



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.

Games



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Small bundle of sticks
- Plastic ram
- Toy knife
- Picture of a mountain, etc.
- Stuffed ram or sheep or another object representing God's provision
- Small bag
- Obstacles (chairs, tables, or large cushions that kids go over or under)

LARGE GROUP GAME: GOD PROVIDES SCAVENGER HUNT

Materials: A small bundle of sticks, a plastic ram, a toy knife, a picture of a mountain, etc.

Object of game: Reinforce the idea that God provided for Abraham and Isaac.

How to play: Hide various objects around the room or outdoor space that symbolize different parts of the story (e.g., a small bundle of sticks, a plastic ram, a toy knife, a picture of a mountain, etc.).

Give kids clues or a checklist to find the hidden objects. As they collect each item, explain how it connects to the story.

Bible story connection: Conclude by highlighting that God provided the ram just in time, showing that He is faithful to meet our needs.

LARGE GROUP GAME: FAITH TAG

Materials: None

Object of game: Teach the kids about God's timing and provision.

How to play: Choose one or two kids to be "Faith" and give them a small object like a piece of wool or cotton to represent a ram. The rest are "Challenges".

The "Challenges" chase the other kids, but if a kid is touched by "Faith" holding the ram, they are safe for 10 seconds. Rotate who plays "Faith" to let more kids have a turn.

Bible story connection: Use this game to explain that God provides safety and rescue just like He did for Abraham.

LARGE GROUP GAME: "GOD WILL PROVIDE" HOT POTATO

Materials: A stuffed ram or sheep or another object representing God's provision

Object of game: Emphasize the surprise element of God's provision.

How to play: Play the game like traditional Hot Potato, but use a small stuffed animal ram or another object that represents God's provision.

Have the kids sit in a circle and pass the ram around while music plays. When the music stops, whoever has the ram must share a time when they trusted God or an example of how God provides.

Bible story connection: Explain how God provided the ram for Abraham just in time and how God provides for us in our lives.

LARGE GROUP GAME: MOUNTAIN CLIMBER'S CHALLENGE

Materials: Small bag, obstacles (chairs, tables, or large cushions that kids go over or under)

Object of game: Illustrate the journey Abraham and Isaac took to the mountain.

How to play: Kids must carry a small bag (representing the wood Isaac carried) as they go through the course. Instruct students on how to get through the obstacle course before they begin, or give instructions as they go.

Have students go one at a time through the obstacle course, or pick a leader and have the rest of the students follow the leader through the course.

Bible story connection: Remind the kids how Isaac carried the wood up the mountain, trusting his father, and how we are called to trust God even in challenging moments.



LESSON 2: PRIMARY SMALL GROUP

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MEMORY VERSE

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Prepare your heart to teach. Plan for the lesson.



Connect with the kids and make them feel heard and cared for. (15 minutes)



Facilitate activity and study to help kids know and love Jesus. (20-25 minutes)



Lead kids to live out the mission of the Gospel. (5-10 minutes)

Prepare



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Plan for the lesson.

QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the students this week?
- Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any adaptations that you can make to the lesson this week to better serve the kids in your small group or make your small group more effective?
- How can you connect with the students outside of club over the next few weeks? Is there a sporting event or performance you can go to? Can you plan a casual park or fast-food meet-up with them and their families (as a group or individually)?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A Bible
- Name tags
- Snack, 1 per child
- Memory Verse Cards, 1 per child (on cardstock if desired, for durability)
- Painters tape
- (Optional) Paper plates, cotton balls, markers, glue, scissors, black paper
- (Optional) Strips of cardstock, ram or sheep stickers, markers
- The Gospel Hand, 1 per student

Connect



Connect with the kids and make them feel heard and cared for.
(15 minutes)

Small Group Session 1

ICE BREAKER

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while children eat their snack:

- Option 1: Ask the children to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Option 2: Ask the children to take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" chart (from the CKC Games Bag).

PRAY TOGETHER

Collect prayer requests from the students. The leader or a student can pray for the entire group or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

ACTIVITY: LEAP OF FAITH

Objective: Demonstrate trusting God even when we can't see the full picture.

Place a mat or soft surface on the ground. Set up a "blind jump" using painter's tape as the starting point. Have kids stand behind the line with their backs to the mat.

Without looking, the kids have to trust your guidance as you tell them when to jump backward onto the mat. You can even have two leaders standing nearby for encouragement.

Say, **Today we will talk about how a man named Abraham didn't see God's full plan, but he trusted God anyway. We can learn to trust God in situations that are uncertain.**

Heart



Facilitate activity and study to help kids know and love Jesus.
(20-25 minutes)

Small Group Session 2

OBJECT LESSON: "TRUST WALK"

Pair up kids. One partner will be blindfolded, and the other will guide them through a simple obstacle course using only their voice.

Say, **Just like Abraham had to trust God, the blindfolded partner had to trust their guide.**

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.

Read Genesis 22:1-18 out loud, or have a student read for the group. You may also consider asking a student to summarize the passage.

HELPFUL HINT

Consider going around your small group and asking each student one question. This may help keep students more engaged.

