

The Birth of Isaac

In this lesson, children see that the Lord keeps His promises to the faithful and that nothing is too hard for Him to accomplish. As we wait on His promises, we must remember that God works according to His timetable not ours.

TOPICS

Abraham, Faith, Isaac, Promises, Righteousness

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 minutes)

Father of Nations (Puzzle) [page 2](#)

MEMORY WORK (12 minutes)

"For nothing is impossible with God" Luke 1:37 NLT

Play a game of hangman using today's verse, then read the verse several times together as a class.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (20 minutes)

Introduction:

Abram was 99 years old when God appeared and confirmed His covenant between Himself and Abram. God promised to make Abram into a great nation by blessing him with many descendants. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah to establish the fact that they would become the father and mother of many nations.

Read Genesis 18:1-15 (The Three visitors)

Discussion Questions:

1. Who appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre? (*The Lord.*)
2. Was Abraham hospitable to his visitors? (*Yes, Abraham brought water for his visitors to wash their feet, and he prepared a meal for them to eat.*)
3. What message did the Lord have for Abraham? (*That within a year Sarah would give birth to a son.*)
4. Why did Sarah laugh when she overheard that she would give birth to a son? (*Abraham and Sarah were old, and well past the age of child bearing.*)
5. How did the Lord respond? (*He asked, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"*)

Read Genesis 21:1-7 (The Birth of Isaac)

Discussion Questions:

1. Did the Lord keep His promise to Abraham and Sarah? (*Yes, Sarah gave birth to a son within the timeframe God had promised.*)
2. What did Abraham name the baby? (*Isaac*)
3. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (*100 years old*)
4. Will God keep His promises to us? (*Yes*)

CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)

I'm a Child of God (Craft) [page 3](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)

The Same Yesterday Today and Forever (Activity) [page 4](#)

APPLICATION (2 minutes)

In today's lesson we see that God keeps His promises to the faithful, and that nothing is too hard for the Lord. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand God's timing or the ways in which His works are accomplished. During times such as these, it is reassuring to realize that just as the heavens are higher than the earth, God's ways are higher than our ways. Isaiah 55:9 It amazing to realize that as Christians we have become part of God's family.

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FATHER OF NATIONS

(Cross-out) Students complete this puzzle to see what God promised to Abraham. (Genesis 22:17a)

TOPICS:

Abraham, Blessings, Covenant, Promises

MATERIALS:

Cross-out puzzle for each child **page 5** Answer **page 6**

Highlighters or markers

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each child a highlighter or marker and a copy of the cross-out puzzle. After crossing out all of the specified words, the message from Genesis 22:17 appears describing God's promise to Abraham.

Discussion Questions: (Optional)

1. Have you ever looked up at night and tried to count the stars? Is it even possible? *(Allow for answers.)*
2. There are many more stars than we can see. How does this relate to Abraham's descendants? *(Abraham will have many descendants he will never see. Because of Jesus, we are also Abraham's descendants.)*

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I'M A CHILD OF GOD

A fun craft to help children with their daily walk with God and to encourage good habits.

TOPICS:

Habits, Obedience, Pleasing God, Promises

MATERIALS:

Door Hanger worksheet [page 7](#)

Different colored markers

Crayons

Glitter & Glue



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class print the Door Hanger worksheet and cut them out. Depending on the age of the children you may want to let them finish cutting out the door hanger.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each of the children a Door Hanger Worksheet and place the markers and/or crayons on the table. Instruct the children to decorate the door hangers with the crayons, markers or glitter & glue. Ask them to put a check mark in each of the boxes, that they plan to follow in the upcoming week.

As the children work on their project, ask the children if they can think of other things they could do to please God. If time permits they can make another door hanger for a friend or neighbor.

