



Abraham Put to the Test

Grade 4

Unit 1, Lesson 4

Theme: Trust in the Lord

Aim: Obedience to God's call

Genesis 22: 1-19 (NSRV)

Teacher's Prep

Now Abraham and Sarah were old when they were promised an heir. Like many of us they had their doubts and even took matters into their own hands. However, as promised God still blessed Abraham and Sarah with a child Isaac.



The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

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⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

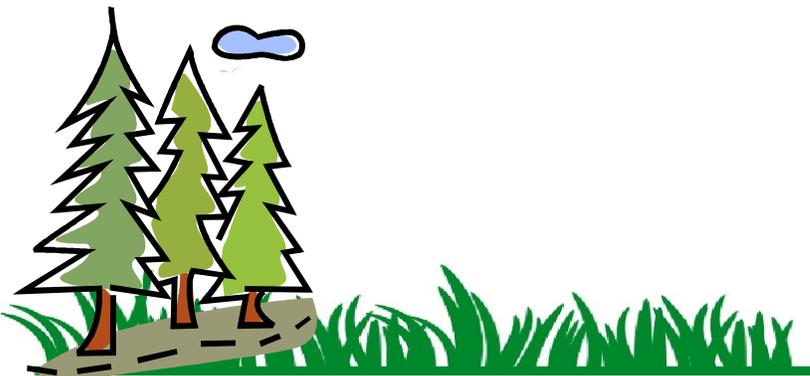
¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

Main Ideas

Sometime had past, God requested of Abraham to show a sign of his Faith. It is one thing to have knowledge of God and of who he is but is also important to live out your faith in everyday life. Therefore, God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his one and only son as an act of obedience to him. For many of us that would be difficult, although we may not be parents; if God asked us to sacrifice something that we held dear in our lives we would struggle we would waiver in our faith. However, Abraham did not waiver. He obeyed God's command because he believed in God's plan for him and his family.

The very next day Abraham gathered his servants and the necessary wood to create an altar. Together with Isaac they journeyed to Mount Moriah. In the distance, Abraham saw the final destination, he asked his servants to stay back while Isaac and he went further. Abraham, still focused and obediently created the altar and placed his one and only son on top. As he took out his knife to kill Isaac an Angel of the Lord stopped him. The angel declared "Abraham, Abraham do not lay a hand on that boy; do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God because have not withheld from me your son, your only son". At that moment a ram appeared and Abraham sacrificed it to God. Because of Abraham's great faith God would bless him with many descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. And through Abraham offspring's, Jesus Christ, all nations would be blessed.

Review Time



Activities



M A H A R B A O L C G Q
H F L S W H F V A A G I
W I I O D F A V M A H J
B Z O R E H S I B S I X
V D B R E K A R R I U T
P W I D O G C J M O N I
K N Y Q S A R A H U M L
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F O E Q R B F M I E G A
M O O C S D I B H I Z V
C A Q Y Q D C L X O W Y
U F R J I D E Y K Y J K

Abraham
Fire
God
Isaac
Lamb
Mount Moriah
Offering
Ram
Sacrifice
Sarah
Wood

My Decision

Imagine what Abraham must have been thinking when God asked him to sacrifice his only son! Abraham's faith didn't waver when God asked him to do this because he had faith in who God was. He knew that God loved Isaac even more than he did. He trusted God and His promise of an heir because he knew that God was faithful and all-knowing, and he knew that God would never ask him to do anything that wasn't best for him. Since Abraham knew and trusted God, he was able to obey faithfully even when it was hard. Sometimes we have a hard time understanding why God is asking us to do certain things. We need to remember that there is no one that loves us the way that God does, and that He is all-knowing. He would never ask anything of us that would harm us. When we spend more time reading the Bible and learning about who God is, we feel more secure in trusting our lives to Him!

Let us follow the example of Abraham and live our faith everyday. May we be obedient to what God is calling us to do. And no matter how hard or awkward it may be, let us trust in God and do our best for him.

Values for Life

There may be times in our lives that we may not understand what God is teaching us or what the point might be. But we must obey and trust that God has the best intentions for us. Each day we should be thankful for both the good things and hard things that we may be going through. Because we know that God loves us and is molding us to make us stronger in him.

My Decision

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Review Time

1. Abraham had a son named _____ .
2. What all things did Abraham take with him when he went to Moriah?
3. Who all went with Abraham to Moriah?
4. Who did Abraham say would provide the lamb for the burnt offering?
5. What name did Abraham give to Moriah after he made the burnt offering?
6. Abraham lived at _____ .





Memory Verse

Some take pride in chariots,
and some in horses,
but our pride is in the
name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this beautiful day in which we can gather as your children to learn more about you. Thank you for loving us even as sinful as we are. We praise you for the gift of sending your son to die on the cross for our sin. We pray that each and every day we learn to submit our lives in your hands. And to trust that you know the very best for us and you will provide for our needs. We love you so much.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

