



LESSON 2: LARGE GROUP

Trusting God's Plan

MAIN IDEA

Kids will understand Abraham trusted God, even when it was hard. God provided a way to save Isaac, just like he provides a way to save us through Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGES

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Proverbs 3:5

MEMORY VERSE

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

Prepare



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QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the student this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any changes and additions needed for the Large Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small group leaders?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A Bible
- (Optional) Device to play music
- (Optional) Printout 1: Script, 3 copies

Large Group



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)

SET EXPECTATIONS

Review 3 Rules of Respect and Who Is Jesus?

SONG SUGGESTION

My God (GO FISH)

TEACH

Ask, **What's something really hard you've had to do, but you did it because you trusted someone?**

Say, **Today we are going to hear about a man named Abraham who trusted God, even when God asked him to do something very hard.**

Close your eyes and imagine you are going for a hike with the person you trust the most. You plan to go camping for the night, but you realize when you get on the trail that you don't have a tent or any other camping equipment. You ask why you haven't prepared or brought anything for the hike or to camp at night, and the response you get is, "God will provide."

How would you respond? How would you feel for the rest of the hike?

Listen to what happened in the Bible with a man named Abraham and his son Isaac.

Option 1: Read Genesis 22:1-18.

Option 2: Use the script and call up three volunteers to read. Consider using another leader to read for Abraham. The Large Group leader should read the Narrator portion of the script.

Option 3: Read the summary of Genesis 22:1-18 for your students.

GENESIS 22:1-18 SUMMARY

A long time ago, there was a man named Abraham. Abraham loved God and trusted Him with all his heart. God had blessed Abraham and his wife, Sarah, with a son named Isaac. Isaac was their special gift from God, and Abraham loved him very much.

One day, God decided to test Abraham's trust and faith. God spoke to Abraham and said, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "Here I am!" Then God said something very hard to understand. He told Abraham, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. I want you to offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain I will show you."

Abraham's heart must have felt heavy, but he trusted God, even when it didn't make sense. Early the next morning, Abraham got up, saddled his donkey, and took two of his servants and Isaac with him. They cut wood for the sacrifice and began their journey.



"Who is Jesus"
Call and Response



"My God"
by GO FISH

After three long days of walking, Abraham saw the mountain in the distance. He told his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. Isaac and I will go up and worship, and then we will come back." Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and placed it on Isaac's shoulders, and they walked up the mountain together.

As they climbed, Isaac noticed something was missing. He turned to his father and asked, "Father, we have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Abraham looked at his son and said, "God Himself will provide the lamb, my son." And they kept going.

When they reached the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then, with a trembling heart, he tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar. Just as Abraham reached out his hand to take the knife, an angel of the Lord called out, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am!" Abraham replied quickly.

The angel said, "Do not lay a hand on the boy. Do not harm him. Now I know that you fear God because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Abraham looked up, and there in the bushes, he saw a ram caught by its horns. God had provided! Abraham untied Isaac and together they sacrificed the ram instead. Abraham named that place "The Lord Will Provide", because God had made a way when it seemed impossible.

Then the angel spoke again, saying, "Because you have obeyed Me and did not hold back your only son, I will bless you. Your descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. They will be blessed, and through them, all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed Me."

And so, Abraham and Isaac went back down the mountain together, thankful for God's faithfulness and his provision.

WRAP IT UP

After you choose to teach using one of the three options, ask,

- **Why do you think God asked Abraham to do something so hard?**
- **How did Abraham show he trusted God?**
- **How did God provide for Abraham and Isaac?**
- **What does this story teach us about trusting God, even when we don't understand?**

Say, **Just like God provided the ram for Abraham, God provided Jesus as a way to save us. We can trust God because He always has a good plan, even when it's hard to see it.**

Dismiss them to their small groups.