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THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

Many things in our life change significantly over time, but Jesus never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

TOPICS:

Everlasting, False Teaching, Truth

MATERIALS:

Paper and pencil for each child

DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes



PREPARATION:

Bring at least four or five of the items below to display in class.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Display at least four or five of the following items on a table for the kids to see:

Plastic Credit Card

Cell Phone

Flashlight

MusicCD

Digital Calculator

Ballpoint Pen

Movie DVD

Remote Control

Twist-off Plastic Cap

Can of Soda

Dry erase marker

Light bulb

You will ask the kids to write down what they believe people used before the invention of each item displayed. Then you will explain how many things we use today were much different not too long ago. Some things we take for granted did not exist, but people got by without them. Other things changed over time, but basically do the same thing. You will compare this to Jesus, who never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. If you prefer, instead of having the kids write down their thoughts, you can simply discuss each item.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

All of the items here are fairly new. None of them existed 150 years ago. Some did not even exist 50 years ago. What did we use before the invention of these items?

Plastic Credit Card - before people bought things with money/cash.

Cell Phone - people talked on phones connected to walls, & before touch-tone phones there were rotary dials.

Flashlight - a little over 100 years old, but before the flashlight people used torches and candles.

MusicCD - music was recorded on cassettes, eight-track tapes, and vinyl records.

Digital Calculator - people operated slide rules and manual adding machines

Ballpoint Pen - quills were dipped in ink

Movie DVD - there was VHS and Beta, but before that people watched movies exclusively at the theater.

Remote Control - before people had to get up and change the TV or stereo controls by hand

Twist-off Plastic Cap - special tools were needed to pry off metal bottle caps

Can of Soda - soda was sold in bottles, and the bottles had to be returned to the store

Dry erase marker - teachers used chalk on a squeaky blackboard.

Light bulb - people used oil lanterns and candles to light dark rooms

Change is all around us. Sometimes change is good, other times it can be confusing. But it should be clear that just about everything made by man can be improved, made to work faster, cheaper and better—meaning it is never perfect. Jesus, on the other hand, is perfect and always has been. He never changes. His teachings are true now and forever. What we learn from Jesus is the truth, and it lasts forever. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

FATHER OF NATIONS

Instructions:

First cross out all words that are colors.

Second cross out all words that are numbers.

Third cross out all words that are months of the year.

Fourth cross out all words that are names of animals.



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SURELY	MARCH	TURTLE	BLESS	EIGHT	SEVEN	ONE
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GRAY	MAKE	HORSE	ALLIGATOR	TEN	YOUR	FIFTY
FROG	BLACK	DESCENDANTS	BLUE	NINE	COW	AS
NUMEROUS	SEPTEMBER	THIRTEEN	JULY	AS	TAN	DOG
OCTOBER	SQUIRREL	APRIL	THE	TIGER	STARS	YELLOW
IN	MAY	PINK	JUNE	GREEN	THE	WHITE
DEER	SKY	THREE	FIVE	GIRAFFE	AUGUST	AND
FOUR	PURPLE	AS	DECEMBER	THE	NINETEEN	CAT
SAND	BEAR	EIGHTY	ON	ELEVEN	ELEPHANT	TWO
NOVEMBER	MOUSE	THE	PELICAN	TWENTY	RED	SEASHORE

What do the remaining words say? Write them in order on the lines below.

Genesis 22:17a NIV

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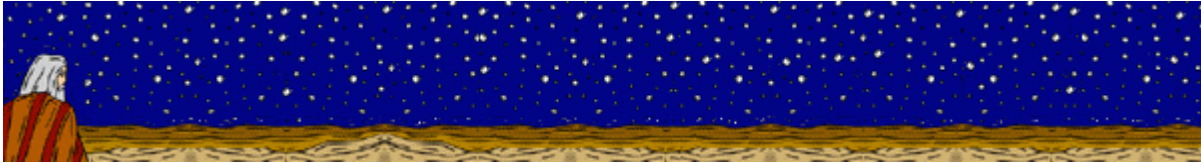
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I will surely bless you and make your
descendants as numerous as the stars in
the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

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Print on heavy card stock and decorate as desired.

I'm a
Child of God

I Will:

- Read my Bible
- Go to church
- Tithe
- Pray to God
- Ask others to church
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