

Sunday School Live Lesson

June 15, 2025

Abraham Makes an Offering

[A Test of Faith]

Genesis 22:1-14

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Question for Us Today

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How obedient are you to what the Lord commands?

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Objectives

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To better understand the magnitude of what God directed Abraham to do and how this man responded.

To apply this lesson of obedience to our lives.

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2. Points of Information: Abraham

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3. Lesson Context

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5. Remember This

Points of Information – Abraham

Abraham's original name was Abram. The Lord changed it. Genesis 17:5. Abram means "father is exalted." Abraham means "father of a multitude."

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Abraham (son of a man named Terah) is regarded as the patriarch of the world's three major religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Points of Information – Abraham

Abraham was directed by God to leave his home when he was 75 years old. Genesis 12:1, 4b.

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Abraham was married to Sarah (formerly known as Sarai). Genesis 11:29.

Points of Information – Abraham

At his wife's behest, rather than waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled, Abraham had a son (Ishmael) by her maid, Hagar. Genesis 16:1-4, 11.

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An elderly Abraham (100 years old) and his wife Sarah had just one son, Isaac. Genesis 21:1-3, 5.

Abraham died at the age of 175. Genesis 25:7-8.

Points of Information – Abraham

As Matthew provided a genealogy of Jesus, primarily for an audience of Jewish readers, he showed how Christ descended on earth from the line of Abraham. Matthew 1:1, 2.

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James (a half-brother of Jesus) noted that Abraham had received one of the highest honors of all time. This primary patriarch was referred to as a “Friend of God.” James 2:23. This is also noted in 2 Chronicles 20:7 and Isaiah 41:8.

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In the previous Chapter (21), Abraham and Sarah are provided with the son whom God had promised: Isaac.

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When Sarah saw that the elder son – Ishmael – was mocking young Isaac, she ordered her husband to clear the house of Hagar and her offspring.

Abraham complied.

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Hearing the cry of the boy Ishmael, after he and his mother were evicted and wandering in a wilderness, God provided for them and promised to make Ishmael into a great nation.

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Abraham agreed to a peace treaty with Abimelech (a Philistine king in Gerar), one whom the patriarch had not originally told that Sarah was actually his wife.

Now, with that confusion out of the way and Isaac growing older, we move forward.

Genesis 22:1 (NIV)

Some time later God tested Abraham.
He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

Genesis 22:2

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Genesis 22:3

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

Genesis 22:4

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

Genesis 22:5

He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Genesis 22:6

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

Genesis 22:7

Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

”The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Genesis 22:8

Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

Genesis 22:9

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Genesis 22:10

Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Genesis 22:11

But the angel of the LORD called out to him from Heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

Genesis 22:12

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said.
“Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Genesis 22:13

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket [bush] he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide [Jehovah Jireh]. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Remember this:

In the Bible, the judge and prophet Samuel told King Saul that “obedience is better than sacrifice.” 1 Samuel 15:22.

If we wonder whether or not to obey what the Lord has told us to do, we should remember to obey rather than trying to come up with some alternative – as King Saul did.

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