Ask:

- **What did God ask Abraham to do, and why do you think it was such a big deal?**
- **How do you think Abraham felt when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac?**
- **What did Abraham do when God told him to sacrifice Isaac?**
- **How do you think he was able to trust God even when it was hard?**
- **How did God provide for Abraham and Isaac at the last minute?**

Say, **Abraham obeyed God even though the command seemed difficult and confusing. He trusted God completely, showing that true faith means trusting God even when we don't understand.**

God wants us to trust Him with our challenges, fears, and the things we don't understand, just like Abraham did.

When it seemed like there was no way out, God provided a ram for the sacrifice. God is our Provider, and he knows exactly what we need and when we need it.

We can trust God to provide for us in every situation, even if it doesn't look the way we expect.

ACTIVITY: GOD'S RAM**OPTION 1**

Glue cotton balls all around the rim of the paper plate to create a fluffy wool border. Kids can write "Trust God" on their masks as a reminder.

Use markers to draw eyes, a nose, and a smiling mouth on the center of the paper plate. Optionally, cut out two ear shapes from another paper plate or cardboard, draw details on them with markers, and glue them to the top sides of the plate.

**OPTION 2**

Pass out strips of cardstock so that each student has one. Write "Trusting God" on the bookmark. Allow kids to decorate it with sheep or ram stickers, or draw their own pictures of rams or sheep. Consider adding Proverbs 3:5 to the bookmarks.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."
(Proverbs 3:5, NLT)

As students work on their bookmarks or ram masks, read Proverbs 3:5 out loud and then ask:

- Why do you think God wants us to trust him with all of our hearts?
- What are some things that make it hard for you to trust God sometimes?
- How can we remind ourselves to trust God when we feel worried or scared?
- Can you think of a time when you thought you knew what was best, but things didn't turn out the way you planned?
- What are some ways we can learn to trust God more every day?
- Can you share a time when you trusted God and saw Him take care of you?

**HELPFUL HINT**

This list of questions might be too long. Pick a few that you think would be the most valuable for your students.

Hands



Lead kids to live out the mission of the Gospel.
(5-10 minutes)

Small Group Session 2

WRAP IT UP

Say, **Just as God provided a ram in place of Isaac, God provided Jesus for us. Jesus is the Lamb of God who took our place, sacrificing Himself for our sins so that we can be in a right relationship with God.**

God showed His love and faithfulness by sending Jesus to die for our sins. We can trust Jesus because He is God's perfect provision for us.

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RESPONSE & REFLECTION

Print out and practice the memory verse for this unit (Romans 3:23).

Consider creating hand motions to help students memorize the verse. You can also take a look at Memory Verse Game Ideas.

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We can trust God to provide for us in every situation, even if it doesn't look the way we expect.

Place your bookmark or ram mask in your room somewhere that you can be reminded to trust God to provide for you. God provided the ultimate sacrifice; he gave Jesus to be the sacrifice needed to take the punishment for our sins.

Send students home with a copy of the Gospel Hand. If you have time, go over it with your students.

Pray with the students and dismiss them.



Bible Memory Verse
Games



Gospel Hand



LESSON 2: INTERMEDIATE SMALL GROUP

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- **Why do you think Isaac trusted his father Abraham as they walked up the mountain together?**
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- **If you were Abraham or Isaac, what would you have done in that situation?**

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- What are some things that make it hard for you to trust God sometimes?
- How can we remind ourselves to trust God when we feel worried or scared?
- What does it mean to not "lean on your own understanding"?
- Can you think of a time when you thought you knew what was best, but things didn't turn out the way you planned?
- How can we be more like Abraham and trust God, even when we don't understand what's happening?
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Printout 1A: Skit

Abraham and Isaac—A Test of Faith

CHARACTERS: NARRATOR, GOD, ABRAHAM, ISAAC

Narrator: A long time ago, there was a man named Abraham who loved and trusted God. One day, God decided to test Abraham's faith.

God: (calling out) Abraham!

Abraham: (looking up) Here I am!

God: Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There, I want you to offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain I will show you.

Narrator: The next morning, even though Abraham's heart was heavy, he obeyed God. He got up early, saddled his donkey, and took his son Isaac and two servants with him. They cut wood for the sacrifice and began the long journey. After three days, they saw the mountain in the distance.

Abraham: (to the servants) Stay here with the donkey. Isaac and I will go up the mountain to worship, and then we'll come back to you.

Narrator: Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and gave it to Isaac to carry. He carried the fire and the knife, and together they walked up the mountain.

Isaac: (looking around, confused) Father?

Abraham: Yes, my son?

Isaac: We have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?

Abraham: (smiling gently) God Himself will provide the lamb, my son.

Narrator: They kept walking until they reached the top of the mountain. Abraham built an altar and carefully arranged the wood on it. Then, with a heavy heart, he tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar.

Isaac: (eyes wide, nervous) Father...?

Narrator: Abraham picked up the knife, his hand shaking as he raised it above his beloved son.

Printout 1B: Skit

God: (calling out suddenly) Abraham! Abraham!

Abraham: (dropping the knife, relieved) Here I am!

God: 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.

Narrator: Abraham looked up, and there in the bushes was a ram, caught by its horns.

Abraham: (with joy) God has provided!

Narrator: Abraham untied Isaac and they sacrificed the ram instead. Abraham named that place "The Lord Will Provide", because God had shown His faithfulness.

God: (speaking again) 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. Through your family, all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed Me.

Narrator: Abraham and Isaac went back down the mountain together, thankful for God's provision and His promise.