



Use Week of:

Unit 2 • Session 2

Abraham and Isaac

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 22

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:29b

STORY POINT: God made a promise.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God gave His own Son, Jesus, to rescue us.

Bible Story for Toddlers

Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old when their son, Isaac, was born like God promised. God said Isaac would be part of God's special promise to send Jesus. One day, God wanted to see if Abraham loved God most of all. In Bible times, people gave gifts to God called *sacrifices*. God told Abraham to give Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham trusted God, and Abraham obeyed. Abraham and Isaac went up the mountain. Abraham got ready to offer Isaac to God. A voice called to them from heaven and said, "Abraham, do not do anything to your son Isaac." God gave a ram to be the sacrifice instead. God knew Abraham loved God most of all. One day, God would send Jesus to rescue us.

Gospel Gems

- * Abraham trusted God to keep His promise.
- * God gave a ram to use as the sacrifice.
- * God promised to send Jesus into Abraham's family.

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BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Genesis 22. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise. God asked Abraham to give Isaac to Him. God gave His own Son, Jesus, to rescue us. [*Pray for the babies.*]

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Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“God made a promise to Abraham, Abraham, Abraham!

God made a promise to Abraham. *God would bless the world!”

*Substitute *and he trusted God* in subsequent rounds.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to bless Abraham’s son Isaac. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise. God gave a ram to use as the sacrifice instead of Isaac.

Make gift bow art

Provide construction paper and adhesive gift bows for each baby. (You may also use glue to keep the bows in place.) Invite babies to stick the bows to the paper. Write the story point on each child’s artwork.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to give Abraham a son, Isaac. God asked Abraham to give Isaac to Him. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise. God gave a ram to use as the sacrifice.

Look for a ram

Sit with a baby in front of you. Hide a plastic ram or the “Ram” printable beneath a blanket while the baby watches. Invite the baby to find the ram. Play again as time allows.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to Abraham. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise. God gave a ram to use as the sacrifice.

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the gospel gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

TODDLER Activities

Circle time (1-3 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Genesis 22. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

Make ram art

Print the "Ram" printable for each toddler. Provide liquid glue or adhesive dots for toddlers to stick cotton balls to the ram's body. Write the story point on each child's artwork and set it aside to dry.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to Abraham. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise. God gave a ram to use as the sacrifice in Isaac's place. God gave His own Son, Jesus, to rescue us.

Play with people figures

Provide people figures and blocks or stacked books to play out hiking a mountain. Briefly tell the Bible story. Remind toddlers that Abraham loved God most of all.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE. God provided a ram to be the sacrifice in our story.

Pass the gift

Place the key passage card in a small gift bag. Invite toddlers to sit in a circle. Play music as toddlers pass the gift to the right. After a few seconds, stop the music, open the bag, and read the key passage card. Play again as time allows.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to send Jesus into Abraham's family. The Bible says when we trust in Jesus, we become part of Abraham's family too.

Take a nature walk

Use a stroller or a walking rope to take toddlers on a walk outside. Invite toddlers to look for things that Abraham and Isaac may have seen on the mountain (grass, trees, rocks, flowers, and so forth). Briefly review the story.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to Abraham, and the promise was about Isaac.

Abraham trusted God to keep His promise no matter what. God provided a ram to be the sacrifice.

BONUS Teaching Hour

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Transition activity: “We’re Going up the Mountain”

To the beat of “Going on a Bear Hunt,” make up an action as if you were going up a mountain. Perform the action for toddlers to repeat after you.

“We’re going up the mountain, [*March in place.*]

I see a small creek. [*Hold hand over brow as if spotting something in distance.*]

Can’t swim through it. Better hop over it. [*Hop in place.*”]

Resume, creating new adventures and actions as interest continues. Retell the story.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to Abraham. Abraham trusted God to keep His promise about Isaac. God provided a ram to be the sacrifice.

Build an altar

Provide wooden building logs, interlocking bricks, or wooden blocks for toddlers to build an altar. Briefly retell the Bible story.

SAY: God made a promise. God always keeps His promises. God promised to send Jesus into Abraham’s family through his son Isaac.

Look at a ram’s horn

Before class, gather a ram’s horn or images of ram’s horn if you do not have one available. Invite toddlers to use nonbreaking magnifying glasses to examine the ram’s horn. Briefly retell the Bible story as toddlers explore.

SAY: GOD MADE A PROMISE to Abraham. God always keeps His promises. God provided a ram to be the sacrifice. Later God gave His own Son, Jesus, to rescue us.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.