

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

GENESIS 22:1-18

ABRAHAM IS TESTED

Memory Verse:

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.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that God told Abraham to sacrifice his son.
2. Understand that Abraham was obedient to God.
3. Recognize that God gave His Son, Jesus.
4. Learn that God wants us to trust Him with our whole heart.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to deliver us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you trust and follow Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to know God and trust Him.

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Read Genesis 22:1-18 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Just like Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son, God DID sacrifice His only Son, Jesus. He died for all of the bad things that we have done. John 3:16 says that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die in our place. If we accept Jesus into our life, we can become a child of God!

Application

Abraham was obedient to God, even though it was difficult. Obeying God will not always be easy for us to do. But we need to trust that God knows best, and be willing to lay aside what we want for what God wants for us. That is what sacrifice is all about.

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned that God kept His promise to Abraham to give him a son. Abraham and Sarah were old but Abraham believed God. They had to wait for God's promise to be fulfilled, but God kept His promise. (Genesis 21:1-5) Nothing is impossible for God. Do you remember how old Abraham was when Isaac was born? (100 years old)

God decided to test Abraham to see if he really trusted Him. God said to Abraham, "Take your only son Isaac, the son you love. Go to the mountain in the land of Moriah. There kill Isaac and offer him as an offering to Me." (Genesis 22:1-2) Can you imagine God saying this? He was trying to see who Abraham loved more—Isaac or God. That was a hard test. Let's see what Abraham does.

Abraham got up early the next morning and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants with him. Abraham cut some wood for the sacrifice. Then, they went to the place God had told them to go. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 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." (Genesis 22:3-4)

Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and gave it to his son to carry. He took the knife and the fire. Abraham and his son went up the mountain together. Isaac said to his father, "Father, where is the lamb we need for the sacrifice?" Abraham answered, "God will give us the lamb for the sacrifice." (Genesis 22:5-8)

Finally they came to the place and Abraham built an altar of stones. He laid the wood on the altar. Then, he did a very hard thing. He tied up Isaac and put him on the altar. Abraham was about to kill Isaac when an angel shouted, "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you have respect for God. You have not held back from me your son, your only son." (Genesis 22:9-12) God saw Abraham loved Him most.

Abraham looked over and saw a ram caught in the bushes. He used it as a sacrifice on the altar instead of his son, Isaac. Abraham named the place Jehovah-Jirah. That means "God will give what is needed." (Genesis 22:13)

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time. The angel said, "The Lord says, 'You did not keep back your son, your only son, from Me. Because you did this, I will make a promise by my own Name: I will bless you and give you many descendants. They will be as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the shore. This is because you obeyed Me and loved Me above all things.'" (Genesis 22:15-18)

Wow! What a story! Abraham loved God more than anything! He trusted God and knew that He would take care of him and his son.

Review Questions

1. What did God ask Abraham to do? (give Him his son)
2. Where did Abraham and Isaac go? (Mt. Moriah)
3. What did Abraham do? (Abraham prepared a sacrifice for God.)
4. What did God do? (God provided a ram.)

Next Week: Jacob and Esau — Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-45

Memory Verse

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Proverbs 3:5-6

Preschool Lesson

Read Genesis 22:1-18. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

Teacher: Sing “Jesus Loves Me” or “Father Abraham.”

Begin With Prayer

Do you remember studying about Abraham? God promised him that he would have a child and that his grandchildren would be more than the stars in the sky.

We also learned about a visitor that told Abraham that he would have a son. Abraham’s wife, Sarah, laughed when she heard the news because she was very old. She was as old or older than your grandmother!

Do you know what? Sarah did have a baby! Everyone laughed with joy to hear the news that Sarah had a son. Abraham and Sarah named him Isaac because Isaac means “to laugh.” Let’s all laugh to remember the name. (laugh together)

As Isaac grew, Abraham loved him more and more. God wanted to make sure that Abraham still loved God more than his son, Isaac. So God tested Abraham’s love for Him. He told Abraham to do something really difficult—to give up his son! Abraham obeyed God, and God gave Isaac back to him. God was happy that Abraham still loved Him the most.

We need to make sure that we love God more than anything—more than our toys, our friends, even our families! God wants to be #1 in our life.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you love Him most .

