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# The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



No doubt about it, the world is changing. Families used to go to church every week. Kids used to have longer attention spans. Teachers used to have more time to prepare. And didn't our budgets used to be bigger?

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# God Tests Abraham

Genesis 22:1-18

Your infants, toddlers, and twos aren't ready to hear about how Abraham tied up his own son in preparation to sacrifice him. Just the images of the event will cause them to be afraid and confused. Don't plan to teach the details of this event to your children. Rather, focus on how Abraham was ready to give his son to God as they walked together without going into the details of how he was going to give Isaac to God. Point out that Abraham obeyed God—even when it was hard. By laying down the foundation of this event now, you'll prepare children to understand that obeying God isn't always easy but it's what he wants us to do. Thank you for helping your children begin to value and treasure the Bible.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Pleasing God</b> Look at and touch the ram's wool and horns.	scissors, wooden spoon, masking tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "The Ram" teaching picture 	Cut out the figure of the ram. Tape a wooden spoon to the back to create a puppet.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Do What I Say as You Play</b> Copy the teacher's actions.		
	<b>A Sense of Sacrifice</b> Experience a sensory connection to the events in the Bible.	wood block, a few cotton balls	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Obey God.

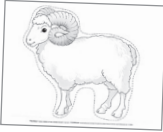
**Key Verse**  
"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will remember to obey God like Abraham did.





## TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Abraham's Walk</b> Find the ram God provided.	scissors, a few wooden blocks <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "The Ram" teaching picture 	Cut out the figure of the ram. Set the ram picture in an inconspicuous spot somewhere in the room. Set several blocks in another area of your room.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Stop and Go for God!</b> Play a stop-and-go game with pull toys.	1 pull toy for each child, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Abraham's Ram</b> Find "rams" hidden around the room.	cotton balls, container	Set cotton balls on the floor around the classroom.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.


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**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>1</b> Getting Started</p>	<p><b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.</p>	<p>CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	
<p><b>2</b> Bible Exploration</p>	<p><b>Goin' on an Obedience Walk</b> Do a listen-and-response reading about Abraham's obedience.</p>	<p>Bible, scissors, wooden spoon, masking tape, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "The Ram" teaching picture, CD</p> 	<p>Cut out the figure of the ram. Tape a wooden spoon to the back to create a puppet. Place the CD player and the ram puppet in a fairly well-hidden place in your room.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Run, Ram, Run!</b> Play a table game in small groups.</p>	<p>several small toys, cotton balls</p>	<p>Set out several small toys randomly on a smooth tabletop. Scatter a handful of cotton balls on the table.</p>
	<p><b>Ram's Wool</b> Glue cotton balls to a picture of a ram.</p>	<p>cotton balls, glue sticks, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Abraham's Ram" page (at the end of the lesson)</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.</p>
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)</p>	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*





# God Tests Abraham

Genesis 22:1-18



BIBLE BACKGROUND  
FOR LEADERS

A note about this lesson: You might be surprised that you've been asked to teach this Bible passage to children this age. Rest assured that for this age level, we've chosen to focus on the importance of God's sovereignty and Abraham's obedience. Help kids understand that God's will is best for them.

## A Preface for Today's Material

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This account may seem horrifying if one doesn't study it carefully. It's hard to understand how our good God could command a parent to sacrifice a child. But if we examine the text, we can take comfort in knowing that God never intended for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. The whole event was designed to test Abraham; it was a chance for him to grow his faith and learn about God's faithfulness.

## Abraham Obeys God's Command to Sacrifice His Son

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Isaac was the embodiment of all of God's promises to Abraham. However, no matter how surprised or saddened he must have been, Abraham obeyed. The Bible says he set out the next day. When Abraham knew what God wanted him to do, he set out to do it.

Abraham's faith in God and his willingness to obey are truly amazing. Not only was he willing to sacrifice his son, but he maintained faith in God's promise about Isaac. He said to his servants, "We will come back to you" (Genesis 22:5). Somehow Abraham was confident that in spite of this recent command, God would preserve Isaac, through whom God had promised to make Abraham's descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens!

