



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

## #38 – Abraham is Tested Genesis 22:1-18

### PICTURES NEEDED

- 38-1 Abraham and Isaac carrying wood for sacrifice
- 38-2 Isaac on the altar

### REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What does God do for the righteous?

God rescues those who do what is right.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

D—D

Destroy

The people

did what's bad

D—D—Destroy

Their evil

made God sad

Make sign of "D"

Cross palms, move back & make fists

Make sign of "P" with both hands, move in circles

Make thumbs down sign

Same as above

Make evil face, twist hands by mouth

Put fists up at eyes like wiping tears



D



P

## LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (**picture 38-1**)

What is this a picture of?

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 ram 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. God called Abraham righteous because he believed God.

The big question for this week is: **How can we become righteous like Abraham?**

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.

Title: How did God test Abraham?

Page 1—Hebrews 11:17-18

(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.

Page 2—Genesis 22:1-2

(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.

Page 3—Genesis 22:9

(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.

Page 4—Genesis 22:10-12

(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.

Page 5—2 Corinthians 5:21

(picture of worshiper)

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 upon the cross,  
Jesus gave his life for us.  
And God will make us righteous  
if in Jesus we do trust.

Page 6—Romans 4:3

(picture of Abraham with son)

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.

## 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?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that he is always with us and faithful to his promises. Pray that you would grow in your ability to trust him.
- The Big Question: **How do we become righteous like Abraham?**  
We become righteous through the sacrifice of Jesus for our sin.

## ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

- Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

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 R 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



T



A

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instructions: Draw the wood Abraham would have used for the burnt offering.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.  
With which sound does test begin?

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Song:** God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me

Additional Verses

I love him so  
I worship him  
I will obey

★ **Craft:**Ram

As a reminder that God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son and then provided a ram as a substitute, make a ram.

Materials: cover stock paper, cotton balls, glue sticks, colored pencils

Preparation: Run of craft 38 on cover stock paper

Instructions: Color in the details of the ram and bush. Fold the paper back along the gray lines. Glue cotton to the ram. Glue the flap of the fold to the back of the ram so it stands up.

## JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.