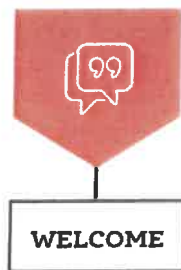


Preschool and Gr. 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Option 1: What we love: See directions on page 99	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Bryan. He'll get you when ready.	
Classroom	Ask your group some questions: -Why do you think Abraham was able to trust God? -Who is someone you love very much? How do you show that person you love them? What are some of the good things God has provided for you?	
Classroom:	Roll the dice game "Thanksgiving Prayer" Do this with your group and spend time thanking God for various things! Send this home with the kids!	Dice and paper



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, ask kids about their week, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY *When we love someone a lot we often give them gifts. A gift doesn't always have to be something you buy. Sometimes a gift is special time spent together or a kind word. Tell us about a time you gave someone a special gift.*

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete the "Prized Possessions" activity page.

SAY *Which of these items would be the most important to you? Was there something you love that wasn't on the list? How would you feel if you had that thing but were told to give it away? Would that be hard or easy for you?*

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: WHAT WE LOVE



Instruct the kids to sit in a circle. Choose one kid to go first. He will begin by saying something he loves (e.g. a person in his family, a sport, a toy). The next kid will repeat the first kid's answer then add his own. Continue around the circle until everyone has had a turn.

SAY *We all have things that we love. The Bible tells us we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. When we do that, we are willing to give God whatever He asks of us. In our story we'll hear what God asked Abraham to do and how Abraham was willing to give God what He wanted, no matter what it cost him.*

☐ OPTION 2: GIVING IT UP

Write the following on separate index cards:

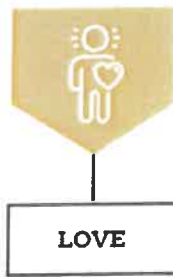
- Career: athlete
- Career: teacher
- Career: musician
- Behavior: sleeping late
- Behavior: eating junk food
- Behavior: playing video games

Display the six cards. Challenge the kids to match each Behavior card to a Career card to show which careers would be most likely to give up which behaviors. You may choose to print pictures to use instead of index cards.

SAY *We often must give up certain things to excel at other things. Often it's hard to give up things we enjoy, but such sacrifices may be necessary. Our Bible story today is about a much harder sacrifice. Let's learn more.*

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 BIBLE SKILLS & REVIEW (10 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and help the kids find Genesis 21-22. Remind kids that Genesis is the very first book in the Old Testament. Ask for a volunteer to name the first five books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

| SAY Our story today teaches us about God's faithfulness to provide everything we need. God wants us to love Him more than anything else in our lives. He alone is worthy of all our worship.

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss their answers.

| SAY Why do you think Abraham was able to trust God?

Guide the kids to see that Abraham knew God's promise to provide a family for him. The whole world would be blessed through Abraham's family. It took great faith for Abraham to trust God. Consider reading Hebrews 11:1 to the kids or having a volunteer read it. Explain that we have faith when we are confident in the things we hope for. It requires faith to trust that God is with us and is working for our good and His glory. Remember, who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan. It takes faith to trust that the Bible comes from God and that He speaks to us through it. We can have faith like Abraham and trust and obey God.

| SAY Who is someone you love very much? How do you show that person you love them?

Help the kids understand that God tested Abraham because God wanted to know if he loved him more than anything else. Was Abraham willing to sacrifice the son he loved for God? The stakes were high for Abraham but he didn't waver. Abraham loved God and was willing to do whatever God asked of him, even when it meant his own son would die. Do we love God so much that we put Him before everything else in our lives? We can point to the things we love most by the way we spend our time, or thoughts, or even our money. If there are things we are tempted to love more than God we can turn away from those idols and turn to God instead. He is worthy of our worship and ultimately, He is the one who will satisfy our hearts.

| SAY What are some of the good things God has provided for you?

After God gave Abraham the ram to sacrifice, Abraham named the mountain The Lord will Provide. This served as a reminder of the incredible thing God had done for him. God provided the sacrifice, so Abraham didn't have to lose his only son. God provides for us today too. Every good gift we have comes from God. We can thank and praise Him for all that He gives to us. The greatest gift is Jesus, our Savior and the way that we can be made right with God.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**



Thanksgiving Prayer Dice Game

How to Play:

1. Take turns rolling one die.
2. Match your number to a prayer prompt below.
3. Say a short prayer out loud based on the prompt.

Roll	Prayer Prompt
1	Thank God for something in creation (like animals, trees, sunshine, or rain).
2	Thank God for someone in your family and why you're thankful for them.
3	Thank God for a friend or teacher who helps you grow.
4	Thank God for something He taught you this year.
5	Thank God for Jesus and what He's done for you.
6	Thank God for a blessing you often forget (like clean water, a warm bed, or church).

Optional Variations:

- Add a sharing round: After praying, share one way you can show thankfulness this week.
- Double roll: Roll twice and pray for both prompts!
- Make your own: Let kids create new prayer prompts to add to the list.