Preschool Memory Verse



**Trust in the Lord
with
all your heart.
Proverbs 3:5**

Word Art

Trace the letters.

GOD

TESTED

ABRAHAM.

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Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Ask the children to write the memory verse on red and green construction paper. Practice the verse. When they have practiced, ask them to play “Red Light, Green Light” in a different way. Have two children stand at the front of the class. One will hold the verse that is written on red construction paper and the other on green construction paper. Each child will stand before the two and begin to say the verse. The children will begin when the “Green Light” is held up. They will stop when the “Red Light” is held up. Be sure each child gets to say a few words of the verse.
- **Test your memory** — Cut out stars and write key words for the story on them. Place the stars on poster board as you tell the story. Let the children retell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Make an altar out of cheerios and frosting. Talk about how God wants to have first place in our hearts.

Bring cookies for a snack. Decorate the cookies with star sprinkles.

- **Think about it** — Ask the kids if they have ever had a HARD test that they had to take. Explain that God gave Abraham a hard test—not one on paper, but one where he had a choice to make—to follow God or not to follow God. Talk about what it means to follow God.

Talk about what it means to love God more than anything else. Let the kids think of a modern day example of this story. Talk about missionaries who go to other countries to tell people about Jesus. They have to leave their families, learn a new language, eat new food, etc.

- **Touch activity** — Create a miniature scene of Abraham and Isaac.
- **Run and play** — Blindfold a child and rearrange some of the furniture. Talk them through the ‘maze.’ Talk about how hard it is to trust someone when you cannot see where you are going.
- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him and to love Him.
- **Sing** — Sing “God Loves People More Than Anything,” “Father Abraham,” “Nothing is Too Difficult for Thee,” “Trust and Obey,” or another song related to the story.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
Ask God to help you hear His voice. Ask Him to help you trust Him more.
Pray for people you know who need to know God loves them.
Pray for Bible study leaders who are teaching others about Jesus.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Genesis 25. Read ahead if you have time. Then you will know the lesson for next week and can help your teacher!

Think About It

Think about what you read. Abraham trusted and obeyed God even when it didn't make sense to him. God was pleased with Abraham and gave him back his son. God gave His Son, Jesus, for us.

Do It

Is there something that you know God is telling you to do? It may be hard, but trust God and obey Him.

Tell About It

Don't be afraid to share God's love with other people. You might have an opportunity this week to tell about what Jesus did for us. Pray that God will give you the right words! John 3:16 is always a good place to start. You may also want to share this week's memory verse—Proverbs 3:5-6.

Change it

Jesus said, "If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me." (Matthew 10:37 The Message) God wants us to love Him more than anything or anyone.

