



Abraham and Isaac

Bible Story: Abraham and Isaac • Genesis 22\

Bottom Line: Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God's plan.

Memory Verse: ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:29, NIV*

Christ Connection: *Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. God provided a ram instead. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Simon Says

What You Need: "Simon Says" instruction sheet

What You Do:

- Decide who is going to be Simon, the leader might want to start as Simon
- Tell all the kids that you are going to say some things that they should do, it is going to be tricky. When you say "Simon Says..." then they do it. If you do not say "Simon Says", they do not do it. If they do they sit down till their next turn.

What You Say "In this game we really had to listen and follow directions. As we keep learning from the Bible, we are going to learn about a guy named Abraham who had to rely on God so he could see all the things God promised."

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

TODAY'S PASSAGE

42 "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. 43 See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar," 44 and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

45 "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

46 "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also. Genesis 24:42-46

CONTEXT

God kept His promise to give Abraham and Sarah a son, and they named him Isaac. Isaac was the child chosen by God to carry the family line—to follow God, to lead the family, and to teach the next generation to follow God too. When Abraham was well over 100 years old, God tested Abraham. God instructed him to sacrifice Isaac on a mountain. How could this be? Abraham had waited so long for this child! But Abraham obeyed. He got up early the next day and left on his trip. Instead of waiting around to see if God would change His mind, he saddled the donkey, took the wood, two servants, and his son, and left on the journey as God commanded.

As Isaac walked with his father, he noticed something was missing. They had the wood and the fire, but "Where is the lamb?" Isaac asked. Abraham answered that God Himself would provide. Abraham had supreme faith that God was able to do anything. Before going up the mountain, Abraham told the servants, "Stay here ... we'll come back" (Gen. 22:5). Hebrews 11:19 also gives us a peek inside Abraham's mind: "He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead."

God did provide. He provided a ram in place of Isaac, who was spared. After what we might imagine was quite a worship service, Abraham and Isaac returned home.

In the New Testament, God brings through John the Baptist the final answer to Isaac's inquiry, "Where is the lamb?" "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him. He was the sacrifice made in our place so we can live.

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son. Abraham showed that he really loved God; he was willing to give up what was probably most important to him—his own son.
- Putting his son on the altar was probably very hard for Abraham to do
- BL: Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God's plan.



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- God saw that Abraham trusted Him, and the angel told Abraham not to hurt Isaac. God provided a ram to sacrifice instead.
- Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him.

25 Minutes **SMALL GROUPS**: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- How did Abraham show that he had faith in God? Guide kids to recognize that Abraham proved his faith by obeying God. True faith leads to action. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read James 2:21-22.)
- Why do you think God sometimes tests us or asks us to do hard things? Use Abraham's story as an example to emphasize that God may test us to prove our faith. By enduring trials, our faith is made stronger. Remind boys and girls that God never tempts anyone to sin. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read James 1:12-13.)
- God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. How did God provide a substitute for us? Help kids express that God sent His Son to be our substitute. Jesus lived a perfect life and took the punishment we deserve for our sin so we can have forgiveness and life with God forever. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 2 Cor. 5:21.)

Activity: Prove it

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Call two or three volunteers to talk with you quietly.
- Ask the volunteers to suggest a special talent or skill they could demonstrate to the group.
- Choose one of the suggestions and explain that each volunteer should tell the class that he or she has that talent. (For example, each volunteer says, "I can say the alphabet backward.")
- Allow the group to ask the volunteers a few questions related to the skill to figure out who actually has the skill. (Examples: When did you learn this skill? How long did it take you to master this skill? Who taught you this skill?)
- Invite the group to guess which of the volunteers actually has the skill. Reveal if they guessed correctly and encourage the volunteer to demonstrate his skill. Play additional rounds with new volunteers as time allows.

What You Say: "Did you believe that the volunteer really had that skill? You tested him by asking him to prove it.

Did you know that the Bible says God sometimes tests us? God's tests aren't about math or science, and God never tempts us to sin; but He may test us to show that our faith is real or to prove that we are committed to Him. Tests can make our faith stronger, like when an athlete lifts weights or undergoes difficult training.

We saw in the Bible story today that Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God's plan. God tested Abraham's faith, and Abraham proved that he loved God by being willing to give up what was most precious to him—his only son. (Gen. 22:16) But God provided a ram as a substitute at just the right time.

This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross as our substitute so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life through Him.

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, "Memory Verse Cards", straw sections

What You Do:

- Ask the kids if they recognize the memory verse.
- Give them chances to read the memory verse.
- Then, take turns building a tower with your memory verse cards, putting them in order. Say each word of the verse as you put the tower together.
- Practice saying the memory verse together

What You Say "I love you tower of cards. We need to always find ways to remember God's word, memory verses, and ultimately His promises. Who is part of Abraham's family? You are and so am I. When we memorize verses from the Bible we are helping each other remember God's promises. Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good."

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Say:

Lord God, thank you for Your Word. Thank You for using the Bible to teach us what is true about You and about ourselves. After Abraham offered the ram in place of his son, he named that place 'the Lord Will Provide'. God, you will provide for us. You have already provided for our greatest need-salvation from sin- through your Son, Jesus. Give us power to obey Your Word and live for You. Amen."

5 Minutes **HOME**: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents who they trust and why God can be trusted.