#### Lesson 10:

#### Abraham Offers Isaac

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Genesis 22

MEMORY WORK:

Genesis 1:1

Days of Creation

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

When my faith is tested or I am tempted to do wrong, I must choose what **God** wants. We should obey God’s commandments, even if we don’t always understand them.

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INTRODUCTION:

We have been studying about Abraham and Sarah and how God always keeps His promises. What did the Lord give to Abraham and Sarah? (a baby) What did they name the baby? (Isaac) Today, we are going to talk about something that happened when Isaac was older. God gave Abraham a test to see if Abraham would love and obey Him more than anything or anyone else.

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

* + 1. God had promised Abraham that he would have a son. Abraham waited 25 years for this promise to be fulfilled. He was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Because Isaac was the only son that Abraham and Sarah had together, he was very special to them.

**RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEACHERS:** See the article “[**One Little Word**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/AllegedDiscrepancies.aspx?article=855)” by Kyle Butt on the Apologetics Press Web site for a response to a charge levied against the Bible concerning the words “only begotten” being applied to Isaac.

* + 1. After several years, God spoke to Abraham again, only this time with a command and not a promise. He told Abraham to take his son, Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain called Moriah.

**RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEACHERS:** See the article “[**How Old Was Isaac**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&amp;article=1272&amp;topic=82)[**When Abraham Was Told to Offer Him?**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&amp;article=1272&amp;topic=82)” by Dave Miller on the Apologetics Press Web site for a study on that subject.

* + 1. Even though Abraham knew Isaac was the son of promise, he did not question God’s command at all, but got up early the next morning and made the preparations for the long journey. He took wood, burning coals (“the fire”), and a knife, but no animal for the sacrifice.
		2. After three days of traveling, from Beersheba to Moriah, Abraham could see the mountain to which God had told him to go. He told his servants to stay behind while Isaac and he went on to the mountain to worship God. He told the servants that he and his son would return.
		3. Isaac questioned his father about not having a lamb for the sacrifice. Abraham told him that God would provide one. When they arrived at the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar of rocks, arranged the wood on top, tied up Isaac, and laid him on top of the wood. Then Abraham raised the knife to kill Isaac, as he would have done with a lamb.
		4. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord spoke to Abraham and told him to stop. Abraham’s willingness to offer his son showed that he loved **God** more than anyone or anything on Earth and that he was willing to obey God without question. Abraham saw a ram caught in a nearby bush, killed it, and offered it as a sacrifice to God.
		5. The angel of the Lord spoke to Abraham again and repeated the promises that God had made to him, reminding Abraham that God would bless him because he had such obedient faith.
		6. God was not being cruel to Abraham to ask him to sacrifice Isaac. Neither was God encouraging Abraham to do wrong. Human sacrifice did not please God. God was testing Abraham to see if he was willing to obey no matter what the cost.

**RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEACHERS:** See the article “[**Is God Immoral**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=11&amp;article=260)[**for Killing Innocent Children?**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=11&amp;article=260)” and “[**Does God Accept Human Sacrifice?**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=12&amp;article=2775)” by Kyle Butt and “[**Does God Tempt People?**](http://www.apologeticspress.org/AllegedDiscrepancies.aspx?article=2679)” by Eric Lyons on the Apologetics Press Web site for responses to charges that have been levied against God/the Bible concerning the Abraham/Isaac sacrifice incident.

* + 1. At least from the time of Cain and Abel (if not earlier), offering animal sacrifices was a way of worshipping God. The sacrifice was something important given to God out of love and respect. Abraham was willing to give to God the most important person in his life—his son Isaac. The writer of the N.T. book of Hebrews tells us that Abraham trusted God so completely that he believed God would bring Isaac back to life (Hebrews 11:17-19).
		2. Sometimes our faith is tested, too, and we have to decide if we want to please God or ourselves. Temptations, hard times, and difficult choices are tests of our faith. Abraham was told to do something very hard—to offer his special son, Isaac, to God. Abraham had faith strong enough to believe that God knew what was best. So he was willing to obey. When we are tested, we must believe that God knows what is best for us and follow His instructions in the Bible, even if we don’t understand them.
		3. As age appropriate, compare Abraham’s willingness to offer Isaac with God sending His Son as a sacrifice for us.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISUALS (note disclaimers):

##### Betty Lukens’ felt pieces

* ABeka Flash-a-Card Series (DISCLAIMER: use the cards, not the lesson book)
* Free Bible Images – Saved on flash drive. Can be presented on classroom tv. Script included in lesson file.
* Act out stories with props: Bible costumes, build altar, sticks, ram, toy knife

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS:

##### “Father Abraham”\*

Father Abraham had many sons

And many sons had Father Abraham

And I am one of them and so are you

So let’s all praise the Lord (Right arm)

Add: Left Arm, Right Foot, Left Foot, Chin up/Head back, Turn around…sit down

\*Discuss how God kept his promise to Abram that he would have a big family – many sons. Christians are adopted into the family of Abraham through Christ. This is how we are sons of Abraham.

**“3 Wandering Jews”**

Once there were 3 wandering Jews (repeat)

Wandering, wandering, Jew-Jew-Jews (repeat)

Once there were 3 wandering Jews.

The first one’s name was Abraham (repeat)

Abra-Abra-ham-ham-ham (repeat)

The first one’s name was Abraham

The second one’s name was Isaac (repeat)

I-I-saac-saac-saac, (repeat)

The second one’s name was Isaac

The third one’s name was Jacob(repeat)

Ja-Ja-cob-cob-cob, (repeat)

The third one’s name was Jacob.

The all went down to Canaan land, (repeat)

Canaan, Canaan, land, land, land, (repeat)

They all went down to Canaan land.

### SUNDAY

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Sticker Scene available from oriental trading “Stories of Abraham Mini Sticker Scenes”

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review Sunday’s lesson. (See [Review Questions](http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/4-24-32RQ.pdf) for example questions.)

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Build an edible altar using graham crackers or other square cookies. Use pretzel sticks for fire wood and red hots or other red or orange candy for fire.

### Review Questions

###  1. How did God test Abraham’s faith?

### a. Commanded Abraham to offer Isaac

###  2. Who was the son of promise?

### a. Isaac

### 3. Where was Abraham when God commanded him to offer Isaac?

###  a. Beersheba

###  4. Where did Abraham offer Isaac?

### a. Moriah

### 5. How far of a journey is Moriah from Beersheba?

### a. Three days

### 6. What question did Isaac ask Abraham?

###  a. Where is the lamb for a burnt offering

### 7. What happened when Abraham went to sacrifice his son?

###  a. The Lord stopped him.

###  8. What did Abraham sacrifice instead?

### a. A ram

###  9. What did Abraham’s actions reveal?

### a. That he had faith in God and trusted in Him completely

### 10. When Abraham left his servants, what did he tell them?

### a. He and his son would return

### Additional Notes / Activities Performed & Curriculum Feed Back

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