

Act It Out! The Sacrifice

GENESIS 22

Instructions: Print one copy for each person who will be helping you with this activity.

We are going to act out our Bible lesson today.

Assign the children parts in the "play". As you read the script, the children will act. They will need much prompting. Dress several or all of them up in some type of costume. Pass out the props.

The parts are Abraham, Isaac, the servants, the Angel of the Lord, and the ram. Repeat the skit so all the children will have a chance to participate.

Props: Wood sticks for a fire, rope or headband for tying, piano bench or chairs for an altar, stuffed animal (ram), items for costumes

We are going to act out what happened in our Bible lesson. You will do the things as I read them.

BACKGROUND: Abraham and Sarah had waited a very long time for Isaac, the son God promised to them. God had told Abraham that his family would be large! God compared Abraham's family with the stars and said there would be so many, they couldn't be counted! Abraham finally had his son, Isaac. And now God tested Abraham to see if his trust and faith were really in God. God told Abraham to offer his son, Isaac as a sacrifice. That's where we'll start our play.

Abraham and Isaac left home with the servants after the Lord spoke to Abraham. They were headed for the mountain to offer Isaac for a sacrifice to God. God wanted Abraham to kill his very special son. They took the sticks for the fire. *Have the children leave "home" and walk with their servants around the room with the sticks for the fire.*

When Abraham got to the bottom of the mountain he told his servants to wait there. He went up the mountain with Isaac. *Have the "servants" wait. Have Abraham and Isaac keep walking. Isaac should be carrying the wood now.*

When he got to the place God wanted him to go, Abraham put the sticks on the altar, tied Isaac up, and laid him on the altar. *Have Abraham set the sticks under the altar, tie Isaac's hands, and lay him on the altar.*

Just as Abraham was going to kill Isaac, he heard the Angel of the Lord say, "Abraham, do not lay your hand on the boy." *Have Abraham lift his hand as though to kill Isaac, then have the Angel of the Lord say, Abraham, do not lay your hand on the boy."*

Abraham stopped, untied Isaac and got him off the altar. *Have Abraham get Isaac off the altar.*

Abraham looked around. He saw a ram in the bushes. He got the ram, put it on the altar, and gave that to God. *Have Abraham get the "ram" (child carrying stuffed animal or child dressed as ram) and put it/him on the altar for God's sacrifice.*

Abraham and Isaac returned to the servants and they all returned home. *Have Abraham and Isaac move to the "servants" and all of them continue the journey home.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

We know that God provided a ram to save Isaac. God provided Jesus, the Lamb of God, to save sinners by dying on the Cross and offering forgiveness.