## Abraham and Isaac Journey to the Place of Sacrifice

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It took Abraham and Isaac three days to travel about 50 miles over rough, mountainous terrain. During the

trip, Abraham had time to think. Certainly questions flooded his mind: "What if God really does let Isaac die? What will I tell Sarah? Might this God I'm serving abandon me now after all these promises?" Abraham could easily have justified disobedience in this case—after all, this was the child God had promised to him and Sarah; maybe the voice he had heard wasn't God's after all. But whatever thoughts went through his mind, Abraham never swerved from his steadfast obedience.

## Isaac Also Obeyed God

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The Bible tells us nothing of Isaac's thoughts or feelings during this trip. He must have noticed that his father was behaving strangely. But Isaac showed faith, too. He submitted to being placed on the altar in obedience to God's command.

## The Jesus Connection

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God loves us and he loved Abraham. God's test helped Abraham realize his own commitment to God, and the tests in our lives can help strengthen and deepen our faith, too.

How can you trust God in the middle of trials and difficulty? Invite God into your decisions and challenges and trust him to lead you no matter what the road ahead looks like. You can write your prayer below.

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# 1 GETTING STARTED




**Tip** Don't know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kings Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children's songs.

## Sing and Celebrate


### What You'll Do

Sing "God's Glad Hooray" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "Down by the Station" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you play the suggested games, as you change the infants, or as you hold and rock them. Infants will become familiar with the rhythm of your unique voice.

 **When we obey, God must want to shout "Hooray!"**  
**When we obey, God must want to shout "Hooray!"**  
**God is so pleased when his children obey,**  
**Hoo-ray! Hoo-ray! Let's obey!**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**

Sing "Be Careful to Do What the Lord Has Said" (not on the CD) to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It" anytime during the lesson.

 **Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(clap, clap)*  
**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(clap, clap)*  
**Do what God says to do each time he tells you to.**  
**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(clap, clap)*

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**





### Pleasing God Supplies

scissors  
wooden spoon  
masking tape  
**Teacher Pack**  
"The Ram" teaching picture

### Pleasing God Easy Prep

Cut out the figure of the ram. Tape a wooden spoon to the back to create a puppet.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Pleasing God

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, hold the ram puppet near enough for the baby to touch it.

Say: **Look. See the ram? God sent a ram to Abraham to remind him of God's love.** Then hide the ram beside you and say the following rhyme:

**Abraham took his baby, his precious little son,** *(cuddle baby)*  
**High up in the mountains, as God asked to be done.** *(walk fingers from baby's toes to under his or her chin)*  
**Built a great big altar, just as God had planned,** *(pound baby's fists one over the other)*  
**And when everything was ready, God gave them a ram!** *(pop up the ram puppet to surprise the baby)*

Say: **God gave Abraham and Isaac a wonderful surprise! ► OBEY GOD.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Do What I Say as You Play

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Seat a baby on your lap or on the floor. Help the baby do the actions you direct.

**Use your hands to clap, clap, clap.** *(help baby clap hands)*  
**Make your toes go tap, tap, tap.** *(help baby tap toes together)*  
**Rap on your knees, rap, rap, rap.** *(help baby knock on knees)*  
**Clap, clap,**  
**Tap, tap,**  
**Rap, rap,**  
**God loves you!** *(hug baby)*

After the baby does each action, with or without help, clap your hands.

Say: **I'm clapping for you! You did what I said. We ► OBEY GOD, too.**

# A Sense of Sacrifice

## What You'll Do

As the babies play, let them hold and feel the wood block. Tap each little hand against the block. Then help each baby press his or her hand into a few soft cotton balls. (Set cotton balls out of reach when babies are done.)

