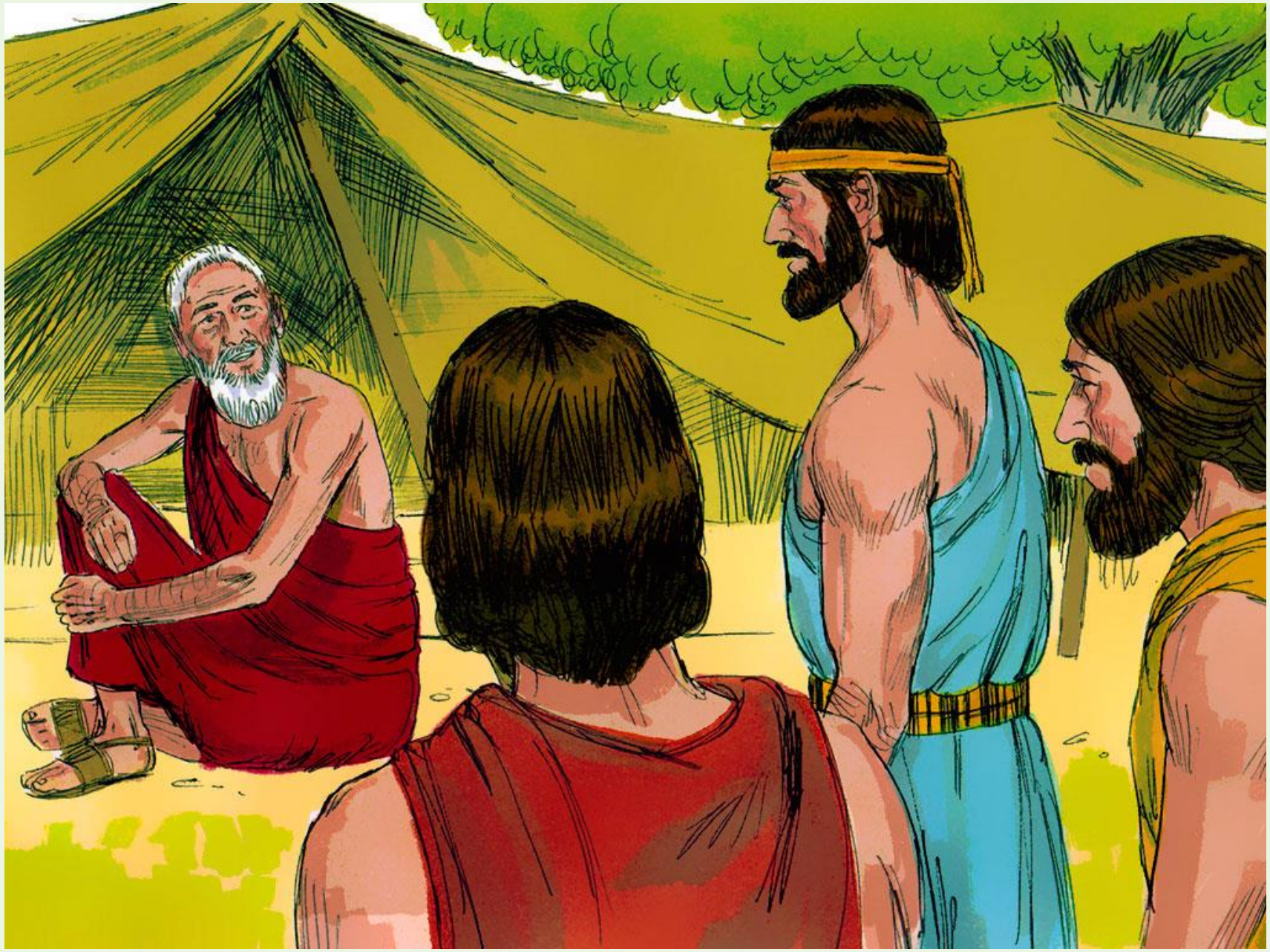
BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 17 & 18)

17 Abraham bowed facedown on the
ground and laughed. He said to himself,
"Can a man have a child when he is 100
years old? Can Sarah give birth to a child
when she is 90?" 18 Then Abraham said to
God, "Please let Ishmael be the son you
promised."
19 God said, "No. Sarah your wife will have
a son, and you will name him Isaac.[e] I will
make my agreement with him. It will be an
agreement that continues forever with all
his descendants.



BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 17 & 18)

Later, the Lord again appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre. At that time Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent. It was during the hottest part of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When Abraham saw them, he ran from his tent to meet them. He bowed facedown on the ground before them. **3** Abraham said, "Sir, if you think well of me, please stay awhile with me, your servant. **4** I will bring some water so all of you can wash your feet. You may rest under the tree. **5** I will get some bread for you, so you can regain your strength. Then you may continue your journey."
The three men said, "That is fine. Do as you said."

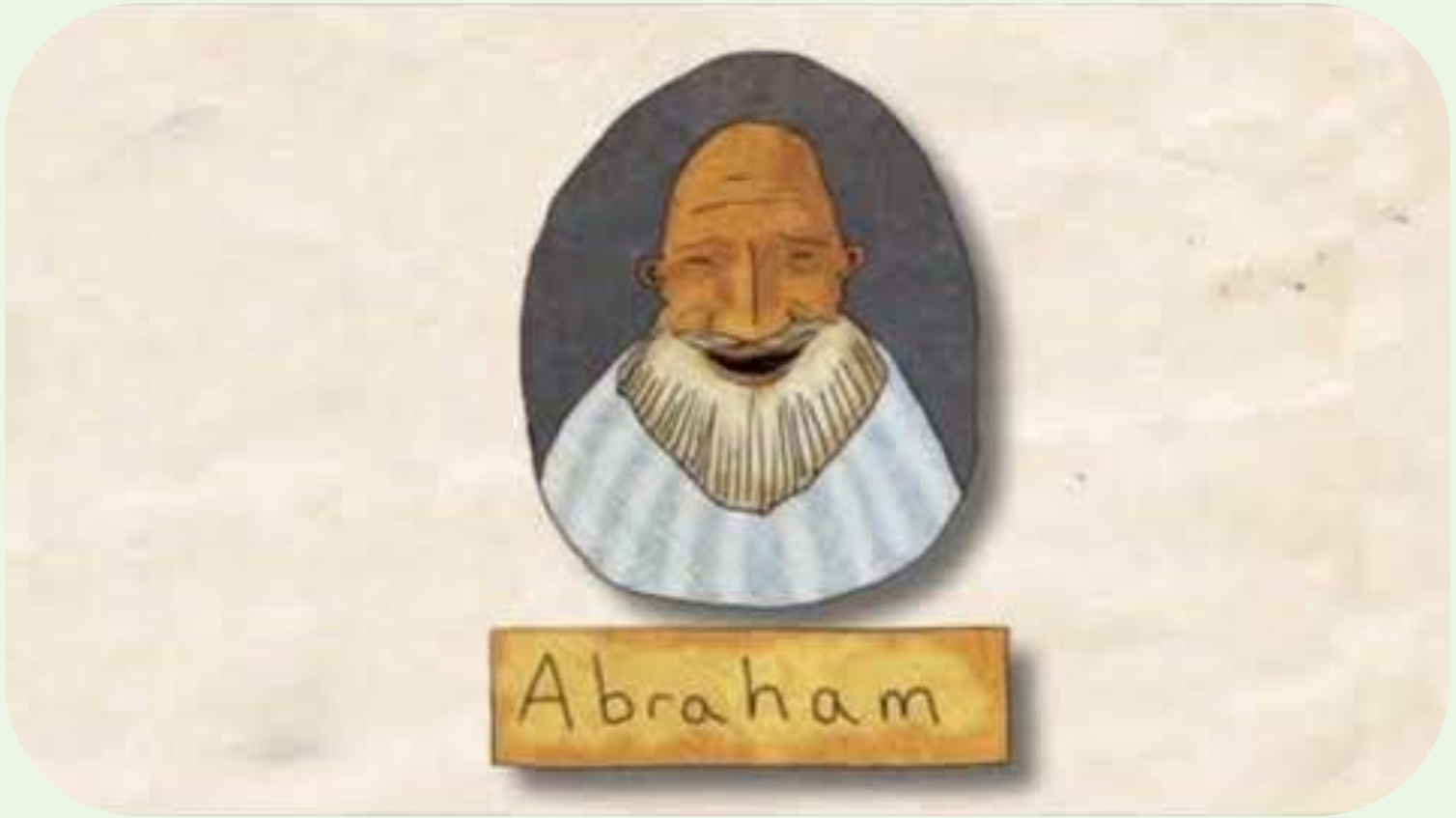


BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 17 & 18)

9 The men asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
"There, in the tent," said Abraham.
10 Then the Lord said, "I will certainly return to you about this time a year from now. At that time your wife Sarah will have a son."
Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were very old. Sarah was past the age when women normally have children. 12 So she laughed to herself, "My husband and I are too old to have a baby."
13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'I am too old to have a baby'? 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? No! I will return to you at the right time a year from now. And Sarah will have a son."
15 Sarah was afraid. So she lied and said, "I didn't laugh."
But the Lord said, "No. You did laugh."



BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 17 & 18)



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Abraham and Sarah waited an incredibly long time to have a baby.

- Do you think they waited patiently?
- Think about the way they both reacted to the news?
- Did they really believe that their patience would be rewarded?

RESPONDING

What can we learn from this story?

What do you find encouraging?
What do you find challenging?



PRAYER

Encourage the pupils to respond with their own prayers first or through the prayer space and if appropriate use the Lord's prayer.

Our Father, in heaven,
Holy is your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

