

Family Faith Talk

March 29, 2020

At Home Sunday School for Your Family

Family Devotion:

Read aloud Genesis 22:1-14.

Say: Raise your hand if you like taking tests. Not many people like tests. We worry we won't know the right answers or we'll fail. Today's Bible story tells us about the time Abraham had a huge test of faith. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Because Abraham loved God and trusted that God had a good plan, he obeyed. At the last moment, God stopped Abraham and spared Isaac from death! God even provided a ram for a sacrifice. Abraham passed the test of his faith, but we don't always pass the tests God gives us. Sometimes we let our worries or fears be louder than God's voice. Sometimes we forget to trust in God to provide for us. But, we can thank and praise God he sent Jesus to pass all the tests for us, in our place! Jesus died to forgive us for failing our tests, rose again so we can live with him in heaven, and gives us the Holy Spirit so we can keep facing our tests of faith with hope and courage!

Today's Bible Story:

Get your family thinking deeper about the story with these discussion starters:

How do you think Abraham felt when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac?

How might Isaac have felt when the ram appeared?

What are some similarities between this story and Jesus' death?

What does this story teach us about trusting God?

What are some tests of faith our family has had to face?

How did God show our family his love and provide for us during those tests?

What needs does our family have that we can pray about?

Family Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for being the Lamb of sacrifice in our place. Forgive us for failing our tests of faith, and give us an extra measure of your Holy Spirit to face our test with faith and boldness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Crafts and Activities:

Search Google for "Abraham and Isaac" for printable coloring pages!

Craft Ideas:

Make a fluffy lamb mobile to hang in your room. Draw or print out 3-5 medium sized lambs on a piece of paper. Glue cotton balls to the lambs, then cut them out and punch a small hole in the top of each. Use string (yarn, fishing line, even dental floss) to tie each lamb to a clothes hanger. (You could also tape each string to one end of a standing toilet paper tube and add another piece of string to the other end of the tube to hang it.)

Activity Ideas:

Memory Test: Place 5 objects on the floor or table. Have the one taking the test briefly study the objects, then close their eyes while one of the items is removed and hidden. Have the person open their eyes and guess what item is missing. Add more items for a harder challenge, or have the person name all the items with their eyes closed!

This Week's Memory Verse:

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Psalms 43:5b

Song Suggestions:

Search for these groups on YouTube to find great Sunday school and Scripture songs to sing as a family!

Sunday School Songs Concordia Publishing House (a large collection of songs/hymns by CPH)

Seeds Family Worship (Scripture verses)

Lifetree Kids

Cedarmont Kids (more familiar Sunday school songs)