

Chapter 16

Abraham and his wife Sarah had been married many years but they did not have any children.

So Sarah said to Abraham, "Take my slave Hagar and have children by her."

When Hagar bore a son, Sarah was jealous and treated Hagar badly.

Hagar ran away from home, but God said to her "Go back to your mistress and submit to her; I will bless all your descendants."

Dear God, please help childless couples to have a baby

Chapter 17

God appeared to Abraham and said to him "I will make an everlasting covenant with you and your descendants.

As a sign of this covenant, all your males must be circumcised. Baby boys must be circumcised when they are eight days old.

Also, Sarah your wife, even though she is old, will bear you a son. You will name him Isaac."

Dear God, please bless all the babies in the world

Chapter 18

One day at Mamre, God and two angels appeared to Abraham. At first, God and the angels looked like men.

Following the ancient custom of hospitality Abraham prepared a feast for them.

God told Abraham that the town of Sodom was going to be destroyed because of the evil done there.

Abraham pleaded with God not to destroy Sodom.

God agreed to postpone Sodom's destruction for a while.

Dear God, please help people avoid sodomy