

SEP. 4  
2011

FIRST - THIRD GRADE



BIBLE  
STORY

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC  
GENESIS 21:1-7; 22:1-19

HAPPENINGS

WELCOME ACTIVITY  
9:30 - 9:45/ 11:30 - 11:45

APPLICATION ACTIVITY  
9:45 - 10:05/ 11:45 - 12:05

LARGE GROUP WORSHIP  
10:10 - 10:30/ 12:10 - 12:30

SMALL GROUP TIME  
10:30 - 10:40/ 12:30 - 12:40

BOTTOM  
LINE:

GOD'S  
ULTIMATE  
PROMISE

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## New Elementary Schedule

Starting today, we will introduce a new elementary programming schedule. Our large group worship will be broken into 2 worship times except for KCRG Live! Sundays. Our objective is to provide worship in an age intentional environment.

Here is the schedule for Non- KCRG Live! and KCRG Live! weeks.



# NEW ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

Non- KCRG Live! Schedule 1st - 3rd Grade	
Time	Happenings
9:30 - 9:45/ 11:30- 11:45	Welcome Activity
9:45 - 10:05/ 11:45 - 12:05	Application Activity
10:10 - 10:30/ 12:10 - 12:30	Large Group Worship Broadcast Room
10:30 - 10:40/ 12:30 - 12:40	Small Group Time

Non- KCRG Live! Schedule 4th - 5th Grade	
Time	Happenings
9:30 - 9:35/ 11:30- 11:35	Welcome Activity
9:40 - 10:00/ 11:40 - 12:00	Large Group Worship Broadcast Room
10:05 - 10:20/ 12:05 - 12:20	Application Activity
10:20 - 10:40/ 12:20 - 12:40	Small Group Time

KCRG Live! Schedule 1st - 5th Grade	
Time	Happenings
9:30 - 9:40/ 11:30- 11:40	Welcome Activity
9:45 - 10:20/ 11:45 - 12:20	Large Group Worship Broadcast Room
10:25 - 10:40/ 12:25 - 12:40	Application Activity

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# LEADER DEVOTION

When Isaac became a young boy, God spoke to Abraham and commanded him to take his son to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice to God. This was God's test of Abraham's faith. Abraham loved his son very much, but did not hesitate to follow God's words for he was a man whose faith in God was strong. As Abraham and his son reached the place where the sacrifice was to be performed, Isaac said to his father, "Father, where is the lamb that is to be sacrificed?" Abraham replied, "My son, God will provide the lamb" Genesis 22:8-9.

It is not known how eventually Abraham told his son that he was to be the sacrifice, but Isaac courageously laid on the sacrificial place ready to be sacrificed for God. As Abraham was taking out his knife, his hands were trembling. He was about to sacrifice his son when he heard the voice of God saying, "Abraham, Stop! Do not hurt your son. You have proven your faith and shown how much you love Me by willing to sacrifice your son for Me. Therefore, I shall bless you and your family, and through you, I shall bless all the nations on earth" (Genesis 22:10-12). God also provided a ram for the sacrifice (vs. 13). Abraham went home along with his son, and their hearts were full of love and faith.

Many times in our lives God will allow us to go through difficult times to prove our love and obedience to Him. That is what happened to Abraham. As we go through those difficult times, we may forget that God is with us. Many times our last reaction to is to praise and thank God for the journey. Are you going through a difficult time? If so, have you taken the time to prove your love and obedience to God?

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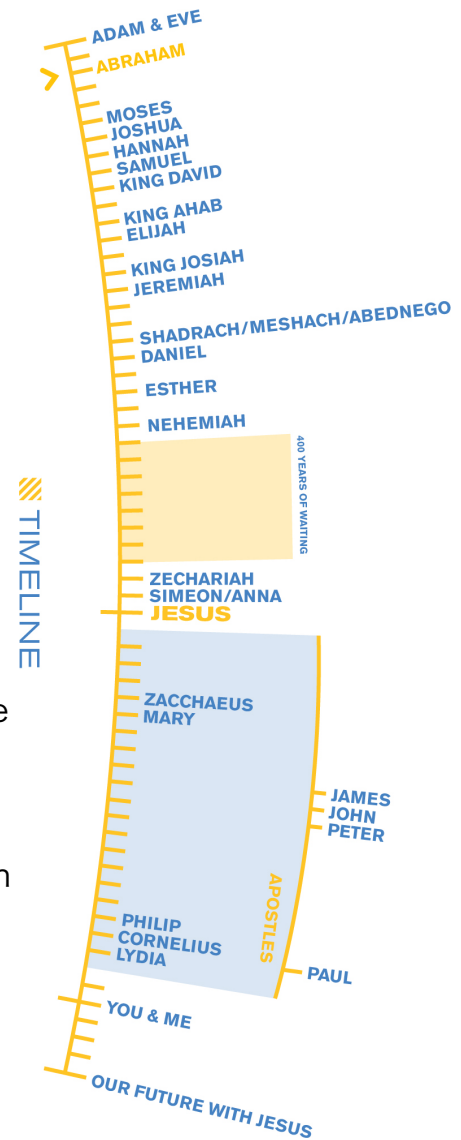
# LEADER OVERVIEW

In this lesson God gifts Abraham with a son named Isaac. End of story right? Not quite, when Isaac is a boy, God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. This is a complete contrast to the covenant God made with Abraham. But Abraham followed God's command.

