



07th March
ABRAHAM
& ISAAC



Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.

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-The Children's Team

Abraham & Isaac

Genesis 22

After Ishmael and Hagar had been sent away God tested Abraham. God called to Abraham and told him to take his son, Isaac and go to the land of Moriah. He told Abraham to kill Isaac and offer him as a burnt offering.

Early in the morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants with him. He cut the wood for the sacrifice. Then they went to the place God had told them to go. They walked for three days and when they arrived Abraham told his servants to stay with the donkey as he and Isaac would go and worship and then return.

Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and gave it to Isaac to carry, Abraham took the knife and the fire. So Abraham and his son went on together. Isaac asked his father where the lamb to sacrifice was. Abraham told him that God would provide the lamb.

When they. Reached the place God told them Abraham built an altar. He laid the wood on it. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar. Abraham then took the knife and was ready to kill his son.

Suddenly an angel of the Lord called from Heaven. "Abraham! Abraham!" He cried. "Do not kill your son." The angel told Abraham that he knew Abraham trusted God with his only son. Abraham then saw a sheep and offered the sheep to God on the altar instead of Isaac. God blessed Abraham, Isaac, and their descendants because of Abraham's obedience.

TAKE-AWAY

This week we can clearly see that the scripture is talking about sacrifice and trust.

Abraham was giving up his best for God. This was a son that he had wanted and waited for for decades. Something that he loved greatly. But because he trusted God and loved God and knew God would not ask him to sacrifice his best Abraham was sure that this was the right thing to do.

God wants our best. He asked Abraham for his best to see if he would give God his best. Because Abraham was willing to give God his best and make such a sacrifice, God blessed Abraham.

God wants to bless us too, and he wants us to give Him our best. This might be a talent we have that He wants us to use for His glory, or giving up something that we have always wanted to have, or something we love. When we give God our best we do this with a trust of God that great things will happen because of the sacrifice we make.

Prayer:

Is there anything that God wants you to sacrifice?

We have just come out of doing the Daniel fast. Is there a area where you have slipped back into an old routine of prioritizing other things above speaking to God or reading the bible and learning ore about Him?

Speak to God and ask Him to show you an area He wants you to give him your best in. Or something He wants you to give up.

ACTIVITY:

Make an alter to God. You can draw or build it using paper, lego, carboard boxes.

On the alter put the thing that you are going to give to God.