

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-6,7-14

Session Summary

After God gave Abraham and Sarah their promised son, Isaac, He then requested something that seemed impossible. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, the son through whom the promise of many descendants was to be fulfilled. Rather than arguing with God or asking God why, Abraham simply obeyed. While this probably wasn't something Abraham particularly wanted to do, he obeyed and believed that God could even raise Isaac back from the dead if necessary. But God didn't let it go that far. He stopped Abraham's hand from plunging the knife into Isaac and provided a ram to be sacrificed instead.

Conversation Questions

- When has God asked our family to do something that seemed impossible? What was the outcome?
- What kinds of commands from God are more difficult for our family to obey?
- How can our family increase our faith and trust in God to provide when it seems impossible or hopeless?
- Who around our family is experiencing difficult commands from God? How can we pray specifically for their faith to increase and for them to walk in obedience?

Family Challenge

As a family, talk about the way God has proved faithful in your own family's history. If you have pictures, use those as you tell the story. Maybe your story includes relatives moving from a foreign country to a new land, a soldier's incredible survival in the midst of war, a couple supporting each other as they begin a new business venture or move across the country—the list goes on. The point is, choose an situation in which your own family (even your ancestors) had to trust God completely in the midst of a difficult situation. Then, talk about how that decision still affects your immediate family today, as well as how it inspires you to trust God in all situations. What can you learn from them?