

# **Lower Elementary Abraham and Isaac**

## Introduction:

Show plate of sliced apples to students. Give them to one student (choose most mature) and ask if they will eat all the apple slices alone or share with the other students. Is it better to keep good things to ourselves or to be willing to share?

Have you ever given (or shared) something that was important to you? (a toy with a friend, your dessert...-- discuss these stories and how it made them feel.)

You know how when you go to a birthday party everyone puts their presents on one table? God's people would put their presents to Him on something like a table. These presents were called sacrifices, and the table was called an altar. When you give someone a gift, it doesn't belong to you anymore. You had to give it up to give it as a present.



What if God asked you to give Him something that you loved a lot and wanted to keep for yourself? That is exactly what happened to Abraham after waiting so long for God to give him the gift of a son. God asked Abraham to give Him his son, Isaac, as a gift. God didn't really want Abraham to give up his son. God wanted to make sure that Abraham still loved Him more than anything else.



Abraham got up early the next morning and packed his bags for the trip. Isaac, their donkey and two of Abraham's workers left with him for the place where God had told him to go. After three days of traveling, they reached the mountain. Abraham told his workers, "You stay here. The boy and I will go worship God and then come back." Abraham's words showed his faith.

As Abraham and Isaac climbed the mountain, Isaac noticed that they had not brought a present to offer to God. "Father," he asked, "we have everything but the lamb for the sacrifice. Where is it?"

"My son," Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide the lamb." Again, Abraham's words showed his faith.



Abraham was all ready to give his son as a gift to God. But the Lord's angel shouted from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Don't give up the boy!" the angel said. "Now I know that you love God more than your son." God put a ram in the bush and told Abraham to give Him the ram as a gift instead.



Sometimes God may really want us to give up things that we love, like candy, nice clothes, or toys, because they're getting in the way of our love for Him. But other times making sacrifices to God doesn't mean getting rid of something. It may mean just being willing to give it up if you had to. God wants to know that He is first in our lives and we would give up anything for Him. God wants us to follow His instructions and trust Him. We can trust God to only ask us to do what is right. If we are faithful to Him, He will take care of us.



## Closing Discussion:



Did we make ourselves?

Did we make the earth?

Who made us and everything?

So doesn't it all belong to Him?

There will always be times in our lives when we don't get to do things our way, or how we want, but we must TRUST that God has a plan.

What was God's plan?

Did Isaac have to die? (no.)

Who did die? (Jesus) Was that a good plan? Why?

Sometimes we may not see it, but God is in control, so we must trust and have faith.

## Craft:

Heart Altars

## Closing Activity:

Play trust where students fall backward and you catch them.



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- ❖ **Before Lesson: color return address labels in grey marker to create “stone” stickers.**
- ❖ Children place grey rectangle stickers in a stone pattern on paper cups.
- ❖ Children cut a heart out of red paper and place on top of cup.
- ❖ Glue Bible verse around bottom of cup.



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