

Abraham and Isaac



Theme:

Trusting God

Object:

Individually wrapped candy hidden somewhere in the room; two guests

Scripture:

Genesis 22:8

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/N5aP78z9CxU>

Sing- "Trust and Obey" (<https://youtu.be/OSWoGIWcvN4>)

"I'm Trusting You" (<https://youtu.be/0VDpHibftHs>)

"Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart" (<https://youtu.be/ecUaEA0wiCE>)

You'll need two guests or other family members dressed in disguise--only one of these people should be someone kids know well. The person kids know well will tell the truth. Fill in the names in the parentheses below.

Today we are going to play a game called Who Do You Trust? You know these guests I have here. One is our (name of person) and one is (name of person). Our guests are going to give you directions to find some candy, but you can only trust one of them. When our guests are done giving you directions, you guys will tell who you trust. Remember, you can trust only one of these people.

Have each person give the directions. Then ask:

Who do you trust?

Why do you trust that person?

Have one child follow the directions given for each person the kids trust. Only one path will lead to the candy. Once the candy is found, bring the kids back and have them share the candy.

You trusted (name of person). Some of the reasons you gave that you trusted this person is because you knew him/her. You knew that he/she would tell you the truth.

Today's Bible lesson about Abraham and Isaac is about trust. As I tell you what happened, I need your help. When I put my hand to my ear like this (demonstrate), I want you to say in your most surprised voice, "Say what!?"

Abraham was Isaac's father. Abraham and his wife Sarah were almost 100 years old when Isaac was born. (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?") And God told Abraham that He was going to have lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren through his son Isaac.

One day, God spoke to Abraham and told him to take Isaac up on a mountain and give God the thing that he loved more than anything. (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?")

So Abraham took Isaac and they started up the mountain. (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?")

On the third day, Abraham told Isaac that they were going to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to God. Isaac said to his father, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the offering?" (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?")

Abraham answered Isaac and said, "God will provide the lamb."

They kept walking until they arrived at the place where God had told him to go. Then Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Abraham was ready to give God the thing he loved the most. (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?")

Then Abraham looked and saw a ram caught by his horns in the thicket. (Put your hand to your ear for kids to say, "Say what!?") So Abraham took the ram and offered it as a sacrifice to God.

Abraham had faith in God and trusted Him completely -- and God provided the lamb -- just as Abraham had told Isaac that He would.

When we put our trust in God, He always provides.

Pray Dear God, help us, like Abraham, trust You fully and have faith that You will provide. In Jesus' name, amen.

Abraham Was Tested



Bible Story: Abraham Was Tested

Bible Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Story Truth(s):

- God tested Abraham's faith.
- God provided the sacrifice.

Story: Abraham believed God. When God promised a son, Abraham believed in God's promise even when he was old and it seemed impossible. Abraham loved God and wanted to obey Him. God kept His promise and gave Abraham the promised son, named Isaac. Imagine Abraham's delight when he finally held his own baby boy after waiting so many years. Abraham loved Isaac. When he watched his baby boy grow into a young man, sometimes he would look at Isaac with so much love his heart felt like it would burst ... but did Abraham love Isaac more than he loved God?

In Genesis 22, God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham," and Abraham answered, "Here I am" (Genesis 22:1). Imagine Abraham's surprise when God told him to sacrifice the son he loved so much? His heart probably sank into the bottom of his stomach at the thought. God knew that Abraham loved Isaac, how could God ask such a thing?

Planning to obey God, Abraham would sacrifice Isaac. He got up early in the morning while it was still dark. He took Isaac and the wood and began the long journey to the land of Moriah, where God commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son. Do you think his steps were slow? Do you think he doubted God's plan? Do you think those three days of travel were hard?

When they got close to the mountain, Abraham and Isaac left their servants. With only the fire, the wood and his father, Isaac asked, "...where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham answered, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son" (Genesis 22: 8).

On top of the mountain, Abraham prepared to obey God, when an angel called him to stop. "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him for now I know you fear God, seeing how you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me" (Genesis 22:12). Looking up, Abraham saw a ram God provided for Abraham to sacrifice.

God loved Abraham. As much as Abraham loved Isaac, Abraham proved that he loved God more. God doesn't want us to love anything or anyone more than we love Him.

Activities

Sermon Title: "In God We Trust"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

TRUST ACROSTIC:

Print the letters for T-R-U-S-T alongside a large poster board and let children write words for each letter that will be about our TRUST story today. (For example: T=touch or teach; R=ram or real; U=unbelievable or understanding; S=sacrifice or Savior; etc).

