

Abraham Tested

Card 3

1 Review Activity

2 Read Aloud

Read Genesis 22:9-18

3 Storytelling

Pass out Card 3. Share the story.

- God promised a man called Abraham that his children would become a great nation. God told Abraham that his children would bless everyone on earth; this means that Abraham's family would bring very good things to everyone on the earth. At this time Abraham was an old man. He and his wife Sarah had no children together.
- But because he trusted God, his son Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old.
- God tested Abraham's faith and told him to give his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. This means that Abraham would have to kill his son. Abraham obeyed God. To obey God means to listen to what he says and to do exactly what he wants. Abraham prepared to do exactly what God asked; he gathered supplies and took Isaac to a mountain.
- As Abraham was about to kill Isaac, one of God's angels stopped him. The angel said, "Don't lay a hand on the boy!"... "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Gen. 22:12
- Then Abraham saw that God provided a ram as a sacrifice instead.
- Because Abraham obeyed, God promised to multiply Abraham's children beyond number, like the stars in the sky. God also promised that Abraham's children would bless everyone on earth. This promise came true in God's perfect Son, Jesus, who is one of Abraham's great grandchildren. Jesus lived a perfect life and died for us. Now we can have a relationship with God.

4 Discussion Questions

1. What promise did God make to Abraham? (his children would bless everyone on earth)
2. How did Abraham show his faith? (He obeyed God)
3. How did God provide for the sacrifice? (by providing a ram)

5 Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

6 Activity: Follow Me

Choose one child to be the guesser and another to be the leader. The guesser leaves the room or closes their eyes as a teacher chooses a child to be the leader. While the guesser is out of the room or closing their eyes, the leader chooses an action. The rest of the group must follow him. Whenever he starts doing a new action everyone must follow. While the group is doing the action, have the guesser come in and figure out who is leading the group in changing their action. For a large group, break into two sections with half the group turning to face the back of the room. Each group plays the game in their own section.

Teacher Background

Review Card Set

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19

Theme: obedience

7 Learning Point

The leader of our game had you do some silly movements; to an outsider they wouldn't make sense. This is how it was with Abraham when he obeyed God's leadership. Abraham believed God when his promise seemed impossible, and he trusted God to provide in every way. Because Abraham believed and trusted God, he was able to obey him even when it didn't make sense. Like Abraham, we can trust that God has a plan and will help us. When we believe and trust God, we can obey him because we know God is caring for us. Isaiah 26:8a says, "Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws." You can obey God by knowing and following what the Bible says. Abraham did everything God asked, and you can too. Ask God to help you obey him.

8 Review Card Set

