



Digital Borrowing Box for 28 February, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Hello!

The AM and PM Sunday Clubs will meet this Sunday at the same time as before: 9.45-10.15am and 4.30-5.15pm for the older children. Steve will email out on Saturday with the password, so make sure to reach out to him via stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org to be included in the mailing.

The Room Code remains the same: 403-383-3163. We will continue with the same online safety protocols as before.

For this week, our box includes:

- A Parent's Brief for you about the story of Jonah
- A Word Search for use during the service
- Some Activity Ideas for the week, plus a Reflection from Spill the Beans

Before Livestream:

Print off materials, prepare markers and paper for drawing throughout the service.

During:

Have markers and paper to hand for your children through the service.

After:

Give some of our activities a try! We've divided them up into different categories to help you decide when to do them.

Steve Chaffee and the Young Church Team

Parent's Brief: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
The Second Sunday In Lent



This week, we turn to the re-naming of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah. The covenant God sets with Abraham and Sarah is a flashpoint in the Bible--so many themes and tropes can be traced to this story. But there are unsaid elements too. But it can be difficult to tease these elements out today, though they are vital to the story.

So let's try to, and see how this little piece fits into the big story.

Names are more than ID badges to the cultures of the Bible. Rather, they *are* their owners. This in mind, to know the name of someone is to be able to call on them, in mundane ways such as you or I might call on a friend for a cup of sugar, or in more dramatic ways (like we see across the Psalms).

For Abraham and Sarah to be given a new name meant that they needed to rethink their life--they were fundamentally different people than they were before God made the covenant with them. To meet with God is to be changed and drawn to our highest good. Yet this covenant isn't something just from the past--it bears on today as well. We are called into it today as well--into the great saga of God's working in and through the world for the blessing of all.

So let's think with our kids on how to be a blessing to all:

- **What's In A Name?** Have a chat with your kids: what are names? Are they like name-badges, which can be taken off, are they more permanent, or are they something more?
- **The Big Story:** What is God doing in the world today, and how can we get involved--right here at home, in our neighborhood, and beyond?

Abraham and Sarah

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ABRAM
 GOD
 SARAH
 CANAAN
 COVENANT
 NAMES
 SAGA
 ABRAHAM
 PROMISE
 SARAI
 CHANGED
 TODAY

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2027447/>

Steve's Bonus Words:

Ban, Bran, Hang, Roar, Ram, Naan

Activity Ideas:

(Game, Naming) What's That?

This is a guessing game. Below is a list of animals and alternate names for them.

Give an alternate name to the group and see if they can figure out what the animal is. One point for each correct guess!

Danger Noodle - Snake
Beach Chicken - Seagull
Formal Chicken - Penguin
Floppy Floppy Sea Spider - Octopus
Arrow Pig - Porcupine
Panda Whale - Orca
Majestic Sea Flap Flap - Manta Ray
Danger Zebra - White Tiger
Booplesnoot - Rabbit
Stanky Squirrel - Skunk

Reflective Prayer (Spill the Beans #38)

Oh, yes please, God!
That covenant will do fine for us too;
'exceedingly numerous'...
just like we used to be...

The church would be full every
Sunday;
we'd need four buses each year for the
Sunday School trip.
There would be a waiting list for the
Boys' Brigade,
and fights over who got to use the hall
cupboards.
No more money worries;
no fear of closure...
the Spring Fayre
and the Guild coffee mornings

would top up what came in through the
offering plate.

We'd be respected,
and have an important place
in society again.

People would look to us for advice on
how to live—
even if they had no intention of taking
it.

The minister would be up there with
the high heid yins,
and even if he (or she) didn't set the
heather on fire, it wouldn't matter.
The people would still come.

'Exceedingly numerous'...
Yes, God, that's the one.

"Whoever wants to be my disciple,"
Jesus said to Peter.

Go on, Lord, what's your plan for us?
Will we be 'exceedingly numerous'
too?
And spectacularly successful?
The Old Covenant was good— the
new one will be even better...

"Whoever wants to be my disciple,"
Jesus said, "must deny themselves...
take up their cross... lose their life for
me."

Dear God, no! Really?
No other way? Help us, by your grace,
and only if we really mean it, to say
Amen.