

Grade 6 - Chapter 4

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Catechist Tips: How to Pray

Remind the children that prayer does not need to be spoken or written.

- Ask the children to think of prayerful gestures or movements that convey each of the types of prayer.
- Invite the children to find examples of instrumental music that might accompany each type of prayer.

Catechist Tips: Significance of Names

Names can describe character or occupation. God changed *Abram* (“high father”) to *Abraham* (“father of a multitude”). *Sarai* (“mockery”) became *Sarah* (“princess”).

- Remember to bring to your session some books of names for babies.
- Allow time for the children to find the meanings of their names.
- If there are children in your group whose names cannot be found in a book of names for babies, you may wish to research the names online and provide print copies of name explanations for each child in your group.

Glossary Activity: Faith

This chapter covers a long history. To help the children place the biblical characters of faith in their respective time periods, play a question-and-answer game.

- Impersonate one of the biblical characters of faith.
- Allow the children to ask you questions until they identify the character.
- Have the children discuss how each character demonstrated his or her faith.

Additional Activity: Plan a Journey

Organize the children into small groups. Give each group a map of the world.

- Ask the children to plan a journey to a religious shrine. You may wish to research locations of various shrines online before assigning this activity.
- Contrast the difficulty of their planned trips with that of the journey of Abram and Sarai.

Additional Activity: Prayers of the Patriarchs

Invite each child to imagine that he or she is one of the biblical characters discussed in this chapter.

- Have each child choose a type of prayer that his or her character would be likely to use and compose an appropriate prayer.
- Invite volunteers to share their prayers.

Additional Activity: Faith Choices Role-Play

Organize the large group into four or six smaller groups (do not have more than six children in a group). Assign one group to work with the story of Abraham and Sarah and the other group the story of Joseph. Distribute the Bibles.

- Explain that the task of each group is to role-play one of the parts of the assigned character's faith story and show how they might have responded differently to God's call.
- Tell them they can use the Bible to find the whole story. Have them refer to the Scripture citations for Abraham and Sarah and for Joseph in the Student Book.
- Have each group act out its role-play for the other groups.
- After each role-play discuss the consequences of the choices made.

Additional Activity: Prayer Handout

Supplies:

- copies of "Prayer" handout for each child ([download here](#))
- pencils

Distribute the handout.

- Go over the directions with the group.
- Point out that after the children unscramble the words they are to write a one line prayer for each type of prayer.