

Family Worship Guide

Week 12

Read

- **Genesis 22:1-19**

- **Questions**

1. In Genesis 22:1, what does God do to Abraham?

God tested him. A teacher gives a student a test in order to help the student master the information. A test helps students build confidence that they know the material. This was a test to see how strong Abraham's faith was.

2. God asked Abraham to do what seemed like a terrible thing. He told Him to sacrifice his dear son Isaac. What did Abraham do? The answer is in Genesis 22:3

He rose up early the next morning, got the supplies ready, and set out on the journey with Isaac. He obeyed immediately. How do we do in our family at immediate obedience? Do we obey God quickly when we read the Bible? Do we obey parents quickly when they give us instructions?

In this situation, God asked Abraham to do what seems like a terrible thing. Yet, he obeyed quickly. What was Abraham thinking? We will find out in a few minutes.

3. Once they arrived to Mount Moriah, Abraham tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar. Isaac did not struggle or fight back. What does that tell you about Isaac?

Abraham was demonstrating total trust in God, his Heavenly Father, by obeying what God had told him to do. Isaac was demonstrating total trust in his earthly father, by doing what Abraham told him to do.

4. What do you think Abraham was thinking? What was he thinking as they were walking to the mountain? What was he thinking as he tied up Isaac and put him on the altar?

Let the family share their responses and ideas. After some ideas are shared, invite someone to read Hebrews 11:17-19. God tells us what Abraham was thinking! Abraham was so convinced in God's promise that Isaac would be a great nation he figured that if God was asking him to kill Isaac, that God must have planned on raising Isaac from the dead. Amazing faith!

5. God provided a lamb for Abraham to take the place of Isaac. How has God done the same thing for us?

We deserve to die because of our sins (Romans 6:23). But because of God's great love for us, He provided a substitute for us. God provided Jesus, the lamb of God

who came to take away the sins of the world. Read what John the Baptist said when he saw Jesus in John 1:29. If there are members of your family who have not accepted Jesus' sacrifice for them on the cross, invite them to trust Christ.

Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – "He keeps His promises."
- CONFESSION – "Confess times when we have not obeyed"
- THANKSGIVING – "How has God kept His promises to your family?"
- SUPPLICATION – "God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him."
- Pray that we will live obediently to God's Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for our EFM mission field in Ireland. Pray for the leadership! For strength and passion for the Gospel! Pray For Safety of our Missionaries!

Memorize

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"

John 1:29

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

Option 1

Supplies Needed: Paper and pencil (for keeping score of the game).

I am sorry to say this, but during family worship today we are going to have to take a test. Don't panic! Hopefully it will be a fun test. If there is such a thing. Here is how it is going to work. Each one of us will have the chance to make up questions that we will ask the rest of the family. If

anyone gets the question right, that person earns a point. I'll keep track of the points as we go.

You can ask any kind of question that you want. It might be a true false question or a question about the Bible. It can be a personal question like, "What is my favorite color?" It might be a question about something that you have recently learned in class. The first family member to get it right would get a point.

Another way to do this game is to divide the family up into two teams. Teams go back and forth asking the other team questions, trying to stump them. If a team answers the question correctly, they get a point.

Are we ready to start? I am going to ask the family the first question. After that, the person on my right will get a chance to ask the next question, and we will go around until everyone has had a chance. Remember you get points for correctly answering someone else's questions. Ready?

Let the game begin! You will have fun coming up with questions, getting them right, and stumping each other. When you are done, announce the winner.

That was fun. Everyone knows what it is like to take a test. Tests can make us nervous. Passing feels great! Failing feels terrible. Teachers and parents are not the only ones who give us tests. God gives us tests too. In the Bible passage we are going to read today, we will learn about a time that God gave someone a very difficult test.

For Teens

1. In Genesis 22:11 we learn that "the angel of the LORD" stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac. This is no ordinary angel! Use www.biblegateway.com or a study bible and search for "the angel of the Lord." Look at Genesis 22:15 for a clue as to who this unique being really is. (Spoiler at the bottom of the page)

2. What parts of your faith are you completely confident in? What doubts do you have? God can handle our doubts. It is OK to be honest about them. One of the best things a teenager can do when they are doubting God is talk about those doubts with mom or dad.