TRUST WALL HANGING:

Lay a long roll of paper in the middle of the table for children to draw on. Have children write today's Bible verse along all the edges of the paper and then draw pictures of things or people that they trust! After all the drawings are completed, the teacher can take a BRIGHT colored marker and write JESUS across the roll of pictures!

TRUST WALK:

The teacher can lead the children in a TRUST WALK. Along the way, the teacher will say such things as, "Everyone sit on one of these chairs... do you TRUST it to hold you up", or "Do you trust this door to open and let you through", or "Do you trust this refrigerator to keep your drinks cold" (and hand each child a cold juice box and a cookie might be nice at this time), or "stand here in one spot and do you trust your legs to hold you up", or "While we're outside and looking side to side, do you trust your eyeballs to move with the fluid around them so you can see everything?", etc! Ideas for this can be MANY and then have children sit down on the ground and talk about things that we can TRUST GOD to do every day in our lives!

ALTAR BUILDING:

Give children modeling clay or small rocks and let them build an 'altar' and place a toothpick mini-sign in the altar that can say "offer a sacrifice to God"! This could be done individually or together as a class for a larger altar to help the children to remember today's story.

CHALK MURAL:

Give children various colors of chalk and let children take turns at adding to the picture as they see fit. First child could draw the mountain in our story; second child could draw part of an altar, third child could finish the altar, fourth child could draw Abraham, and continue the picture while telling the story again!

Abraham and Isaac



"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

GENESIS 22:13

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



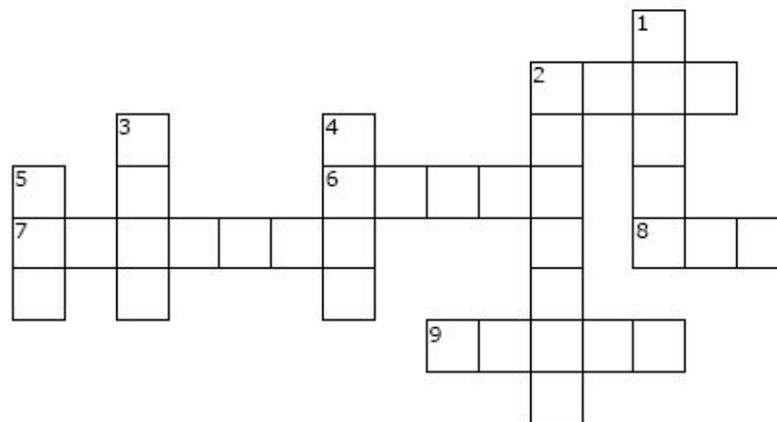
B R V I H I T G E O I A U E C
 Y X F N U E P O T D P U C T P
 N H O Q K I Z N F H I I S M M
 Z S Z C H T R N W F F T L A T
 K O I S Z U M K G I E W R Z O
 G H R A B J Y A R J B R R H Y
 T O L V K Y W C B J L W I D N
 W F I O B N A O K R X O S N N
 T E O S V S I S W G A T O L G
 Z A D L A E Q F N D N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

RAM	THICKET	SERVANTS	ALTAR	BURNT
ISAAC	OFFERING	KNIFE	LOVE	SON
HORNS	HAND	WOOD	FEAR	LAMB
SACRIFICE	ABRAHAM	WORSHIP	FIRE	DONKEY

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A hard substance which forms the branches and trunks of trees
6. A type of table used in making a sacrifice to God
7. The father of Isaac
8. A person's male child
9. A tool with a metal blade and a handle used for cutting

DOWN

1. The hard, pointed part that grows from the top of the head of some animals
2. Praising God through prayer, singing, and giving an offering
3. Burning that produces flames, heat, and smoke
4. A young sheep
5. An adult male sheep

