

# WELCOME THE GOOD NEWS

## THE GIFT OF ISAAC

Living the Good News  
2nd Sunday in Lent – B

Abraham and Sarah lived long ago. They loved their home. They loved their families. They loved God even more.

One day God called to Abraham.  
**“GO TO A NEW LAND  
I WILL SHOW YOU,”  
SAID GOD.**

Abraham and Sarah obeyed. They left their home. They left their family. They traveled to the new land God gave them.

God called to them again.  
“Because you obey me in

everything, **I WILL GIVE  
YOU MORE CHILDREN  
THAN YOU CAN  
COUNT.** More than the stars  
in the sky. More than the grains  
of sand on the shore.”

**AND SO ISAAC WAS  
BORN.** He was the first of all  
the many children of Abraham  
and Sarah—the children who live  
throughout the world, more than  
the stars in the sky or the grains  
of sand on the shore.



# THE GIFTS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Abraham and Sarah were happy when God gave them the best gift of all: a child to love.

God gives us families and friends to love. Talk this over with a friend or family member:

- \* Who are family members who love us?
- \* Who are friends who love us?

In the gift boxes here, draw the faces of two people who love you.



**WITH  
YOUR FAMILY**

**Listening to God was hard work for Abraham.** Listening to God was hard work for Sarah, too.

Sometimes it's hard work just to listen.

Ask your family to try this listening game:

- Pick a made-up problem to talk about, such as a silly rule.
- “No hippos at the table” is one silly rule. Can your family make up one of their own?
- Pick two people—one child, one grownup—to talk about the problem. “I want a hippo at the table!” the child might say.
- Now switch! If you're a child, talk as if you're the grownup. Grownups talk as if they were kids.

When you're done, talk about this, too:

- When is it hard to listen?
- How can we help one another listen better?