

SEPTEMBER

EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM
TWO - THREE YEAR OLDS

Bottom Line

God Has The
Power To Do
All That He
Promises.



Week

Bible Story

Sep. 4

Abraham and Isaac
Genesis 21 -22



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SUGGESTED CLASS SCHEDULE:

9:35 & 11:35	Bible Story
9:50 & 11:50	Line your kids up to travel to the Island
9:55 & 11:55	Island
10:15 & 12:15	Snack
10:25 & 12:25	Activity to reinforce Bible Story

NOTE: Children are only to receive ONE cup of snack, not an unlimited supply.

ALWAYS HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION BINDER WITH YOU!

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

In Genesis chapter 17, God met with Abraham to remind him of various aspects of their covenant. Upon hearing this, Abraham was so moved that he fell facedown in awe. This reaction is elicited in other places in Scripture when God reveals His glory to His people. Abraham's posture of worship demonstrates reverence and submission before a holy God.

Keri Fox, a worship leader, explains, "Sometimes, positioning ourselves in a physical posture of worship—using our bodies to worship Him— can help to move our hearts to worship God as well." This week, before you participate in your weekend worship service, ask God to reveal Himself to you. Ask Him to free you from distraction so you may hear His voice. As you join with your faith community in a time of corporate worship, be aware of how God is directing you to respond to Him. What is the posture of your heart? What is your physical posture before Him? How does worshipping together with fellow believers impact your time of worship and experience with the Lord?



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STORY BACKGROUND

Genesis, the book of generations, documents not only the start of human history, but also the plan for the redemption of all mankind. Some scholars believe that each genealogy within this book contrasts the messianic lineage with a non-messianic lineage, revealing God's very specific focus to one particular family through whom the Messiah would be revealed.

Throughout the Bible, God refers to Himself in a number of ways. For instance: God Eternal, I AM, and Yahweh. Each time, He reveals a significant attribute about His character. In the first verse of Genesis 17, just before He renews His covenant with Abraham, God reveals Himself as El Shaddai. In English, this translates to God Almighty. Surely, Abraham was shocked that God would promise him a child at the age of 100. Using this name, God was informing Abraham of His ultimate power; He alone is God. He alone is able to accomplish everything He has planned to accomplish.

This moment holds great weight in our lives. God made an amazing promise to Abraham. His covenant with Abraham led to one of the most significant moments in history: the starting point for the family line of Jesus, paving the way to our own salvation. It is because of this family line that we can have a restored relationship with God the Father. We are ushered into God's family, grafting us into a faith community that stretches around the globe. We have brothers and sisters from every tribe and nation. This family, our family, has the unique opportunity to walk alongside one another in true worship of God Almighty. We can live in such a way that the world will desire to be in relationship with our God— El Shaddai.



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Make It True:

It is important to hold the Bible open while telling the story. We want the children to know that stories we tell are from God's Word and all of God's words are true.

Bible Story for Two - Three Year Old's

What You Need: Storybook Bible pages 62 - 69.

SGL: Hi everyone! Let's sit around the table so we can listen to what God has to say to us today. This story is about Abraham who we talked about last week and his son named Isaac.

"Let's put our listening ears on and hear what happened to Abraham and Isaac. (Open to the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 62-69 and read the story of Abraham and Isaac.)

"Wow, That was really a great story about Abraham trusting God. I am so thankful that God provided a ram to sacrifice. God has the power to do all that He promises. (bottom line). Can you say the following with me? God has the power to do all that He promises. (bottom line) Let's pray and thank God for solving our problems.

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for keeping your promises to us. Thank you for letting us worship you. We love you, God. Amen."



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Make It Fun:

Follow The Leader

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What You Need: nothing

What You Do and Say: Have the children line up and follow you throughout your classroom. After a few moments, turn around and say, "Wow, you are all doing a great job following me. You are doing just like Abraham did by following God's command. Abraham didn't understand why God ask him to give Isaac as a present. But he knew that God was his Father who loved him. And so Abraham trusted God. Just like you trusted me enough to follow me."



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Make It Fun:

The Name Game

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What You Need: bean bag

What you do: Have the children sit around the floor. Encourage them to sing and play along with you. This would be a great game for the student leaders to lead.

What You Say:

"God made a way for us to be part of His family forever and ever! Since we all get to be part of God's family, let's play a game to learn one another's names. I'll start us off by singing a song, and when I pass the beanbag to you, you'll say your name. Then, we'll all repeat your name. Are you ready?"

To the tune of "Frère Jacques":

What is your name? What is your name?

Tell us please. Tell us please.

We would like to meet you. We would like to meet you.

What's your name? What's your name?

The child holding the beanbag will then pass it to the child seated next to him and the process is repeated until every child has a chance to say her name.



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