LESSON 20

GOD PUTS ABRAHAM TO THE TEST



Aim: **To teach the children that God tested Abraham's faith. Because Abraham trusted in God, he could also rely on God's blessing.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 21:1-8; 22:1-19**

Memory Verse: **Genesis 15:6**
Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Ask the children if their parents have ever asked them to do something very hard. Tell the class something you, the teacher, have had to do that was very difficult.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. God asked Abraham to do something very, very difficult. Abraham and Sarah had only one child, their son Isaac. He was very special. He was born when Sarah and Abraham were so old that it seemed impossible for them to have a baby. **Show Picture 18**. Sarah had laughed when she had overheard God's messenger saying she would have a child, remember? (18:10-12).
2. When Isaac was a young boy, God gave Abraham special instructions. God asked Abraham to give Isaac back to him as a sacrifice. Abraham loved Isaac very much (22:1-2).
3. **Describe the preparations, the three day-journey, Isaac's question and Abraham's answer of trust in God (22:3-8).**
4. Abraham and Isaac prepared the altar together. **Show Picture 20.** Then Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac (22:9-10).
5. At the last moment God's angel told Abraham to stop (22:11-12). Abraham loved and trusted God above all else; that was why he was able to give up to God his son, Isaac, whom he loved.
6. Then God instructed Abraham to sacrifice a sheep that God himself provided (22:13-14).
7. Abraham had shown that he had faith in God, and God showed that he greatly blesses those who trust in him (22:15-18).
8. Afterwards, Abraham travelled back home with his beloved son still by his side (22:19).

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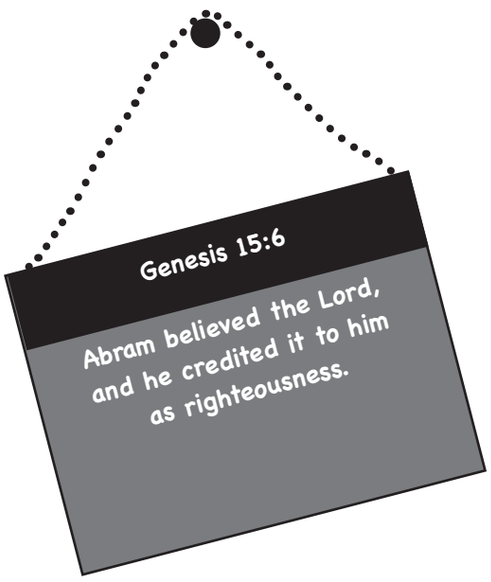


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Show Picture 20 again. God loved us so much that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be a sacrifice for our sake. Indeed, one of Jesus' names is "Lamb of God"!

God wants us to do exactly what the memory verse tells us Abraham did.



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