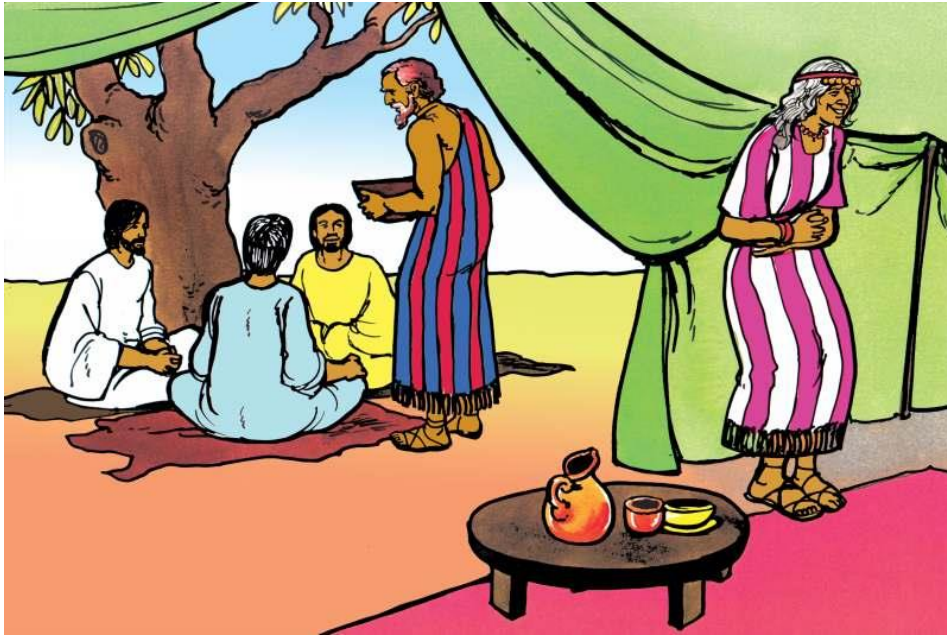


From the book of Genesis in the Bible
Genesis 18, verses 9-15 and Genesis 21, verses 5-7
(International Children's Bible)



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.”

⁵ Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. ⁶ And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears about this will laugh with me. ⁷ No one thought that I would be able to have Abraham’s child. But I have given Abraham a son while he is old.”