ALTAR	LAMB	WORSHIP	FIRE	SON
ABRAHAM	WOOD	RAM	HORNS	KNIFE

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

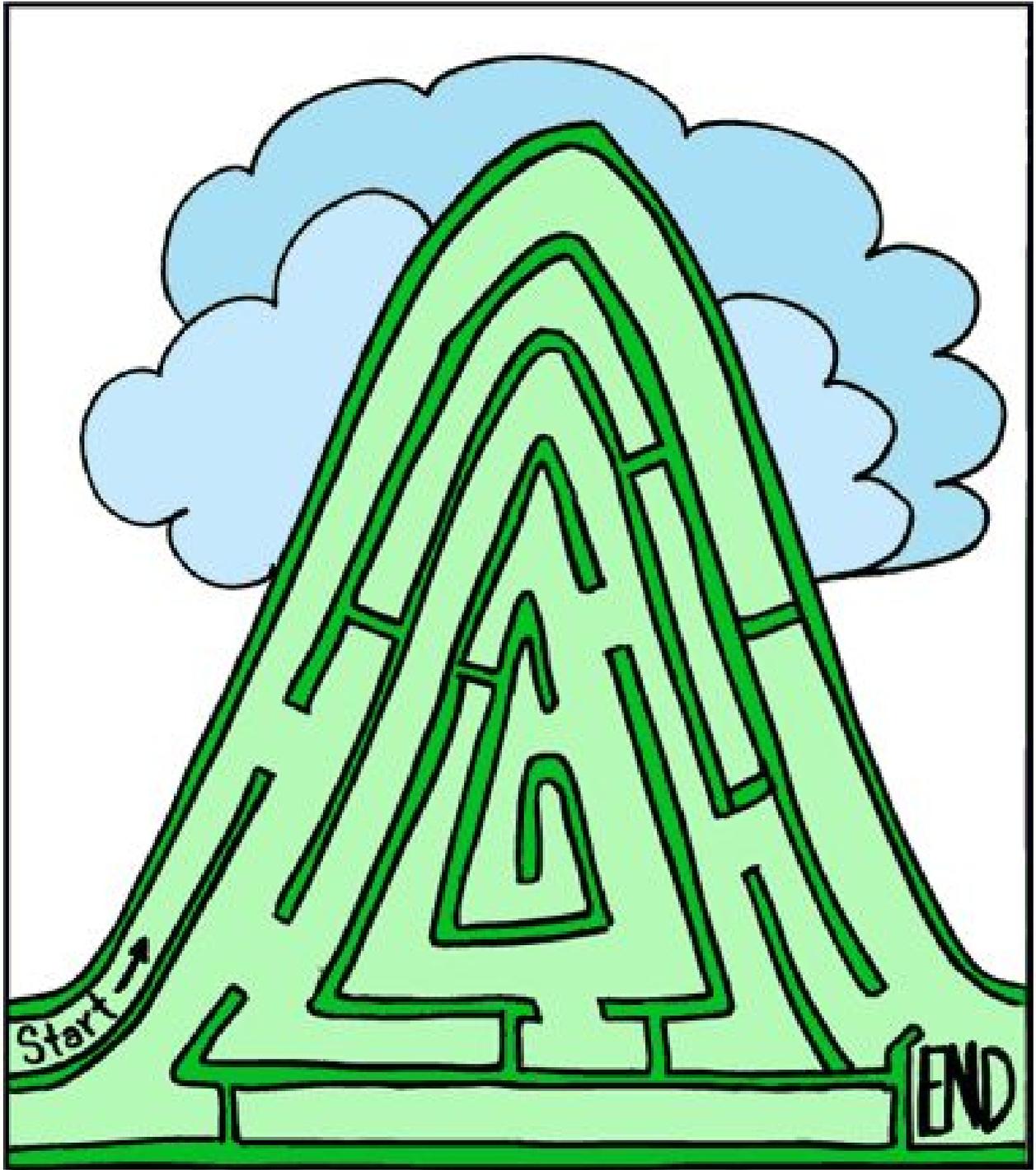


- ___ 1. The father of Isaac
A. Abraham B. David C. Moses D. Aaron
- ___ 2. A person's male child
A. daughter B. nephew C. cousin D. son
- ___ 3. A type of table used in making a sacrifice to God
A. altar B. wood C. horns D. fire
- ___ 4. A hard substance which forms the branches and trunks of trees
A. altar B. horns C. lamb D. wood
- ___ 5. Burning that produces flames, heat, and smoke
A. lamb B. fire C. wood D. ram
- ___ 6. A tool with a metal blade and a handle used for cutting
A. hammer B. plow C. altar D. knife
- ___ 7. Praising God through prayer, singing, and giving an offering
A. Abraham B. worship C. knife D. lamb
- ___ 8. A young sheep
A. kitten B. puppy C. lamb D. calf
- ___ 9. An adult male sheep
A. bull B. ram C. lamb D. ewe
- ___ 10. The hard, pointed part that grows from the top of the head of some animals
A. ears B. mane C. tail D. horns

BibleWise

Abraham and Isaac Mountain Maze

Follow the maze to see the route that Abraham took Isaac up to the mountain to sacrifice the lamb.





What you will need:

glue
cotton balls
poster board or
cereal box front or back panel

Directions:

cut out ram
glue to poster board
trim excess poster board
glue on cotton balls to make ram fluffy
color horns, face, and feet