Say: **Abraham and Isaac built an altar when God told them to.** Hold out the block. **They found a soft, fluffy ram, just as God told them to.** Hold out the fluffy cotton balls. **Abraham and Isaac obeyed God. You will learn to do what God tells you to do, too. We ▶ OBEY GOD.**


# Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing “God’s Glad Hooray” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “Down by the Station” anytime during the lesson. Encourage toddlers to clap and cheer as indicated.

 **When we obey, God must want to shout “Hooray!”** *(clap and cheer)*  
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**God is so pleased when his children obey,**  
**Hoo-ray! Hoo-ray! Let’s obey!** *(clap and cheer)*  
*(Repeat.)*



## A Sense of Sacrifice Supplies

wood block  
a few cotton balls

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD Player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “God’s Glad Hooray” (track 2)





### Abraham's Walk Supplies

scissors  
a few wooden blocks  
**Teacher Pack**  
"The Ram" teaching  
picture

### Abraham's Walk Easy Prep

Cut out the figure of the ram. Set the ram picture in an inconspicuous spot somewhere in the room. Set several blocks in another area of your room.

### Stop and Go for God! Supplies

1 pull toy for each child  
CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "God's Glad Hooray"  
(track 2)

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**

Sing "Be Careful to Do What the Lord Has Said" (not on the CD) to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It" anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing, direct them to clap their hands at the end of each line. Praise them for doing what you asked them to do.

🎵 **Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** (*clap, clap*)

**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** (*clap, clap*)

**Do what God says to do each time he tells you to.**

**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** (*clap, clap*)

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Abraham's Walk

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Let's take a walk.** Hold one or two toddlers by the hands, and walk around as you say: **The Bible tells about a man named Abraham and his son, Isaac. One day they went on a long walk. God said, "Stop. Build an altar." So Abraham and Isaac stopped and built.** Stop walking when you reach the blocks. Encourage the toddlers to help you build with the blocks.

Then say: **Isaac asked, "Where's our ram?" Abraham said, "God will provide." And when they were done, can you guess what they found? A ram. Can you find the ram?** Lead the children in finding the ram picture. Let them touch it and make sheep noises.

Say: **Abraham obeyed God. Isaac obeyed God. We ► OBEY GOD.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Stop and Go for God!

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each toddler a pull toy. Tell toddlers you are going to play the Stop and Go for God! game. Explain to them that when you say "go," they are to pull the toy around the room and when you say "stop," they are to stop. Praise and encourage your toddlers when they stop.

Say: **You stopped when I said stop! Hooray, you obeyed! We ► OBEY GOD.**

Then tell your toddlers you are going to play music while they pull their toys. When the music stops, they are to stop and freeze right where they are. Play “God’s Glad Hooray” (track 2 on the CD), and pause the song at the appropriate times. Praise them again for their attempts to follow your directions.

Say: **You stopped when the music stopped! Hooray, you obeyed! We ▶ OBEY GOD.**

## Abraham’s Ram

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Remind children that God sent a fluffy ram when Abraham obeyed. Show them a cotton ball, and tell them it’s your fluffy ram.

Say: **Let’s go find the fluffy rams hidden around the room.** Set out a container for the children to put their “rams” into. As they place the cotton balls in the container, count the rams out loud. Say: **You found [number] fluffy rams. You obeyed me and found [number] rams. Abraham obeyed God and found a ram. We ▶ OBEY GOD.**

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## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “God’s Glad Hooray” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “Down by the Station” anytime during the lesson. Encourage your twos to clap and cheer as indicated.



### Abraham’s Ram Supplies

cotton balls  
container

### Abraham’s Ram Easy Prep

Set the cotton balls on the floor around the classroom.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)


### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies


CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “God’s Glad Hooray” (track 2)



 **When we obey, God must want to shout “Hooray!”** *(clap and cheer)*  
**God is so pleased when his children obey,**  
**Hoo-ray! Hoo-ray! Let’s obey!** *(clap and cheer)*  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**

Sing “Be Careful to Do What the Lord Has Said” (not on the CD) to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It” anytime during the lesson. As your twos learn the song, direct them to do a different motion to replace the claps at the end of each line. You can encourage twos to blink their eyes, nod their heads, wave their arms, and give hugs to a friend. Open your Bible, and tell the twos that the words of the song come from the Bible and that the Bible tells us what God has said.

