

Lesson 7: *The Present*

Introduction:

Have you ever had to give someone something that you really wanted? Was that hard to do? Sometimes we give people gifts to tell them that we love them. In Bible times, people who followed God would give God gifts to show that they loved and trusted Him. The gifts they gave to God were called sacrifices. Sometimes they gave animals, sometimes they gave the vegetables or grain they had grown, or bread they had baked. In today's story, a man named Abraham, who loved God very much, was asked to give something very important to God. He was asked to give God his son Isaac.

Bible Story:

Take out the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and read:

"The Present" pp. 62–69 in The Jesus Storybook Bible

Ask: Do you think that Abraham and Isaac trusted God? Why or why not? What does God do when Abraham trusts His instructions? How do you think Abraham felt when the Ram arrived.

Share: It can be hard to trust God. Sometimes the things God asks us to do aren't the things we would choose to do. Like forgiving someone or asking someone to forgive us. That can be hard. Today's Bible story teaches us that when we trust God's ways, He provides for us.



Activity: Make a Ram

You will need: *Ram Cutout, cotton balls/stuffing, glue or glue stick, crayons*

Instructions: Cut out the Ram outline and using the cotton balls/stuffing and crayons decorate the Ram as seen below. When you've finished the Ram hang it on your refrigerator to remind you in the week ahead of today's Bible story.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you that you provide for us. Help us to trust in you today. **Amen.**

** For Parents to read to themselves.*

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