

## Hebrew *tschq*, “to laugh, mock, play” in Genesis

As humor   as sexual touch   as mocking/playing

17.17	Then <b>Abraham</b> fell on his face and <b>laughed</b> , and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"
18.12-15	12 So <b>Sarah laughed to herself</b> , saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" YHWH said to Abraham, " <b>Why did Sarah laugh</b> , and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old? Is anything too wonderful for YHWH? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.'" But Sarah denied, saying, " <b>I did not laugh</b> "; for she was afraid. He said, " <b>Oh yes, you did laugh.</b> "
19.14	So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up, get out of this place; for YHWH is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law <b>to be jesting</b> .
21.6	Now Sarah said, "God has brought <b>laughter</b> for me; everyone who hears <b>will laugh</b> with me."
21.9	But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, <b>playing</b> [with her son Isaac.]
26.8	When Isaac had been there a long time, King Abimelech of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw him <b>fondling</b> his wife Rebekah.
39.14	she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to <b>insult</b> us! He came in to me to lie with me..."

### Elsewhere in Hebrew Bible

Exodus 32.6	They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up <b>to revel</b> .
Judges 16.25	And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, and let him entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and <b>he performed</b> for them.