After 3 days travel to Moriah, Abraham and Isaac carried their wood and flame to the mountain top that God showed them. At the top, Abraham set about to offer his only son as a sacrifice. God tested Abraham to see if his love for God was true and it was, as Abraham held the knife God called out to him to stop. Abraham passed the test and God provided a ram for the offering.

God's covenant to Abraham was kept. Abraham became a great nation. God always keeps the promises He makes. Our God is so big, so mighty, and so powerful that nothing stops Him from keeping His promises!

Does this story sound familiar? There are many similarities to this story and the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Today is a great time to share the plan of Salvation to your students. Allow them the opportunity to spend one on one time with you today if they want to pray the prayer of Salvation.



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# WELCOME ACTIVITY

9:30 - 9:45 / 11:30 - 11:45

## 1ST - 3TH GRADE WELCOME ACTIVITY

### Word Search

**SUPPLIES:** Word search (1 per child), pencils

**What To Do:** Set out items for kids to use.

**What To Say:** “God made a covenant to Abraham that he would make Him a great nation. Something happened that could have changed it all. Today, we will be talking about what happened. Let’s work the word puzzle and see if we can gather ideas on what the story is about.”

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# BIBLE STORY OVERVIEW

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LARGE GROUP TODAY.

Supplies: A Bible marked to Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19

Today, we learn more about Abraham. It may seem like a crazy story, but remember that all of God's words are true and this shows us how strong Abraham's faith to God is and that God keeps all of His promises. Let's open our Bibles to Genesis (the 1st book of the Bible), chapter 21: 1-7; 22:1-19. (NOTE: Have your student leaders assist in finding the book and chapter with the children.)

God told Abraham that his wife, Sarah, was going to have a baby. When God made this promise to Abraham, Abraham and Sarah were getting older. They were certainly way too old to have a baby. But God had made them a promise. He was going to work a miracle and give Abraham and Sarah a child ... and we know that God never breaks His promises!

After God made the promise, Abraham and Sarah had to wait a long, long time before they had their son! Have you ever had to wait a very long time for something? How does it feel? (Begin to act out what it looks like to be patient. Then show what it looks like to be wiggly with impatience. Allow this to be a silly and very impatient moment.) When I have to wait, I get really excited, and impatient, and my whole body starts to feel all wiggly and I just can't sit still ... Do you know that feeling? Imagine feeling that way for ... a long ... long time!

It states in Genesis 21, (1) "Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. (2) Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. (3) Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. (5) Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. (6) Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." A son was born as God promised. Isaac's name means "he laughs". Wow, that is so amazing!

Now when Isaac was a young boy, God appeared to his dad Abraham and commanded him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, to God. Huh? Offer him as a offering to God? That doesn't make sense since God promised to make Abraham a great nation. Let's see what the Bible has to say about this. In Genesis 22 it reads, (1) "Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!." "Here I am," he replied. (2) Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." (3) Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut

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enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. (4) On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. (5) He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” (6) Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, (7) Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

(8) Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

(9) When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. (10) Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. (11) But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

(12) “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

(13) Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. (15) The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time (16) and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, (17) I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me.” Such an incredible story.

Our God is so big, so mighty, and so powerful that nothing stops Him from keeping His promises!

It didn't make sense for Abraham to sacrifice his only son, but he was willing to do it for God. It didn't make sense for God to sacrifice His only son for our sins, but He did. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. We need to accept Him as our Savior and know that He is the ultimate promise to us. (NOTE: this is a great opening for you to offer the Plan of Salvation to the children.)

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## 1ST - 3RD GRADE APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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9:45 - 10:05 / 11:45 - 12:05

### Think About It

Supplies: Blindfold

**What To Do:** Pair up kids with each other. Blindfold 1 person in the pair. The other one will be the leader. Let them take turns being led around the room where they don't know where they are going.

**What To Say:** Talk about how it felt to be led and not know where you are going. Talk about how Abraham and Sarah must have felt, following God and not knowing where they were going, Abraham listened to God, believed and obeyed, We can all listen to God, believe, and obey. Abraham had to leave his country, his family, and what he knew. Talk about how following God was not easy for Abraham, but he trusted God.

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## 1ST - 3RD GRADE SMALL GROUP TIME



# SMALL GROUP TIME

10:30 - 10:40 / 12:30 - 12:40

### God's Promise

SUPPLIES: Bibles

### What To Do:

God created us to be in perfect relationship with Him. Some of what this perfect relationship involves is thanking and praising Him through difficult times. God deserves our praise. Our God is so big, so mighty, and so powerful that nothing stops Him from keeping His promises! Have the children look up the answers to the questions below using the Bible Story Scripture (Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19).

(NOTE: Have the student leaders assist the children in finding the scripture.)

- How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (Genesis 21:5)
- Where did God tell Abraham to take Isaac? (Genesis 22:2)
- How many people went on the journey? (Genesis 22:3)
- What did Isaac notice that was missing? (Genesis 22:7)
- What was Abraham's response to Isaac? (Genesis 22:8)
- Did God want Abraham to kill his son? (Genesis 22: 12)
- What did God provide for the sacrifice? (Genesis 22:13)

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