# All Things Made New

Lesson 6

Isaac: Son of Promise

**Theme:** Faith—Trusting God in all circumstances

#### Memory Verses:

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, And from your relatives, And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;...And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

#### Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Genesis 15:1-18
- 2 Genesis 16:1-15; 17:1-8
- 3 Genesis 17:15-21; 18:1-3, 9-15
- 4 Genesis 21:1-8
- 5 Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:17-19

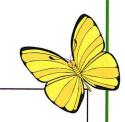
od made great promises to
Abraham. God said He would give
Abraham a large family – more
descendants than there are stars in the
sky. God would give Abraham's family
a good land to live in. God would make
Abraham's name great and through his
family bless the whole world.

### After this lesson you should be able to ...

- · Define "covenant"
- Tell Abraham and Sarah's response when the angels told them what would happen
- Tell how old Abraham was when Isaac was born
- Tell the story of Abraham's willingness to offer Isaac

#### Genesis 15:1-18

Describe Abraham's reaction when God told him he would have a son and more descendants than he could count?



#### Genesis 16:1-15; 17:1-8

Why was Abraham a name that fit better than Abram?

What is a "covenant"?

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agreement

covering

Among all the great promises God made to Abraham, the most important one was that He would be God for Abraham's family. God would take care of them and help them. In this covenant or special agreement, God asked Abraham to obey Him and for Abraham's family to be God's people.

Abraham believed God would carry out His promises.

But there was a big problem: Abraham did not have any children. How could he have a big family and many descendants if first he had *no* children?

#### God's Power

Many years passed, and Abraham and his wife Sarah did not have any children. When Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children, God sent messengers to tell them that they would have a son. Both Abraham and Sarah laughed at first when they heard God's promise about their having a son. They had trouble understanding how this could happen. But God asked, "Is anything too difficult for the Lord?"

About a year later, God did exactly as He had promised. Sarah had a son; and Abraham named him Isaac, as God had said. Abraham was one hundred years old when Isaac was born! As he had done with Abraham, God made His covenant with Isaac and repeated to him His great promises.

#### Abraham's Faith

Abraham was proud of his son and loved him. But one day God told Abraham to do something hard. God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering. You can imagine that Abraham first thought he had heard something wrong. But this is what God said: "Take your only son and offer him as a burnt offering."

#### Genesis 17:15-21; 18:1-3, 9-15

Abraham and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard that they would have a child.

What important question did God ask when Abraham and Sarah thought they were too old to have children?



How old was Abraham when his son was born?

Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice his only son? The Bible says God was testing Abraham. This does not mean God was trying to get Abraham to fail, but that He was giving Abraham a chance to show his faith. What would Abraham do?

Abraham got everything ready to offer a sacrifice and led Isaac to the place God

told him. As they walked, Isaac noticed they had everything for a sacrifice except an animal. Abraham said, "God will provide." When they got to the right place, Abraham built the altar, arranged the wood, and laid his son on it. Isaac would be the sacrifice! Abraham was about to kill Isaac with a knife when an angel

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of God stopped him.

It was clear that Abraham trusted God completely. At that moment, Abraham saw a ram caught in some bushes. He got the ram and offered him as a burnt offering in place of Isaac.

We should learn to have faith like Abraham. We must love and trust God so much that we will do

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everything He says, even when it is hard. God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die for us. He sacrificed His own Son so we can be forgiven of our sins. What a great God we have! We should trust and obey Him completely.

Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red—usually not

Yellow—sometimes

Green—all the time

### Think About It...

Put yourself in Isaac's place as he walked with his father to the place of sacrifice. What did he think? Did he trust God? How can we trust God?





## Brush Up on Bible Facts

What is the theme of the whole Bible?

Write here the names of the twelve apostles.

On a map inside the back cover, locate the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea. Mark each place with a small  $\mathbf{x}$ .