

Lesson 12

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Kids

**What did Abraham learn in trusting God?
Abraham learned that God keeps his
promises and loves his people.**

Read aloud: Genesis 11:27-25:1

Recommended Illustration

WARNING: This illustration will cost you ten dollars. Invite one volunteer to the stage, letting everyone know that this person will face an impossible challenge, but there is a ten dollar reward at the end. Kids will assume that this means the ten dollars is to be given if the person completes the entire challenge perfectly. However, you will provide the ten dollars even after they fail, and this will serve as the primary point of the illustration.

Here is the challenge: Invite the kids to answer ten current event questions correctly, and your job is to make sure that there are at least a few that the kid cannot answer. If they get them all right, it will make the illustration tough to pull off, so make sure to stump them a few times!

After the kid has failed the challenge, you will make a big deal of announcing that they are the proud recipient of ten dollars. Thank them for participating and transition by reminding them that this must be what it felt like to be Abraham.

Helpful Insights

Abraham demonstrated that he believed God was worthy of his trust. He had a God he could trust completely. Because of that, Abraham bound himself to God in complete dependence on God's love, on God's mercy, on God's faithfulness, and carried out the most difficult act of obedience anyone could be asked to complete. Abraham took his son to the place of sacrifice. In doing that, he demonstrated that his trust in God went beyond the benefits. This sacrifice would cost Abraham even the very "thing" God had promised him.

This was a test of Abraham's loyalty, and in obeying, Abraham proved that he trusted God more than himself. Abraham had placed his trust in the character of God who had called him into a relationship of faith, and he staked his future on God being exactly who he claimed to be.

The Point

Everything God promised to Abraham revolved around Abraham being given a son. God asked him to give up even this, in order to show that Abraham's faith was not about himself, but about the God he claimed to trust.

