

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 6 • Week 3

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC—OBEDIENCE

OBJECTIVE:

To teach the story of Abraham and Isaac and that God wants us to obey Him in everything.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Teacher stands in front of class with a large rubber band in her hand.

Say: We are going to give this rubber band a “strength test.”

Do: Stretch the rubber band in several directions.

Say: Sometimes God tests us to see how strong we are. Today we will tell the story of a father, named Abraham, and a son, named Isaac, and the test God gave them.

BIBLE LESSON:

Read: Genesis 22:1-2.

Say: God decided to test Abraham. God sometimes allows us to be tested to see what is in our heart and to help us grow stronger.

Say: God called Abraham and Abraham answered God right away.

Ask: Do you always run to your parents and quickly obey them? [Let children respond.]

Say: It is good to be obedient and have a smile too.

Read: Verses 3-5.

Ask: Is it good to worship with our family?

Say: It's fun to attend church together.

Read: Verses 6-8.

Ask: How did Isaac help his father?

Response: He carried wood for the fire.

Read: Verses 8-18.

Ask: What animal did God provide for Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac?

Response: A ram.

Ask: Do you think it was hard for Abraham to sacrifice his son?

Response: Yes, it is hard to give up something we love. Abraham loved Isaac very much. But Abraham loved God even more, and he trusted God. Sometimes it is hard for us to obey our parents, but we love them and we must trust them to help us grow in the right way.

Ask: What was the promise God gave Abraham?

Say: He said Abraham would have so many children and grandchildren and great-, great-, great-grandchildren that they would be as many as the stars of the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore!. That's a lot! Have you ever tried counting the stars at night? There are so many stars, we can't even count them all.

It is good to obey God and our parents. We are learning about God in class and how to obey Him. God blesses us when we obey Him. We are happy when we obey God.

Sometimes God tests us to see if we will obey Him. But God will never test us more than we can take. Just like I was careful not to break the rubber band when I was testing it.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies: 16-oz. plastic cups (one per student)
Stickers
Markers
Bag filled with buttons, dry beans or peanuts (one per student)

Do: Take a 16-ounce plastic cup and write the name of each student on the outside of the cup. Pass out cups and let students color the cups and decorate them with stickers. Give each student a small bag filled with buttons, dry beans or peanuts.

For one week, the child should add a bean, button or peanut to his cup each time he obeys a parent's instruction. At week's end, the student can count the beans, buttons or peanuts. The parents can then give the student an appropriate reward (examples: special dinner or dessert, gift, book or praise).

MUSIC:

"Honor Your Father and Mother" by Steve Green. This is on the tape *Hide 'Em in Your Heart*, Bible Memory Melodies, Vol. 2. (The Sparrow Corporation, P. O. Box 5010, Brentwood, TN 37024-5010). There are many songs on this tape suitable for Sabbath School classes.

MEMORY VERSE:

Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

family activity

THE POINT:

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ASK ME...

To tell the story of Abraham and Isaac.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Help your child with the following activity: For one week, your child will add a bean, button or peanut to his cup each time he obeys a parent's instruction. At the end of the week, count them. Please provide your child with an appropriate reward—such as a special dinner, gift, book or praise.

Talk about how parents feel when their children obey them.

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