

Lesson No. (21)

The Offering of Isaac

References

Genesis 22.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Through Adam, all humanity became cursed. Through Abraham, all the peoples of the world were blessed.
- ★ Because of Abraham's obedience, although his wife was barren, a branch came out of him; and from his seed came the Lord Jesus Christ.

Objectives

General: Obedience to God.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Learn that God blessed Isaac for his obedience to his parents.
- B. Understand that loving and obeying God is the basis of our Christian life and belief.
- C. Tell how Abraham received blessings from God.

Bible Verse

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind."

(Luke 10:27)

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
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Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Abraham loved his son, Isaac very much.

The Lord tested Abraham by saying: "Abraham, take your only son whom you love and offer him to me as a sacrifice. What did the Lord order Abraham to do? Why?"

Abraham knew that he should love the Lord his God. He called Isaac his son, who went to Abraham quickly, as he was very obedient. Abraham said to him early one morning, "Isaac, carry the wood for the sacrifice and walk with me to the mountain to offer a sacrifice to God." Abraham ordered the servants to cut the wood, put it on his donkey and his son walked with him. The journey was long; it took three days.

On the third day, they reached the mountain. Abraham ordered his servants to wait. He said to them, "Stay here. The boy and I will go over there and worship, then we will come back to you." Abraham made Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice and he himself carried a knife and coal. As they walked along together, Isaac asked, "I see that we have the coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" "God Himself will provide one," was Abraham's reply.

Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Isaac looked around but the lamb was not there. However, he was sure that God would provide the lamb. Finally Abraham took his son, and began to tie him to the altar on top of the wood. Then he picked up the knife to kill him.

Isaac did not struggle or try to escape. He was sure that the Lord was just and whatever the Lord desired was good. Then, an angel of the Lord called to Abraham from Heaven saying, "Abraham, Abraham."

He answered, "Yes, here I am."

"Do not hurt the boy or do anything to him," the voice said.

"Now I know that you honour and obey God because you have not kept back your only son from me."

Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in a bush by its horns. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham and Isaac went back happily. Isaac was a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ who offered himself as a sacrifice on the cross to redeem all people.

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.