

STORIES WITHIN THE TRUE STORY



Week Five - Abraham

A Note to the Parents/Teachers

Some of the things Abraham does, and what God asks him to do, can be difficult to swallow. We can only see how it fits into a good God's plan when we see it through the lens of the whole story of the Bible. Be sure to not tell this story to the kids as an isolated event, but a part of God's whole plan of restoration and salvation!

- **Big Idea:** Following God is hard, but His promises are always good!

Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

Take some time to ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work this week, month, or even past year. Anything, big or small, that is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.

- **Go Where I Tell You**

Blindfold a volunteer kid and tell them where to walk around the room. Let some of the other kids take turns giving them directions. See how much the blindfolded child trusts the directions. Talk about how the story today discusses Abraham learning to follow God even when he doesn't know where he'll be sent.

Sing Together

[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]

- God asked Abraham to do some hard things like leave his home not knowing where he would go, trust God would give him children even though he was too old, and then to sacrifice his own son! Why do you think God would ask these things?
- Why do you think God chose Abraham to make a great nation? Was he perfect? Did he trust God, even though he made mistakes?
- Isaac carried the wood he would die on up a mountain, to be sacrificed by his own father. Does this sound like anyone else we know of from the Bible? (let the kids answer - Jesus!)
- Though God was testing him, Abraham wouldn't be the one to sacrifice his own son. God was showing us a preview that He would be the One to sacrifice His own Son for us such later!

Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**
God, help us to follow You even when You ask us to do hard things. Help us to trust that You always know what is best. Thank You for loving us. Amen.
- **Craft:**
Use the coloring sheet attached.
- **BLESS Activity:** **For kids to do during the week**
Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask Spirit to help us Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Listen** rhythm. Abraham had to learn to listen to God's voice and obey. Take some time to listen to God this week. You can listen to the Bible, or sit in silence after praying for God to speak.

