## Come as a little child ... a learning resource for young children February 28, 2021

Choose a place and a time where you and your child/children can sit together quietly to listen to the story and then talk about it

OR

Find whatever time is possible, expect distractions, and invite your child/children to join you in taking three deep breaths before you start.

**Story:** Genesis 17-18:19, 21:1-7

## [see the story in the section below]

You might also want to listen to the Ha Ha song suggested in the resource for school age children. Children of all ages love this song. Today's story shows up in this song.

**Reflection and Action:** (Grown-ups, please read through the questions and choose the ones that you think are most suitable for your child/ren.)

This story is about God fulfilling a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they will have a baby even though they are very old. They laugh with joy and disbelief at the thought of it.

When you are laughing, are you happy or sad?

What sounds do you hear when someone is laughing? What does your laugh sound like?

How does it feel when you laugh? (Does your belly shake? does your face change? ...)

How does it make you feel when someone else laughs?

What does your face look like when you are laughing - can you make that face?

Have a grown-up to lay on the ground. The child can put their head on the grown-up's belly. Laugh, so they can hear and feel the laughter. If your child is willing, switch rolls.

Draw a circle on a piece of paper then add eyes and nose as a face. Add a mouth of someone who is happy (or laughing). Depending on your child, the grown-up may do the drawing. Let your child do whatever parts they want to.

Talk with your child about what makes them laugh and tell them what makes you laugh. Record those things as words or pictures around the outside of their face drawing. Your child can also colour the picture if they want to.

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