

# Genesis Bible Study 11

## Laughter

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and for Those Who Think Religion is Merely a Private Matter***

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**Reading:** Genesis 18:1-15

**Principal Question:** Is anything too hard for the Lord?

### **Notes**

Previously, in Genesis 17:19 God gave the name Isaac, which means laughter. It implies that God is laughing at a good joke.

If you have time, also read Genesis 18:16-19:38. It will show you just how intimate the relationship is between God and Abraham.

### **Discussion**

1. Read the story. What questions do you have about this story?
2. Why do you think Sarah laughed? Was it a happy laugh or a bitter, disappointed laugh?
3. What does this story tell us about God?
4. What does this story tell us about the meaning of marriage?
5. What does this story tell us about the meaning of family?
6. Do you think this story really could have happened?

### **Content Questions for English Comprehension**

7. Where was Abraham sitting when the Lord approached him?
8. What did Abraham offer his guests to eat?
9. Where was Sarah when Abraham was eating?
10. What message did the Lord give Abraham?
11. How old was Abraham when Sarah had a baby?
12. What was the baby's name?