

Kids Church 5th September

Abraham is tested

Opening:

Ask your children to choose 2 of their favourite toys.

Put the toys on the table and ask each child to choose one the 1 toy they would really want to keep.

After they point to one, ask;

- What would you say if God asked you to give that toy up and never play with it again?
- How would you feel?
- Why might it be difficult?

This week we will learn that God asked Abraham to give up something very special and valuable to him.

Read Genesis 22 : 1- 18 ICB

After these things God tested Abraham's faith. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am."

2 Then God said, "Take your only son, Isaac, the son you love. Go to the land of Moriah. There kill him and offer him as a whole burnt offering. Do this on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which one."

3 Early in the morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants with him. He cut the wood for the sacrifice. Then they went to the place God had told them to go.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. **5** He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. My son and I will go over there and worship. Then we will come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and gave it to his son to carry. Abraham took the knife and the fire. So Abraham and his son went on together.

7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!"

Abraham answered, "Yes, my son."

Isaac said, "We have the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb we will burn as a sacrifice?"

8 Abraham answered, "God will give us the lamb for the sacrifice, my son."

So Abraham and his son went on together.

Pause and talk about it;

- How did you feel when you were asked to give up your favourite toy? -
 - Giving up a son would be much harder.
- What do you think helped Abraham to trust God?
 - Think back of previous lessons. Abraham had learned that God keeps his promises and can be trusted completely. (Hebrews 11:18- 19 God had said, "The descendants I promised you will be from Isaac. Abraham believed that God could raise the dead.")

Now read vs 9 - 14

9 They came to the place God had told him about. There, Abraham built an altar. He laid the wood on it. Then he tied up his son Isaac. And he laid Isaac on the wood on the altar. 10 Then Abraham took his knife and was about to kill his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. The angel said, "Abraham! Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "Yes."

12 The angel said, "Don't kill your son or hurt him in any way. Now I can see that you respect God. I see that you have not kept your son, your only son, from me."

13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a male sheep. Its horns were caught in a bush. So Abraham went and took the sheep and killed it. He offered it as a whole burnt offering to God. Abraham's son was saved. **14** So Abraham named that place The Lord Gives. Even today people say, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be given."

- What did God provide to replace Isaac"
 - A male sheep

Connect to Jesus:

Read 1 John 4:9-7

God's Love and Ours

7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

Many years later, God would send his only son Jesus to die in our place on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so we could be forgiven and become God's forever friends. Jesus is often called "the Lamb of God".

Pray:

- As a family, thank God for all he has done for you.
- Thank him for sending Jesus to take the penalty for our sins so we could be forgiven.

There are a number of work sheets to chose from to print off

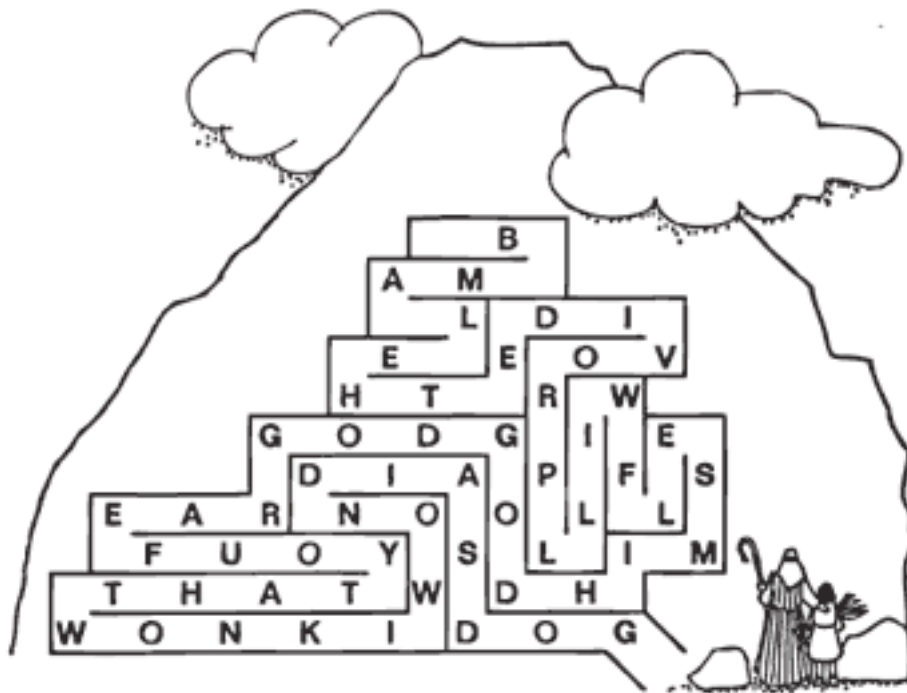


“And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.”

GENESIS 22:13

Abraham and Isaac Worship on the Mountain

God told Abraham to go to a mountain and offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham obeyed, but God stopped him from hurting Isaac. Follow the maze up the mountain to find out why Isaac wasn't sacrificed.



Name _____

Abraham and Isaac

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**Word Tiles for
Abraham Was Called to Sacrifice Isaac**

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ANSWER: GOD TESTED ABRAHAM'S FAITH.