

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son?
- Why do you think Abraham was willing to give up his son? (See Hebrews 11:17-19.)
- How did God show His love for us?

Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 22

STORY POINT: ABRAHAM TRUSTED GOD EVEN WHEN HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND GOD'S PLAN.

God kept His promise to give Abraham a son. Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old when their son Isaac was born. One day, God rested Abraham. God wanted to make sure that Abraham loved God most of all.

"Take your son Isaac to the mountain and give him to Me as a sacrifice," God said.

Abraham obeyed God. He got up early the next day and left with Isaac, two servants, and a donkey carrying supplies. They walked for three days before they got to the mountain where God wanted Abraham to make the sacrifice. Abraham and Isaac went up the mountain with the supplies for the sacrifice.

Isaac saw something was missing. "My father," he said, "where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb."

When they got to the place God had directed them, Abraham built an altar. Just as Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, the angel of the Lord called out, "Abraham, Abraham!"

Abraham stopped. The angel of the Lord said, "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me."

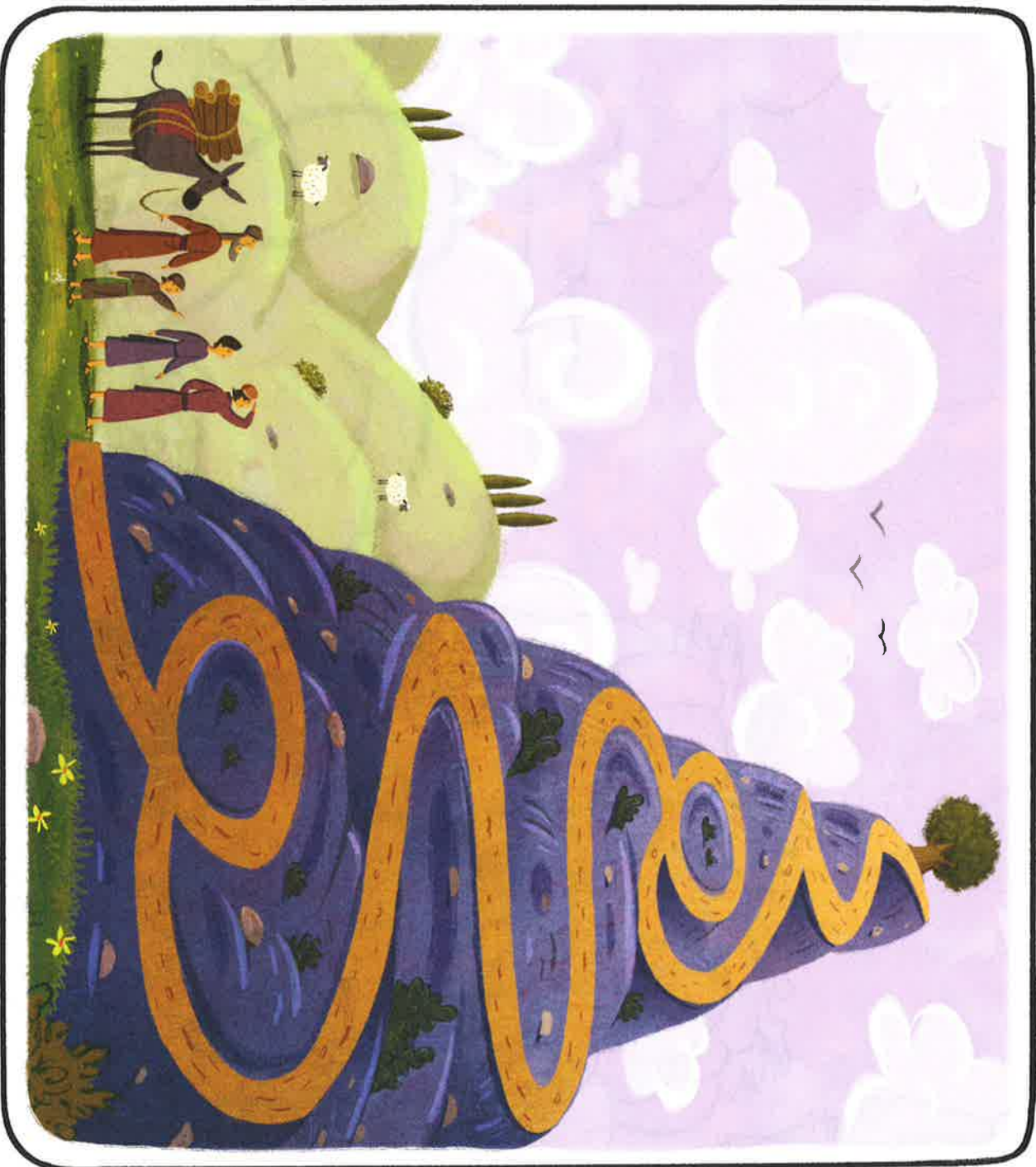
Abraham looked up and saw a ram trapped by its horns in the bushes. He offered to God the ram instead of Isaac.

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.



