

Date – November 1, 2020

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Children's Illustrated Bible – p. 42-43

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Theme - God Will Provide

Workshop Name

Abraham Bundles

Opening Prayer

Dear loving and amazing God,

We thank you for giving us stories of people of long ago who loved you and trusted you. Their stories help us learn more about ourselves, and most of all, more about you and your great love.

Open our minds and hearts as we study and work together today. Amen

Objectives

Locate the story in the Bible, Genesis 22:1-18.

Retell the story in their own words.

Understand that Abraham trusted in God's love and promises and obeyed God even when it was hard.

See the concept of Old Testament sacrifice and how it relates to Jesus being the "Lamb of God."

Understand that God willingly sacrificed his only Son, Jesus, for us.

Discuss ways God provides for us today.

Supplies – All the supplies you will need will be in the brown supply bag. That will include stick pretzels and thin licorice strips.

The only thing you will need at home would be a plate to put the finished bundles on.

A scarf or blindfold in case you have time to play the game. – completely optional

Activity

This is the second week of the sacrifice of Isaac lesson, but you will still need to review or reread p. 42-43 to make sure everyone knows the story.

Gather the small pretzel sticks into bundles and tie them together with the licorice. The questions below could be used during that activity.

What did God ask Abraham to do? sacrifice his son

What did Isaac notice that they were missing? the lamb

How did Abraham explain this? God will provide

What did Abraham do to Isaac? bound him and placed him on the altar

What stopped Abraham from killing his son? the voice of an angel

What did the angel say? “Do not lay a hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. You have proved your perfect love of God by your willingness to sacrifice your child.”

What did Abraham see? a ram

Why do you think God used Isaac as a test for Abraham? To truly test Abraham’s willingness to follow the directions that God was telling him to do

What did Abraham prove to God? – proved that even if it meant sacrificing his son that Abraham was willing to follow God’s directions

In case you have left over time I am including a version of a game. This would probably need to be done outside.

Reinforce Abraham’s trusting responses to God and to Isaac through a version of a “Blind Man’s Bluff” game called “Here I am!.” “IT” calls “Abraham” and Abe answers “Here I am.”

Directions:

1. Choose one player to be IT and one player to be Abraham.
2. Place the blindfold on IT and gently turn IT around while all the children scatter.
3. When IT calls out “Abraham!” everyone must freeze.
4. Abraham responds, “Here I am!”
5. IT tries to locate Abraham.
6. Whenever IT bumps into a child, IT says “Abraham?” Abraham responds, “Here I am!” but the children who are NOT Abraham remain silent.
7. When IT finally locates Abraham, another set of players is selected.
8. During the game, the other children also participate by NOT being Abraham and standing between IT and Abraham.
9. Play several times, but choose two new players for IT and Abraham every time.

Discuss what it feels like to hear God call your name. Discuss the courage needed to answer “Here I am!”

Lord's Prayer

