In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 10
God Provides Abraham with a Right Offering

Themes:
- God made a binding covenant with Abraham and his son Isaac.
- God's people must have a right covering for sin.
- Faith in God is demonstrated through obedience to God.
- What God required of Abraham, He provided for Abraham.

Scripture:
Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:8a (and review verses 3-7)

Today's Clues:
ONE LOVED SON, GOD WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB

Home and Heart:
Read Genesis 22:1-13 and Hebrews 11:17-19 together. Before God tested Abraham, commanding him to offer Isaac, what things had Abraham SEEN God do in his life? Had God proven Himself to be faithful? How? Had God proven Himself to be good? In what ways? Had God proven Himself to be almighty? Give some examples. Do you think that helped Abraham to have faith in this situation? Give your child an example of how someone is proven to be trustworthy. Point out that trust in something is dependent on its trustworthiness. Some people trust in the wrong things. For example, what if Hagar had told Abraham to offer up Isaac? Would she have been trustworthy in this situation? Why not? But Who had commanded Abraham to do it? God! He is always trustworthy!

Point out that the walk to Moriah took Abraham and Isaac three days—three days for Abraham to think about what God had commanded him to do. What do you think Abraham might have been thinking about during that time? Do you think he might have recalled God's faithfulness and goodness? Read Genesis 22:5. What hint does this verse give that Abraham believed God would somehow spare Isaac? Read verse 8. What does the Bible call this kind of belief? Review Hebrews 11:1. Why is faith important? Read Hebrews 11:6. How did Abraham show that he was a man of faith? Read and discuss James 2:20-23.

Are you a child of faith? Are you depending on Jesus alone to forgive your sin? If you are, is your faith in Jesus demonstrated by a desire to obey God? Pray about your response.



DISCOVER MORE GENESIS

This week, carefully read Genesis 21-22 to learn more about God's goodness and faithfulness in the life of Abraham. After you have finished reading both chapters, take the multiple choice test below. (Try to take it without looking in your Bible.) Circle the correct answer to each question, and bring your completed test to class.

1. What did Sarah want Abraham to do with Hagar and Ishmael?

A) Kill them B) Include them in the family C) Send them away

2. What did God say He would do for Ishmael because he was Abraham's offspring?

A) Make a nation from him B) Make him equal to Isaac C) Curse him

3. What did Hagar and Ishmael travel through?

A) A large city B) A well-watered plain C) The desert

4. God heard Hagar's and Ishmael's weeping, and He acted by doing what?

A) God sent judgment on them B) God sent them back to Abraham C) God provided water

5. Abimelech's servants had taken this from Abraham.

A) His well B) His land C) His flocks

6. What did Abraham tell his servants that he and Isaac were going to do?

A) They were going to offer up a lamb B) They were going to worship C) They were going to pray

7. What did Isaac notice was missing for the offering?

A) The wood B) The fire C) The lamb

8. God promised Abraham his offspring would be more numerous than…

A) the grass of the fields B) the sand on the seashore C) the leaves on the trees