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Story: Abraham's Big Test

Objective: Students will be able to understand that they should be willing to give up (sacrifice) anything if it will help us to serve God better.

Key Verse: And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. Genesis 15:6 NLT

As kids arrive, they may have some free choice with items set out on tables

iPad

pencils

handwriting worksheet (see link below)

Ram coloring page (see link below)

cotton balls

brown, red, yellow, orange construction paper or tissue paper

sticks or Lincoln logs or blocks

crayons

stickers

Prayer and Circle Time (go over schedule for the morning; expectations for children)

Worship and Movement

Interactive Bible Story (this will be done via the tv from the iPad from Bible for Kids App)

Review the amazing promises God has for us.

Remind them of the promises from last week's lesson. Ask for volunteers to be blindfolded. Tell them to open their mouth because you are going to give them something to eat. "Do you trust me? What if I am giving you a yucky worm or a rotten apple to eat?" Continue in this train of thought for a little while and then put something VERY tasty in their mouth (lollipop, biscuit, etc.) Discuss what it felt like to trust someone when you did not know what they were going to do. "Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand what God was going to do."

Lesson from Bible app website video: <https://open.church/items/103438-message-video-mov>
you can view this on a laptop if the iPad or phone is too small.

Transition to Discovery Centers

Education Center - Handwriting activity worksheet great practice for fine motor skills has a memory verse for the passage the kids can also pick up and glue cotton balls to the ram and color the ram's face and horns remind the kids that God always completes his promises and he will provide when we obey- <http://www.christianpreschoolprintables.com/Pages/Abraham/AbrahamRamHandwriting.html>

Ram coloring worksheet- kids that are not ready for tracing the memory verse can practice fine motor skills by picking up cotton balls and gluing them to the ram and coloring the ram's face and horns. <http://childrenschapel.org/biblestories/ramcraft.html>

Sensory Center - "Build a fire" using construction paper roll up paper to resemble logs and the crinkle up red, yellow, and orange paper (or tissue paper) to make the fire. Continue conversation of obeying God. Discuss things they may have to "give up" (sacrifice) to show obedience. i.e. When you obey your parents when they ask you to clean up but your favorite show is on, etc. Talk about good things that come from obeying even when you sacrifice (give up) things you love. What blessings can we be thankful to God for. just like Abraham and Isaac praised God for the ram.

Gross Motor Center - Have the kids collect sticks (or maybe blocks or lincoln logs) and map out a path and have the kids pretend they are making the trek up the mountain to make an alter. Let the kids build something that would resemble an alter. Talk about how God blessed Abraham. Ask: "How did Abraham show he believed God?" Answer: He obeyed. Sometimes obeying means doing things we don't want to but making good choices and following directions and listening anyways. Discuss times maybe students have had to follow directions (of a teacher, parents, grandparents etc.) but didn't really want to do it. Talk about what blessings come from obedience.

Transition back to Circle Time- Review the lesson by asking the following questions:
In the story of Abraham's Big Test, How did God test Abraham?? (God tested Abraham by telling him to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and kill him as a sacrifice to God)
How did Abraham respond to God's testing? (Abraham trusted God. He was willing to sacrifice his son, Isaac.)
Why did Abraham call the place "God Will Provide?" (Because God provided the sacrifice, a ram caught in the bush.)

Pray and dismiss to parents