

**THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON**

LESSON #2

DATE: September 15, 2019

SUBJECT: THE FOREFATHERS OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ISRAEL—Isaac, the Promised Son of Abraham (1 of 2)

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8, 15-16, 19; 21:1-3; 22:1-18

AIM: To introduce Abraham's son Isaac and to show that God keeps His promises.

SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES: Proverbs 3:5 (Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, And do not rely on your own understanding;); Psalm 18:30a (As for God—His way is perfect; The word of Jehovah is tried.)

SUGGESTED SONGS: 25 (I Believe God); 64 (Every Promise in the Bible is Mine); 66 (God's Word in my Heart); 57 (He Cannot Fail); 24 (He's Able); 111 (Jesus Can Never Fail); 6705 (The B-I-B-L-E); *Song about sharing/giving related to application – 9524 BSS Vessels Unto Honor CD Song #4* (What Kind of a Sharer?); 190 (I Am Called Just Like Abraham); 44 (Father Abraham); 66 (God's Word in My Heart); 9410 (I Believe the Promises); 2822 (God's Promise); 9427 (Yes In My Bible); 9578 (My Name's Isaac -- It Means Laughter); 9577 (Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?)

CRAFT IDEAS: 1) Print a template of a ram, add cotton balls to the body. Add memory verse or "God will provide!" or "God keeps His promises!" 2) Using a white paper plate, add rams horns and cotton balls. Clothespins can be used for legs.

APPROACH: Did you ever promise someone that you would do something? Were you able to keep that promise? Did you do what you said you would do? Today's story from the Bible shows that God always keeps His promises, even if they seem impossible to fulfill.

BACKGROUND/REVIEW: Last week we learned about Abraham, whose name was originally Abram. God called Abram out of the idol-worshipping land he lived in and eventually led him, his wife Sarai (Sarah), and his nephew Lot into the land of Canaan. Here is where Abraham and his family would dwell, and here is where Abraham would receive God's promised blessings - Abraham's seed (children) would be like the stars in the heavens and the sand on the seashore in number, and God would give the land of Canaan to Abraham's child. This week we will learn about Abraham and Sarah's son, Isaac. [Serving ones: It may help to draw a "family tree" to help the children understand the relationships.]

CONTENT: When God first called Abraham, He promised him that he would have many descendants. But Abraham was getting much older, past the time when people became parents, and he still did not have any children from his wife Sarah. But God made a promise, and God always keeps His promises. Abraham was one hundred years old when his wife Sarah gave birth to their son Isaac! This was twenty-five years after God promised that Abraham would have a son. The birth of Isaac was a miracle from God. Isaac, being promised to Abraham by God Himself and so long-awaited for, was very precious to Abraham.

One day God tested Abraham. He asked him to take his son, whom he loved, to go to the land of Moriah and there offer Isaac as a burnt offering. A burnt offering is supposed to be with an animal, not a person, but Abraham obeyed God and took his son Isaac with him to Moriah. When they arrived, Isaac asked his father where the lamb for the burnt offering was. His father said, "God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering..." Just at the last moment, when Abraham was about to strike Isaac, Jehovah stopped Abraham. He told Abraham that now He knew that Abraham feared God because he did not withhold his

only son from Him. Abraham then looked and saw a ram caught in a thicket by the horns. He took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering in place of his son.

SUGGESTED REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Do you remember God's promise to Abraham? *Answer:* His seed would be multiplied like the stars of the heaven and the sand of the seashore, and God would give the land of Canaan to Abraham and to his seed (children).
- How old was Abraham when God finally gave him a son? *Answer:* 100 years old.

SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS:

Note to serving ones: It is not intended that we cover all the suggested applications, but based on prayer and fellowship, and the children's response, allow the Lord to lead and see which applications to cover.

- Did you ever promise someone that you would do something? For example, promising your parents that you will clean up your toys? Or promising that you will do your homework right after school? Or promising that you will not fight with your brothers or sisters? Were you able to keep that promise? Only God can always keep His promises, so we should think carefully before we make promises to other people. We should not promise something we cannot fulfill. And if we make a promise, we should try our best to keep our word.
- God asked Abraham for something (actually, someone) that was very precious, his only son. Ask the children: What is the most precious thing that you have? Is it a particular toy that you don't want anyone to touch? What if a friend or relative came and your parents asked you to give them that toy? How would you feel? Would you willingly give your favorite toy to another person? Abraham was willing to give to God his most precious possession. We should be willing sharers and givers, since everything we have comes from God. He is generous with us, and we should be generous with others.
- Isaac was very obedient to Abraham. He listened to his father and went where Abraham told him to go, and did as Abraham instructed. We should also be those who honor and obey our parents.

Note to Serving Ones: For additional Lesson Resources for applications and Scripture references, please read: God's Calling in the Old Testament - Abraham (Part 2 of 4) Nov. 2016

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