



3RD - 5TH

2-3
Abraham & Isaac



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Have you ever had to wait for something to happen? How long did you have to wait? What were you waiting for?**



OUR PROVIDER

Start by 9:20/10:45

Hold up each item in the bin/basket one at a time. Invite kids to describe how each item provides for a need we may have. For example, kids may identify how a blanket provides us with warmth when we are cold. Read James 1:17 & Philippians 4:19.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
Philippians 4:19

God always provides what we need at just the right time. In our Bible story, we will learn that Abraham called God Jehovah-Jireh which means 'the Lord will provide.' We will see how God provided for Abraham at just the right time. We'll also see how God has provided all we need through His Son, Jesus.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Genesis 22. **The word Genesis means "beginning." This book tells about the beginning of the world and the start of a special family line that began with Adam. We've learned about Adam, Eve, Seth, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac—and Jesus was born from this same family line!**

Choose a volunteer to read aloud Genesis 22:3 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verses aloud.

When did Abraham obey God's command to go to Mount Moriah? Abraham obeyed right away. He got up early in the morning and began the journey without waiting or making excuses. **Why might it have been hard for Abraham to obey?** Abraham loved his son very much and had waited many years for him to be born. It must have been hard to understand why God asked him to do this, but Abraham still trusted God.

How can we show we trust God like Abraham did? We show trust by obeying God, even when it's hard or we don't understand everything. When we follow Jesus, we trust that God's ways are always good and that He keeps His promises.



DISCUSSION

- **Why can we always trust God?** We can always trust God because He is completely trustworthy. God's character is perfect—He always tells the truth, always does what is right, knows everything, has all power, and is always in control. (Read Psalm 33:4.)
- **Describe a time you had to trust God? Was it easy? Why or why not?** Answers will vary. Every day is an opportunity to trust God. It might not always be easy, but we trust His ways are best. He will provide for us what we need when we need it. We show our trust in God when we do what He asks us to do. (Read Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- **How does Jesus provide what we need most?** God provided a ram for Abraham to offer instead of Isaac. Even more, God gave us His Son, Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for our sins on the cross, and when we trust in Him, God forgives our sins and makes us right with Him.



MATCH IT

Form kids into teams of three or four and provide each kid with a Bible. Write the following Bible references on a dry erase board:

Genesis 22:2 – **A**

B – John 19:17-18

Genesis 22:6 – **B**

D – Romans 8:32

Genesis 22:8 – **C**

A – John 3:16

Genesis 22:16 – **D**

C – John 1:29

Lead teams to look up the verses in their Bibles. Challenge kids to match the Genesis references with a New Testament reference which points to Jesus. The first team to match the verses correctly wins.

Review the answers. **The promises of the gospel are shown in the stories of the Old Testament. Abraham was ready to give his only son, but God provided a different way. God gave His only Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who died on the cross to save us from sin and give us eternal life.**



Key Passage: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5



Big Picture Question: *Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.*



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.