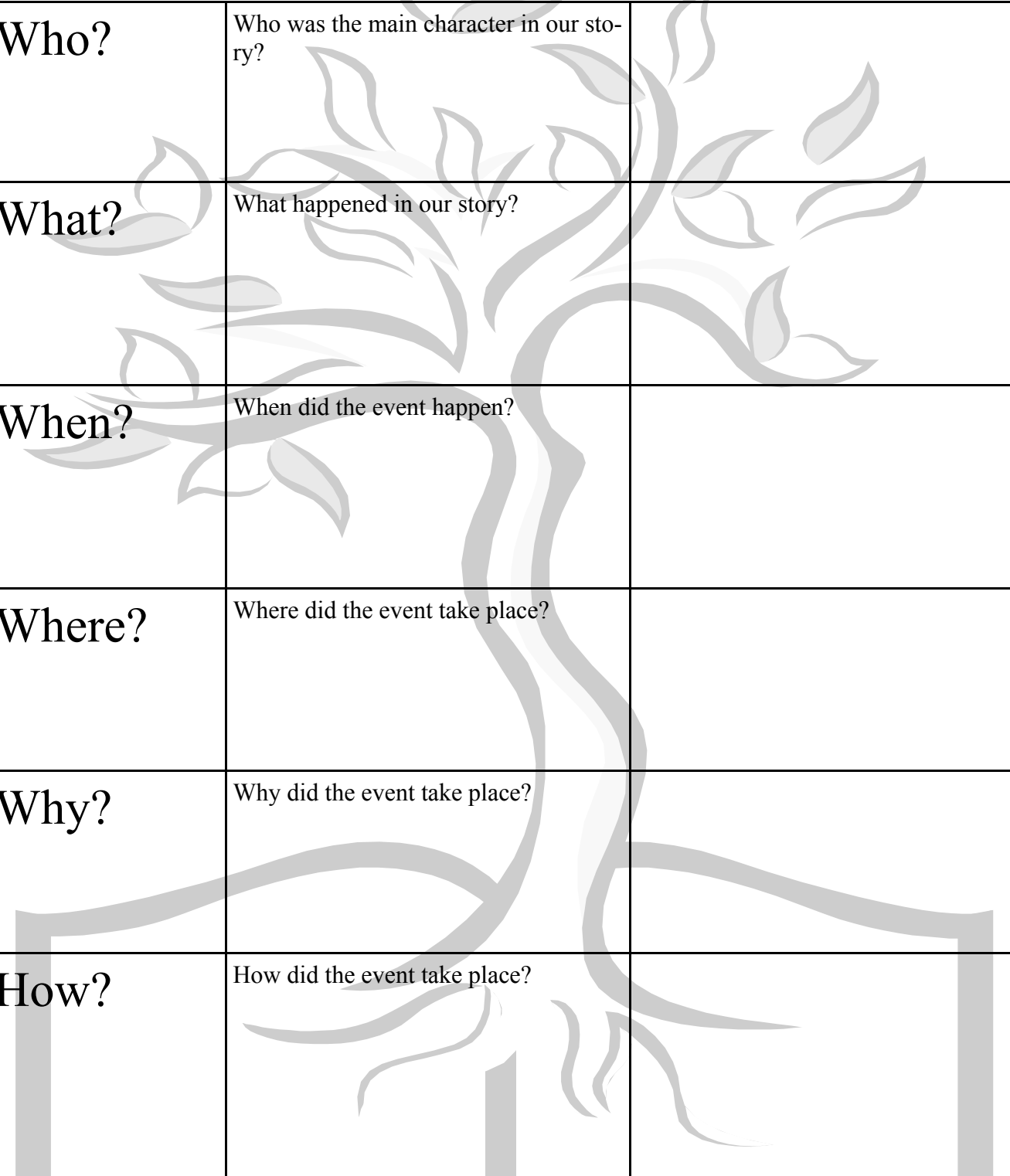
Have you been ignoring or disobeying God? If so, confess your sin to God and commit to obey Him.

Study it

Attend Bible study this week.

Read the memory verse, Proverbs 3:5-6. Each day, try to memorize a small portion of it until you have it memorized. As you study the verse, think about what it means to trust in God with all your heart.

Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

Word Search

M T T T D P P R I S F M
F C G F D E V S S L A D
D E D S O R T E D H B P
N P I M F A L C S A O P
J S D E H B E S A K R N
D E E D L T R C C A S D
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R E O O L E T S C S E L
N H H O T E S T E D H B

TESTED

ACTED

FAITH

OFFERED

SACRIFICE

RESPECT

HOLD BACK

BLESS

STARS

Word Search Solution

M	T	T	T	D	P	P	R	I	S	F	M
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TESTED ACTED FAITH

OFFERED SACRIFICE RESPECT

HOLD BACK BLESS STARS

Preschool Word Search

J M D H V K D B L E S S
P R W B W B F V L F N G
R E S P E C T W N D S E
S A R A H K P N G D C G
M F S L A C T E D F D B
P R O M I S E F D L N T
A B R A H A M F A I T H
J R B L T D R S M V L C
B G L T E S T E D P Z R
I S A A C J L K Q S T D
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Preschool Word Search Solution

J M D H V K D **B L E S S**

P R W B W B F V L F N G

R E S P E C T W N D S E

S A R A H K P N G D C G

M F S L **A C T E D** F D B

P R O M I S E F D L N T

A B R A H A M **F A I T H**

J R B L T D R S M V L C

B G L **T E S T E D** P Z R

I S A A C J L K Q S T D

O F F E R E D J R B L T

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Anagram

AAABHMR

ACCEFIIRS

NOS

AIHMOR

AACIS

IIGLLNW

VELO

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ACDDEENNST

GOD'S WORD

Anagram Solution

ABRAHAM

SACRIFICE

SON

MT. MORIAH

ISAAC

WILLING

LOVE

MOST

DESCENDANTS

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