



**13 June – Nature of God – God is GRACIOUS**

### **Favourite toy**

Ask your child about their favourite toy – what is it? Who gave it to them? Why is it their favourite?

Tell them that God also loves to give us things even if we don't deserve it – this is called GRACE. God loves to bless us because He loves us!

Today's story is about a man called Abraham – God was very GRACIOUS to him – He blessed Abraham with many good things.

### **STORY (Abraham)**

There was once a man called Abraham.

Abraham and his wife Sarah lived in a big house in a big city. Then, one day, God said to Abraham, "I want you to move! Leave your home and go far away. I will tell you when you have got there."



So Abraham and his wife Sarah left their home. Abraham and Sarah stopped living in a house and started to live in a tent. (Make a tent out of chairs and a blanket.) Because they loved and trusted God, they lived in a tent for the rest of their life – they never lived in a house or a town again!

But God loved Abraham, and because he loved him so much he gave Abraham a lot of things. Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children, and so God gave them a son. God made Abraham rich – he had lots of sheep and cows.

God also made Abraham some huge promises. He promised Abraham that he would have a huge family – his sons and grandsons and great grandsons would have more children than anyone can count - more children than stars in the sky!



God said this because he loved Abraham. Abraham wasn't special – he was just a man who loved God and did what God said. And God wanted to give him things.

Adults call this grace – giving someone things that they don't deserve. God loves us, too, and he gives us things that we don't deserve. Can anyone think of the things God gives us?

(Children might think of things like food and drink. Prompt them a little and say that God gives us his love.)

### **PRAYER TIME**

Ask your child to close their eyes and very quietly think of things they've been given.

"Father God, thank you for all the things I have, for being blessed so much. But especially , thank you, for being so gracious and giving me Jesus, and your love. Amen"

### **CRAFT**

Use the chalk to draw stars on the black paper. Stick on the star stickers and glow in the dark stars. Glue on some silver or gold glitter.

Put up in your child's bedroom as a reminder of God's many blessings.

