

Abraham and Isaac

Theme: Trusting God

Object: Individually wrapped candy hidden somewhere in the room; two guests

Scripture: Genesis 22:8

You'll need two guests--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. Two puppets, dolls or stuffies can be used as an option.

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/puppet) and one is (name of person/puppet). 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.

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

Bible Memory Verse: “Abraham answered, ‘God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together.”
Genesis 22:8

Get Ready: Children will memorize this part of the verse: “God Himself will provide.” Genesis 22:8

Do This: Have children think of at least five things that people need, such as food or water. Once they have these things, lead them in the following exercise.

Say: People need (children fill in the blank) and we know (Children say), “God Himself will provide.” Genesis 22:8).

Repeat this process with all five things that people need. Afterward, encourage children to trust God always for everything they need.

Interactive Scripture Experience: Genesis 22:1-14 Abraham’s Faith

You’ll Need: •“Five alphabet letters cut out separately , F A I T H

Say This: God called Abraham the “friend of God.” They were that close! But Abraham did not always pass the test for having faith in God. Two different times, Abraham was afraid so he lied and said that Sarah was his sister instead of his wife. And God had to correct Abraham. Abraham had a lot to learn about having faith in God.

Say this: you are going to give them a test. Show children the letters and have them tell what they are.

When you’re finished with the test, put the letters together to

show preschoolers that they spell FAITH.

Say: God wanted to know if Abraham had faith in God. So God tested Abraham. And Abraham passed the test.

Trust Walk Game

You'll Need: • Juice box for each child in a refrigerator

Do This: Take children on a Trust Walk by following these steps.

Lead the children around the room, stopping to ask them questions.

1. Lead children to hop to a set of chairs. Ask, "Do you trust the chair will hold you up?" Have children sit in the chairs. Ask, "What did you do to show you trust the chair?"

2. Lead children to walk backward to a door. Ask, "Do you trust this door to open and let you through?" Have children walk through the door. Ask, "What did you do to show you trust the door?"

3. Lead preschoolers to skip to a refrigerator with cold drinks. Ask, "Do you trust this refrigerator to keep your drinks cold?" Then hand each child a cold juice box. Ask, "What did you do to show you trust the refrigerator?"

4. Lead preschoolers to take giant steps back to the classroom and say, "Stand here in one spot. Do you trust your legs to hold you up?" Ask, "What did you do to show you trust your legs?"

Have children sit and enjoy their drink as you lead them in this discussion.

- What does trust mean?
- Why could you trust the things we encountered?
- What can you do to show you trust God?

Say: God has provided many things that we can trust. God is faithful and we can trust Him.

Trusting God Prayer

You'll Need: ●An altar of some sort (a pile of rocks or a table or just a candle and a bible)

Get Ready: Create some kind of altar in your room.

Do This: Show the children the altar you've created. Tell them that in the Old Testament, people created altars where they would worship God where ever they were. Altars do not have to be only in a church.

The children can be encouraged to make an altar in their own room to make it easier to talk to God.

Trust that God will hear your prayers.

Suggest "Please and thank you " prayers to help your children talk to God whenever they want. The word "Amen" means " Please make it so".



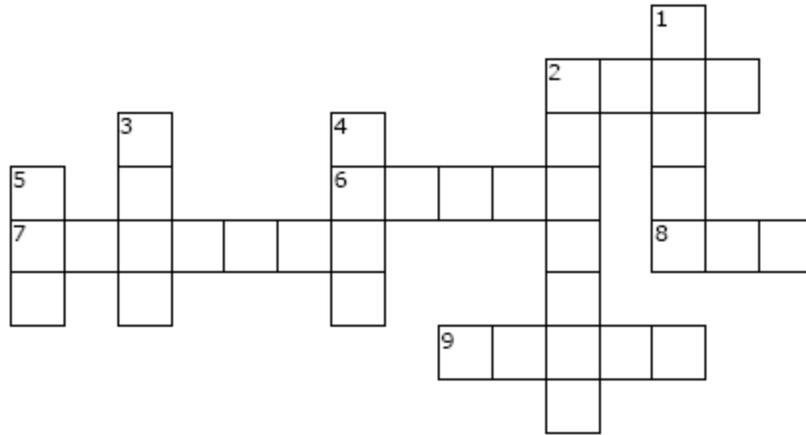
"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

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)



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