 **Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(Clap, clap.)*  
**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(Clap, clap.)*  
**Do what God says to do each time he tells you to.**  
**Be careful to do what the Lord has said.** *(Clap, clap.)*

Afterward, say: ► **OBEY GOD.**

### Goin’ on an Obedience Walk Supplies

Bible  
 scissors  
 wooden spoon  
 masking tape  
 CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
 “The Ram” teaching  
 picture  
 CD: “The Rustling Ram”  
 (track 3)

### Goin’ on an Obedience Walk Easy Prep

Cut out the figure of the ram. Tape a wooden spoon to the back to create a puppet. Place the CD player and the ram puppet in a fairly well-hidden place in your room.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Goin’ on an Obedience Walk

#### What You’ll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 22:1-18. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Invite a willing child to turn on “The Rustling Ram” (track 3 on the CD) so that the children can hear the ram and the sound of rustling in the bushes during the finger play.

Say: **We ► OBEY GOD. The Bible tells about a man who obeyed God. His name was Abraham.** Hold up your index finger on one hand. **He had a son named Isaac.** Hold up your other index finger. **We’re going to do actions as we learn about Abraham. Say the words after me, and follow my actions.** During the verses, do the actions suggested in the parentheses.

Teacher: **God told Abraham and Isaac to go on a walk.** *(hold up index fingers and bend them up and down)* **Walk, walk, walk.**

Children: Walk, walk, walk. *(have twos hold up index fingers and bend them up and down)*

Teacher: **Abraham was not afraid. Abraham obeyed.** *(bend one index finger, and nod head)*

Children: Abraham obeyed. *(have twos each bend one index finger and nod head)*

Teacher: **Isaac was not afraid. Isaac obeyed.** *(bend other index finger, and nod head)*

Children: Isaac obeyed. *(have twos each bend other index finger and nod head.)*

Teacher: **Cut some wood, just obey.** *(raise arms together, and then lower them in a chopping motion)*



Children: Cut some wood, just obey. *(have twos raise arms together and then lower them in a chopping motion)*

Teacher: **Build an altar, right away.** *(pound fists together)*

Children: Build an altar, right away. *(have twos pound fists together)*

Teacher: **What's in the bushes? Hear?** *(cup ears)*

Children: What's in the bushes? Hear? *(have twos cup ears)*

Teacher: **Let's go find that sound we hear.** *(get up and look for ram puppet)*

Children: Let's go find that sound we hear. *(have twos get up and look for ram puppet)*

Help the children find the ram puppet.

Say: **Abraham obeyed and found a ram. You obeyed me and found our ram. Jesus obeyed God by coming to earth for us so that we could know him. We ► OBEY GOD.**

Praise children for how well they followed you during the finger play. Give each child a "kiss" with the ram puppet. As you do, pray for each child: **God, help [child's name] learn to obey you. In Jesus' name, amen.**



### Run, Ram, Run! Supplies

several small toys  
cotton balls

### Run, Ram, Run! Easy Prep

Set out several small toys randomly on a smooth tabletop. Scatter a handful of cotton balls on the table.

### Ram's Wool Supplies

cotton balls  
glue sticks  
My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the "Abraham's Ram"  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

### Ram's Wool Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## 3

## WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Run, Ram, Run!

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Ask a small group of children (two to four) to sit around the table. Tell children that the cotton balls are rams and the toys are bushes. Direct the children to blow hard to get the rams in front of them to the other side of the table without getting stuck in the bushes. Cheer children on. Play until the children are out of breath.

