

Isaac's Birth/Abraham Offers Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

God had promised Abraham a son. Abraham and Sarah were getting very old and still they had no baby.

The Lord kept His promise just as He said He would. He gave Sarah and Abraham a baby boy when they were very old. Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 when they had their baby. This was exactly the time God wanted the baby to be born. Abraham called his new baby boy Isaac. And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears that I have had a baby will join with me and also laugh."

After some years had passed, God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, the son he loved so very much, and offer Isaac up as a burnt offering to God. Abraham got up the very next morning. He called his only son, Isaac, and two servants to go with him. He got some wood to burn the offering. Then they started to travel. It took them three days to walk to the mountain. It was where God wanted them to be.

When they got there, Abraham told his servants to stay behind while he and Isaac went on a little further. Isaac was carrying the wood. Abraham had the fire and a knife. Isaac asked his father where the lamb was that they would offer on the fire to God. Abraham told Isaac that God would make sure they had a lamb.

When they came to the exact place where God wanted them, Abraham built an altar. He put the wood on it. Last of all he tied Isaac up and put Isaac on the altar. He pulled out the knife and lifted it to kill his only son. Suddenly the Angel of the Lord called out to him and told him, "Don't kill your son. Don't even hurt him. Now I know you love and trust me more than even your only son."

Just then Abraham saw a ram caught in some bushes behind him. Abraham took that ram and offered it on the altar instead of Isaac.

Then the Angel of the Lord called out to Abraham again and said, "Because I know you love me more than your only son, I promise I will bless you and give you many more family members. Some day you will have such a big family you won't even be able to count everyone. Also, your large family will be very strong. Best of all, the Savior will come from your family and all the world will be blessed through the Savior."

*God strengthened Abraham,
Sarah and Isaac to live their lives
dependent upon Him.*

*All of us should love and trust God
above anything else.*

Passage

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart..." Mark 12:30a

Hymn - TLH 428, v. 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.



Classroom Art Activity - Paper Plate Frisbee

Have the children color the circle, cut out and glue to a paper plate or 4-5 qt. ice cream bucket lid.





Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

Help us to love and trust only in You. Please be with us as You were with Abraham. Keep our faith in Jesus always in our hearts. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.