God Will Provide

The Story of Abraham and Isaac

Ages about 7-11 | Video 5:47 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth God is faithful to his promises. We can bring him our questions, ask for help, and keep doing what is good.

Learning goals Recall how Isaac was spared; explain what God provided; connect the ending to Jesus; choose one good step to take with God's help.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online Open this video on Servus Dei

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask: When have you needed help without knowing what would happen next? Introduce Abraham and Isaac. Reassure children before watching: this story includes a difficult test, but God stops Abraham and Isaac is not harmed.

Watch and notice

Notice Isaac carrying the wood, his question about the lamb, the voice that stops Abraham, and the ram in the bushes. Listen for how the ending points to Jesus.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Why was Isaac so important to Abraham?
He was Abraham and Sarah's beloved son. God had promised that Abraham's family would continue through Isaac.

2. What happened when Abraham reached the hardest moment?
The angel told him not to harm Isaac. Abraham stopped. God provided a ram for the offering instead of his son.

3. How does the video's ending point us toward Jesus?
Isaac carried wood; Jesus carried his cross. Jesus freely gave his life for us and rose again. Christians call him the Lamb of God.

4. What can we do when we have questions or feel unsure?
We can pray honestly, seek help from a trusted adult, and choose what is good. Trust does not mean we must understand everything first.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Draw Isaac safe with Abraham and the ram, then draw a good step you can take. Invite spoken answers or adult dictation.

Read & Write Recall the rescue, explain the video's connection to Jesus, and plan a practical response to uncertainty.

Adapt by readiness

Emerging readers: read aloud; accept drawing, pointing, or a child's dictated sentence.

Confident readers: compare Isaac's rescue with Jesus' death and resurrection. Name both a connection and a difference.

Questions and good steps | Optional 4 minutes

Offer a gentle example: 'A new classmate feels alone.' Name a question, a person who could help, and a good next step. Children choose drawing or speaking. No one needs to share a private worry.

Look for understanding A child can say that Isaac lived, God provided a ram, and Jesus is the Savior. Each child names one safe, practical act of trust or kindness.

Closing prayer Faithful God, thank you for loving us. Help us bring you our questions, receive help, and choose what is good. Thank you for Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

At home Share one question with a trusted adult. Pray together and choose a small act of care for someone this week.

Handout answer notes 1. Abraham stopped; a ram was offered instead. 2. Jesus carried the cross, freely died, and rose. 3. Accept a prayer, trusted helper, and realistic good step.

Teach with care

Preview the difficult scene. Do not act out the altar or use children as sacrificial characters. Emphasize that God stops the harm and Isaac lives. No one should hurt a person to prove faith. Children should seek a trusted adult's help if asked to do harm. God's care does not promise every wish or an easy life. Genesis gives neither Isaac's age here nor the angel's name. The video adds imagined gestures and a later Christian reflection on Jesus.

Words to explain Provide: supply what is needed. Ram: a male sheep. Sacrifice: an offering to God. Resurrection: Jesus rising from the dead.

Sources for the leader

Bible story: Genesis 21:1-5; 22:1-19 (USCCB)
Abraham's faith: Hebrews 11:17-19 (USCCB)
Jesus: John 1:29; 19:17; 20:1-18 (USCCB)