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## Lesson Passage—Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> 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."

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

<sup>12</sup> "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."

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."



LOWER ELEMENTARY  
LEVEL 3  
HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 38



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**How do we become righteous like Abraham?**

### MEMORY VERSE

## 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.*

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading 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?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: How did God test Abraham? How did Abraham respond to God's command? What happened when Abraham was about to slay Isaac? Why should we trust God like Abraham did?

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.

Application: Think of times when it is hard to trust God. Discuss what to do in those times when it is hard to trust God.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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## How can we become righteous like Abraham?



We become righteous through the sacrifice of Jesus for our sin.

## 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Hebrews 11:17-18: <sup>17</sup> 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, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

## 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.

What does the verse mean?

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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.

What does the verse mean?

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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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 22:1-2: <sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup> 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 22:9: <sup>9</sup> 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.

## 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 22:10-12: <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "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."