

Book Introduction

God tested Abraham's faith to see if Abraham trusted him. God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham obeyed God and put his son on the altar. Abraham believed that somehow God would work this out and save his son.

God provided a lamb so Abraham did not have to sacrifice his son. Because Abraham trusted God, God made the offspring (children) of Abraham as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: Why did God test Abraham?

Day 2: How did God test Abraham? How did Abraham respond to God's command?

Day 3: What did Abraham believe when he put Isaac on the altar?

Day 4: What happened when Abraham was about to slay Isaac? What does that show about God?

Day 5: What has God done for us?

Day 6: Why should we trust God like Abraham did? What will happen when we trust God?

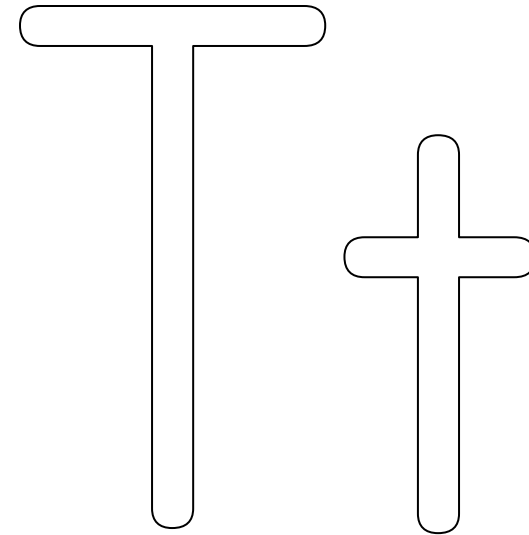
Lesson Rhyme

T—T	Make sign of "T" with right hand
Test	Add "T" w/ L hand & move both forward
Abraham	Make "A" with both hands and shake
took his son	Extend hand & bring it back closing fist
T—T—Test	Same as above
A sacrifice	Make small circles w/ fists in front of body
to be done	Open fists up like offering to God



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How did God test Abraham?



T—T—Test
Abraham took his son
T—T—Test
A sacrifice to be done

Day 1

Draw a picture of Abraham

Abraham was faithful.

He loved God with all his heart.

His descendants as a people

for himself God set apart.

God put his servant Abraham

to a very trying test.

To see if in his promises

Abraham would rest.

Day 6

Draw a picture of the ram.

The ways of God are sometimes hard
for us to understand.

But like Abraham we can trust,

God keeps us in his hand.

We have faith that God will work

in all things for our good.

So we will trust in what he says

and obey him as we should.

Hebrews 11:17-18:¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Romans 4:3: "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Day 5

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

What God did ask of Abraham,
he has done for men.
He sent his one and only son
to pay the price for sin.
Through his death on the cross,
Jesus gave his life for us.
And through Jesus God will make us right
if in him we do trust.

2 Corinthians 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Day 2

Draw a picture of Abraham and Isaac.

God commanded Abraham
to take his only son
And lay him on an altar,
a sacrifice be done.
Abraham obeyed God
though he didn't understand
Since God had said his offspring
would be as numerous as the sand.

Genesis 22:1-2: ¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Day 3

Draw a picture of Isaac on the altar.

Abraham took Isaac
and on the altar him did lay.
Because Abraham believed God
and was faithful to obey.
He trusted God completely,
in his promises didn't doubt.
He knew that in God's plan,
something would work out.

Day 4

Draw a picture of the ram God sent.

As Abraham took the knife to slay
his very precious son.
God said for him to stop,
he knew what Abraham would have done.
In the bush nearby was caught
a ram to sacrifice.
Isaac's life was saved,
God sent a ram to pay the price.

Genesis 22:9: ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Genesis 22:10-12: ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."