

Family Drama

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Families today may not feel they are “good enough” to claim a place among God’s people. Take time to dispel that myth by exploring the drama of a well-known Bible family.

For

Teen Family

Season

Winter

Needed

Crazy Plot worksheet (see last page), paper, pens, Bible



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Prepare in Advance

- Make a copy of Crazy Plot worksheet for each person.
- Have a piece of paper and a pen for each person.
- Mark your Bible at Genesis 12.

Activity Plan

1. Open in prayer. Here are some words if you need them.

God, remind us what family is all about and help us claim our place in your family. Amen.

2. Ask each person to write the name of a celebrity family or other notorious family at the top of his or her piece of paper. It’s OK if more than one person names the same family. Tell each family member to list at least five shocking, bold, crazy, or newsworthy things about the family he or she has named—behaviors, headlines, love triangles, scandals, or other drama. After everyone has finished, read your lists to one another other.
3. Take turns reading aloud the following sections of the story of Abraham and Sarah from your Bible:

Genesis 12:1-7	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 25:1-6
Genesis 12:10-20	Genesis 21:1-5	Genesis 25:7-10
Genesis 16:1-16	Genesis 21:8-14	
Genesis 17:1-8	Genesis 23:1-2	
4. Give everyone a copy of the Crazy Plot worksheet. Invite family members to compare what they listed about a celebrity or notorious family to the exploits of Abraham and Sarah’s family on the Crazy Plot worksheet. What observations do you have about this Bible family? Why do you think God chose Abraham to receive the great blessings of land and children?
5. Discuss these two questions:
 - What does it mean to be a family?
 - What family values can we learn from Abraham?
7. Close in prayer, giving thanks for your family, however it is shaped.



CRAZY PLOT

Compare a celebrity family or other notorious family from our time to the exploits of the family of Abraham and Sarah:

1. Couple believes God's promise to them of land and children. (Genesis 12:1-7)
2. Man disguises his wife as his sister and lets her marry a foreign king. (Genesis 12:10-20)
3. Woman suggests her husband have child with younger family servant. (Genesis 16:1-16)
4. God speaks to 99-year-old man, repeating promise of land and children. (Genesis 17:1-8)
5. Strangers who turn out to be messengers from God (angels?) repeat promise of a child from God, but old woman laughs at the news. (Genesis 18:1-15)
6. Century old couple has baby! (Genesis 21:1-5)
7. Relationship between half brothers creates split between wife and husband's former lover. (Genesis 21:8-14)
8. Man 100+ years old gets married again after wife's death. Has more children! (Genesis 23:1-2; Genesis 25:1-6)
9. Half brothers come together to bury their father after being separated for years. (Genesis 25:7-10)
10. Other: What other parts of this Bible family drama surprise you?