Say: **God sent the ram to Abraham because Abraham obeyed God. We ► OBEY GOD.**

# Ram's Wool

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Show children how to pull on the cotton balls to loosen the fibers and make the balls fluffier. Give each child an "Abraham's Ram" page. Help children glue cotton balls to the ram on the handout to remind them that God sent a ram when Abraham obeyed.

Say: **You can feel your ram and remember that we ► OBEY GOD.**







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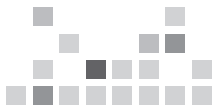
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## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that he or she can obey God (from Genesis 22:1-18). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### A Sense of Sacrifice

As your baby plays, let him or her hold and feel a wood block. Tap your baby's little hand against the block. Then help your baby press his or her hand into a few soft cotton balls.

Say: **Abraham and Isaac built an altar when God told them to. Hold out the block. They found a soft, fluffy ram, just as God told them to. Hold out the fluffy cotton balls. Abraham and Isaac obeyed God. You will learn to do what God tells you to do, too. We obey God.**

## TODDLER

### Abraham's Ram

You will need to set out fluffy cotton balls on the floor. Remind your child that God sent a fluffy ram when Abraham obeyed. Show a cotton ball and tell your child it's your fluffy ram.

Say: **Let's go find the fluffy rams hidden around the room.** Set out a container for your child to put the "rams" into. As the cotton balls are placed in the container, count them out loud: **You found [number] fluffy rams. You obeyed me and found [number] rams. Abraham obeyed God and found a ram. We obey God.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Run, Ram, Run!

Set out several small toys randomly on a smooth tabletop. Ask your child to sit at the table. Scatter a handful of cotton balls on the table. Tell him or her that the cotton balls are rams and the toys are bushes. Direct your child to blow hard to get the rams to the other side of the table without getting stuck in the bushes. Cheer your child on.

Say: **God sent the ram to Abraham because Abraham pleased God by obeying. We can obey God, too.**



## Testing Whom?

If your child hasn't already started testing your limits, he or she will soon. It's essential that you set consistent boundaries of appropriate and safe behavior for your child. It's important to remember that children's misbehavior at this age is rooted in the desire to understand the world and to gain a sense of mastery and control.