Trace the Path

INSTRUCTIONS: Use your finger or a pencil to trace the path up the mountain.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 2 • Session 2 Abraham and Isaac

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice.
- Abraham trusted God.
- God provided a ram for the sacrifice instead of Isaac.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How would you feel if God asked you to give up something you loved?
- How did Abraham show that he trusted God and loved Him most of all?
- What did God provide as a sacrifice instead of Isaac? Who gave up His life as a sacrifice for our sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite another family to join yours on a hike. Choose a mountain to hike if one is nearby. Review the Bible story as you hike.
- Define *sacrifice* as giving something up in place of something else. Ask each family member to think of something he or she can give up to help someone else.



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What's Missing?

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw the bit of equipment each person is missing.



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 2 • Session 2
Abraham and Isaac

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God asked Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice.
- Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God's plan.
- God protected Isaac and provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice instead.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Did Abraham know Isaac would be OK?
- Why do you think God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son?
- Who really did sacrifice His Son for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Gather toys and clothing that your kids can give away and take a trip to a homeless shelter or thrift store to donate the items. Challenge your kids to select one thing they normally would not give away.



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ABRAHAM & ISAAC

Genesis 22

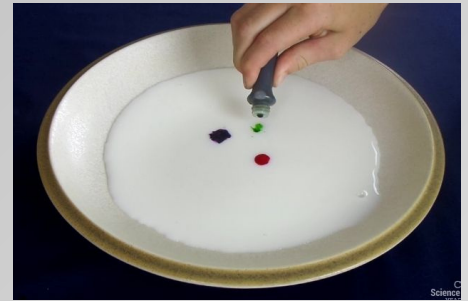
Key Verse: "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
Galatians 3:29

BIBLE & SCIENCE

MILK KALEIDOSCOPE

Supplies: food coloring, liquid detergent (dawn works well), pie pan, whole milk

1. Fill the pie pan about halfway with whole milk
2. Gently squeeze drops of different colors of food coloring into the milk. Put at least 20 drops.
3. Drizzle the liquid detergent onto the surface of the milk around the edge of the pan and watch.
4. The surface tension has been disrupted and the colors will explode into beautiful rings.



Observation:

1. What did the drops of food coloring do when you first put them into the milk?
2. When the liquid detergent was added to the milk, what happened to the drops of food coloring?
3. What words would you use to describe the colors once you added the liquid detergent?

Have each child write down 3 things they see themselves doing in 20 years. Actually add 20 to the children's ages, and tell them about someone they know who is that age. Take time to share and talk about what the children wrote down.

Read Jeremiah 29:11. *You just shared some possibilities for your life, but what does this verse say? It says that God has a plan for your life. It's not just a good plan either; it's the best plan! His plan may surprise you. It may be something you never imagined yourself doing. No matter what it is, you can know that when God created you, He created you with a very special plan in mind that is all yours. In our story today Abraham may have been unsure of God's plan but he followed it anyways because he had a very strong faith and knew God had the best plan for him.*

I TRUST YOU 100 PERCENT

Supplies: index cards

Write different occupations on index cards. On another set of cards, write situations in which you may need the skill of each occupation. Invite the kids to take turns drawing cards from each set. Ask the kids to discuss which occupation they would trust with each situation.

Ex. occupations: teacher, doctor, police officer, mechanic, actor, athlete.

Ex. situations: car breaks down, you have a stomach ache, your favorite toy was stolen, you need help with math, etc.

We have different opinions about how trustworthy a person should be to have certain jobs. And a person you trust about one topic may not be very trustworthy about another topic. I wouldn't necessarily trust my mechanic to give me medical advice or my doctor to fix my car. The people we trust will sometimes let us down but we can always trust God.



TANGLED UP

Invite your family to stand in a circle. Each person should reach across the circle and take the hands of two other people. Once they are holding hands with two other people, instruct everyone to untangle themselves bit by bit by stepping over or under each other's arms. When they are finished, they should all be standing in a circle, hand in hand.

What a tangled mess we were all in! Today we heard a story that ended with Abraham finding a ram tangled up in the bushes. Why was the ram there?

TAKE TWO

Tell your kids that you are going to test them in two ways. First is a memory test, second is a physical test. First you will read a list of words slowly and will not repeat them. The kids will repeat as many words as they can remember. Secondly invite the kids to do a wall sit. Instruct them to stand with their backs against the wall and then slide downward by moving their feet forward until their knees are bent at a 90-degree angle and their upper legs are parallel to the floor. Have them hold as long as they can. *Tests are used to measure a person's knowledge, skill, physical fitness and so on. In today's story God tested Abraham, but he tested his faith!*

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Read through the key verse together. Write the words of the key verse individually or as phrases on separate craft sticks.

Mix up the sticks and allow the kids to draw one. Then challenge kids to hold the sticks and arrange themselves in the correct order or arrange all of the sticks on the floor in the correct order.

Galatians 3:29 shows us one way that God kept His promise to give Abraham a family as numerous as the stars. God kept His promise through Jesus,

DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.

1. What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's son?
2. Why was Abraham willing to give up his son when God asked him?
3. What did God provide for the sacrifice instead of Isaac?
4. What did God say Abraham's family would have as many people as?

UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What difficult thing did God tell Abraham to do?
2. When Isaac asked where the lamb for sacrifice was, what did Abraham say?
3. What stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac?
4. Why do you think Abraham obeyed God?
5. What makes obeying God difficult? What can we do when we are tempted to ignore or disobey God?
6. Why do you think God sometimes tests us or asks us to do hard things?
7. God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. How did God provide a substitute for us?