

Sunday Resources for May 31, 2020

Lesson: *The Present* from the Jesus Storybook Blble, pages 62-69 The Story of Abraham and Isaac, from Genesis 22

Aim: To understand that Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son because Abraham trusted God.

Questions:

- Do you remember what God promised Abraham? God promised Abraham that he would have many, many children.
- What did God ask Abraham to do in this story? God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.
- Why was this a hard command? Abraham loved Isaac, so of course it was difficult to sacrifice his son. This was also difficult because God had promised Abraham would have many children. How would this be true if he had to sacrifice his very precious son?
- Did Abraham obey God? Yes, Abraham obeyed God, even though it was a difficult command. Abraham trusted God, even when it didn't make sense.

Review: God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, whom he loved, but then God provided a ram instead. God made a way when things seemed impossible. God did this again when he sacrificed someone he loved, Jesus. Abraham believed God's promises and loved God more than anything else.

Reflect: Every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name. Even though we didn't hear Jesus' name in this story, it shows our need for a rescuer. What did we discover about Jesus from today's story?

Prayer: Thank you God for keeping your promises. Thank you for sending your Son, your only Son, to die for us. Help me to learn to trust You and love You more than anything else.

Activities:

★ Draw a photo of a ram (little ones could decorate the ram with cotton balls). Write Genesis 15:6, "Abraham believed the Lord" at the top of the drawing. Write or discuss as a family all the different ways it is difficult to trust God when you can't see or understand what is happening. Remind each other that you can trust God even when things become difficult or don't make sense because God keeps his promises and he has sent us a rescuer.

Sing: Fear Not by Ellie Holecomb