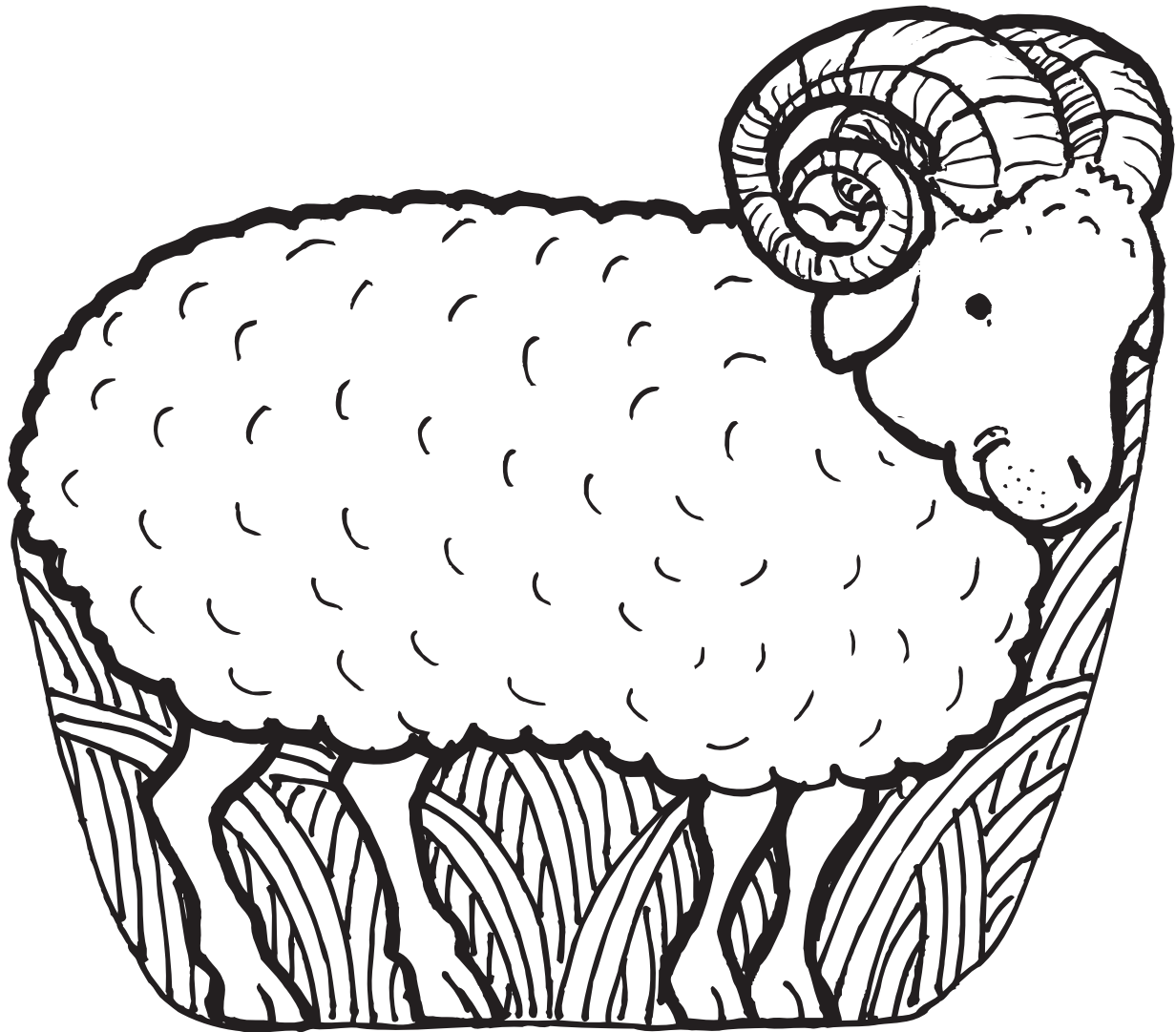


### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Let your child put a cotton ball in a small container each time he or she remembers to obey. It can be a reminder of the ram that appeared for Abraham when he obeyed God.
- Plan a time to build something from blocks together. (If you don't have blocks, use cake mix boxes and gelatin boxes.) Remind your child that Abraham and his son, Isaac, worked together the way that you enjoy working together.



# Abraham's Ram



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**SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**INFANTS, TODDLERS  
& 2s  
STUDENT BOOK**

*This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:*

WEEK 1	God Tests Abraham (Genesis 22:1-18)	"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).	Obey God.
WEEK 2	Isaac Marries Rebekah (Genesis 24)		Pray to God.
WEEK 3	Jacob Deceives Esau and Isaac (Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-40)	"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).	God wants us to tell the truth.
WEEK 4	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel (Genesis 29:15-30)		God helps us.
WEEK 5	Joseph Dreams Disturbing Dreams (Genesis 37:1-11)		Families show God's love.
WEEK 6	Joseph's Brothers Sell Him Into Slavery (Genesis 37:12-36)	"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).	God wants us to do what's right.
WEEK 7	Pharaoh Puts Joseph in Charge (Genesis 39:20-41:49)		We can serve God.
WEEK 8	Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 42-45)		God wants us to forgive.
WEEK 9	God Protects Moses (Exodus 1:1-2:10)		God protects us.
WEEK 10	Moses Meets God at the Burning Bush (Exodus 2:11-3:20)	"I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).	God can use us.
WEEK 11	The Israelites Receive Cruel Treatment (Exodus 5:1-6:1)		God is with us when we're sad.
WEEK 12	God Sends Plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7:8-10:29)		God is powerful.
WEEK 13	The Israelites Escape From Egypt (Exodus 11:1-12:36)		Jesus sets us free.



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