

Abraham, God's Friend

The Lord had said to Abram all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you.
Genesis 12:1, 3

In lesson 18 we learned of the Patriarchal Age, which began with the patriarch, Noah. Lesson 19 told us of the covenant God made with Noah. This lesson now teaches us about a special covenant made with the patriarch, Abraham.

Why was Abraham called God's friend?
What is meant by a covenant?

What do you think is so special about this covenant that God made with Abraham?
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Fill in the missing words:

God promised Abraham a son and descendants, but at the time Abraham did not have a son. His wife, S....., arranged for him to have a son named with her servant named H (Genesis 16:5).

This was not the son God had promised and Abraham had to wait a long time before the promised son was born. He was years old and his wife Sarah was years old when their son was born. (Genesis 17:17, 21)
Their promised son was to be named and he would receive the blessing which was promised to Abraham.

God tested Abraham's faith and obedience by asking him to (Genesis 22:2)
Abraham did not have to complete this task because (Genesis 22:12, 13)

This lesson also introduces us to the concept of **types** that can be considered as a picture of things that will happen in the future, which are called **antitypes**. Refer to the lesson notes to complete this chart to help understand this concept.

TYPE	ANTITYPE
H....., who had a son named I....., was a servant of Abraham.	The Law covenant, which was like a slave to the people. (Galatians.4:24-25)
I..... as Abraham's first son was part of his household but was not the promised seed, who was to be called I.....	The nation of I..... is part of God's household, but not the heavenly seed, which is Christ and (Galatians.4:28)
Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for their promised son.	The Abrahamic covenant waited a long time for the promised Messiah, Jesus.
The promised son I..... would carry on God's blessing to all people.	The promised son of God, J..... would make us free from sin and death.
Abraham's offering of his son, I..... on Mt Moriah	God's offering of his son, J..... on Calvary.