



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 34

Abraham and Isaac

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to a more active faith.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who is the oldest person you have ever met?

GAME: Test of Faith

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: 1 John 4:9-10.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD ABRAHAM TRUSTED AND OBEYED GOD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God watched over Hagar and Ishmael and gave them a promise.

Today, we will read God promised a son to Abraham. Many years passed and he still did not have a son. In fact, he and his wife, Sarah, became too old to have a baby. Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old, he and Sarah had a baby just as God had promised.

They named him Isaac. Point to Abraham and Isaac (Circa 2050 B.C.).
Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 22:1-2, 6-18. Find It First.
Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 22:8. Pray.

When Isaac was older, God tested Abraham on Mount Moriah. Point to Mount Moriah. **Abraham's test involved a sacrifice, which is giving up something special to you. During Abraham's lifetime, people used to give special things to God by burning them on a mound of stones called an altar. Let's read Genesis 22:1-2, 6-18.** Read.

THE WAY WE CAN HAVE FAITH AS ABRAHAM DID

Earlier you were given a test to help you grow in your faith. What does it mean to have faith in God? (To trust God and to believe everything He says is true and will happen as He says.) **It's not always easy to trust God will provide what we need, but remembering what God has already done in our lives builds our faith. How does this story help you trust God more?**

What did God ask Abraham to do? (Sacrifice his son.) **For this test, Abraham knew the four things listed below.** Discuss why each of these would have helped Abraham trust and obey. (1) Isaac was a special gift from God. (2) God had promised Isaac would live to have children. (3) God always kept His promises. (4) God could do anything He promised.

Knowing these things, Abraham was able to trust God enough to obey, even though it looked like obeying would ruin everything. Abraham had faith in God to keep His promise, even when it looked impossible for God to do so. Hebrews 11:19 explains Abraham reasoned that if he sacrificed Isaac, God would raise Isaac from the dead so all God's promises about Isaac would still come true. Who did God send to stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac? (An angel.) What did God provide to be sacrificed instead of Isaac? (A ram.)

What do you think Abraham learned about God during this test of faith? How might it have helped Abraham trust God even more? Just like Abraham, when we obey God's instructions and trust Him to keep His promises, we get to see Him do amazing things! What amazing things have you seen God do that help you trust Him?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 2000 years after God provided the ram, God provided His Son Jesus as a final sacrifice to pay for our sins once and for all. This showed God's love for us. Reveal 1 John 4:9. Find It First. Highlight.
Read. **The Bible says God did this so we might live through Jesus. Do you trust Jesus can give you life forever close with Him? Ask God to build your faith so each day you can trust and obey God in all things as Abraham did.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: (Glow in the dark) star
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Abraham and Isaac finding the ram in the bushes
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: As Many As the Stars

GAME: Trusted Provision

CRAFT: Faith Stars

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW