

# **Fearless**

## Lesson 6 – Abraham and Isaac

### **Series Objectives:**

Students will learn:

- That followers of God have nothing to fear.
- Stories that illustrate God's people living out fearless lives.
- That followers of God are called by God to live a fearless life.

**Series Theme Verse:** “Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Isaiah 44:8

### **Lesson Objective:**

Students will understand:

- That sometimes we don't understand why God asks us to do something.
- That Abraham trusted God even when he didn't understand.
- That Abraham lived a fearless life by following God.

**Lesson Passage:** Genesis 22:1-18

### **Lesson Materials:**

**Activity:** 5 Buckets, 2 Balls (like a Nerf Ball), “x”, Dare Cards

**Bible Story:** Blindfold, Something “Tasty”, Bibles

**Meal:** Sandwiches

## **Bible Story:**

**Materials:** Blindfold, Something “Tasty”, Bibles

### **Way to Introduce the Story:**

Ask for volunteers to be blindfolded. Tell them to open their mouth because you are going to give them something to eat. “Do you trust me? What if I am giving you a yucky worm or a rotten apple to eat?” Continue in this train of thought for a little while and then put something VERY tasty in their mouth (lolly-pop, biscuit, etc.) Discuss what it felt like to trust someone when you did not know what they were going to do. “Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand what God was going to do.”

### **The Story:**

Many, many years ago God decided to build a great nation so that this nation could follow him and bless the world. God chose Abraham as the man that would begin this nation.

Have you ever tried to count how many stars there are in the sky at night? There are too many to count! Well, God told Abraham that counting his descendants would be like trying to count stars. He would have so many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren that no one could even count them.

Abraham believed God but, as the years went by, he and his wife, Sarah wondered how God would make this happen. They were getting older and older and they still had no children together.

But, of course, God kept his promise!

Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old they had a baby. They named their son Isaac.

Abraham and Sarah loved Isaac very much and looked forward to the day when Isaac would marry and have children. Then those children would grow up and have children and then those children would grow up and have children.

Abraham loved his son and loved God. Even though Abraham loved God and believed what God said a day came when Abraham was tested. The testing day was the day God asked Abraham to do a very difficult thing.

During the time of Abraham people showed their devotion to God by placing food or sometimes an animal they had killed on an altar and burning it up. This was called a “sacrifice”.

Even though Abraham knew about this kind of sacrifice he had never heard about the kind of sacrifice that God asked of him on this testing day.

God said, “Take your only son, Isaac, the son you love. Go to the land of Moriah. There kill him and offer him as a whole burnt offering. Do this on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which one.”

Most people would have just said, “NO WAY, GOD!” After all, Abraham loved Isaac. Besides, Isaac was his only son. God had promised him that Isaac would grow up and have children and his children would grow up and have children so the one day God’s people would be so many that no one could count them. If Isaac died this could never happen.

And that is when Abraham realized something very important. God would always do the right thing. If he obeyed God, even in this very hard thing, God would make it all right in the end. He thought that maybe God would let Isaac die but then he would bring him back to life.

Abraham did not understand exactly what would happen but he had faith in God. He would do what God said.

When Abraham and his son got to the top of the mountain they stacked stones on top of stones to build an altar. Isaac asked his father what animal they would put on the altar. Only Abraham knew that Isaac would be the one on the altar instead of an animal.

And then the time came for Abraham to do what God said and kill his son.

But do you think Abraham actually killed his son? No, he did not. At the last minute an angel called out in a loud voice and told Abraham to stop. Even though God knew that Abraham had enough faith to obey him God did not want him to actually kill Isaac.

What a relief! God would never want a person to be killed and burned on an altar. Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in some bushes. He and Isaac offered the ram as a sacrifice on the altar.

On that day Abraham learned that he loved God more than anything else. He would always have faith in God.

And Isaac continued to grow up and follow God. And guess what? He had children and then they had children and then they had children...

As years passed the number of Abraham's descendants became so many that they were as difficult to count as the number of stars in the sky.

### **Activity:** Giant Dare Pong

**Materials:** 5 Buckets, 2 Balls (like a Nerf Ball), "dares" on cards, "X"

#### The Activity:

##### Preparation

- Set up 5 buckets around the room at varying distances from the center of the room.
- Label the bucket closest to the middle of the room 1, and the farthest 5, with and 2-4 in between depending on the distance from the center.
- Mark an "x" in the middle of the room.

##### The Game

- Divide students into 2 teams.
- Explain that each team will send a person to the middle.
- You will then read a "dare" card and students will get to each throw a ball at a bucket.
  - If both students make the ball in a bucket, the smallest numbered bucket must do the "dare."
  - If one student makes the ball in the bucket and the other does not, the student who missed the bucket must do the "dare."

- If both students miss the bucket, both students must do the “dare.”
- If both students make the bucket and the number is the same, both students must do the “dare.”

The Follow-up:

- Remind kids of our theme: Fearless.
- Explain that sometimes we might not be sure of a result, but God is calling us to take a chance and “do something.”
- Today in Bible Story, we are learning about, or have learned about, a man that trusted God, even when God asked the man to give up the most important thing in his life...his son!

**Music:** Preparation for Musical on May 20.

## Dare Cards

**Sing “I’m a Little Teapot” with motions**

**Moonwalk across the room**

**Do your best leader impression**

**Say “ABC’s” while acting like a chicken**

**Log Roll across the room**

**Pretend to eat the biggest burger ever**

**Say the Memory Verse while doing jumping jacks**

**Skip around & sing “Happy Birthday” to Robert**

**Tell a funny joke your leader gives you**

**High Five the Tallest Person in the Room**

**Declare your love for pickles**

**Pretend to play baseball, every position at once**

**Play an Air Guitar Solo for 30 seconds**

**Draw a fish in the air using your finger**

**Act out “The Lion King” in ten seconds**

**Choose a leader to play an Air Guitar Solo for 30 seconds**

**Go around the room acting like a shark**

**Pretend juggle batons of fire**