



Abraham's Test

*Abraham loved God more than he loved
his promised child, Isaac.*

Lesson Focus

God called Abraham to offer Isaac, the son of promise, as a sacrifice. Abraham acted in faith, obeyed God, and continued to trust his promise. In the end, God provided a ram in Isaac's place. We see in this account a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ and the salvation God promises through him.

Key Passages

Genesis 22:1–3, 22:7–8, 22:13

Memory Verse

Genesis 12:1–2 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go . . . to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What did God ask Abraham to do as a test?
Offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice.
2. Did Abraham obey God or did he tell God he wasn't going to do it? *He obeyed God.*
3. Isaac noticed something was missing. What did he ask his father? *Where is the lamb?*
4. Who did Abraham say would provide the lamb? *God.*
5. What happened right before Abraham was about to kill Isaac? *The angel of the Lord spoke and stopped him.*
6. What did God provide as the substitute sacrifice for Isaac? *A ram.*
7. What did Abraham do with the ram? *Sacrificed it instead of Isaac.*
8. What is a substitute? *Someone who takes the place of someone else.*
9. How was the ram caught? *In a thicket by his horns.*
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Substitute Artist

Materials

- ☐ White board, chalkboard, or poster paper
- ☐ Markers or chalk

Instructions

You will start a drawing with a simple shape or line (circle, line, square, triangle, etc.). Students will take turns adding to the drawing with another single shape or line. Each new student is the substitute artist until a picture is completed. Repeat as desired with different starting shapes. Make sure each student gets a chance to sub as the artist.

Suggested Discussion

We created some pretty funny drawings, didn't we? Having everyone take turns as the artist was interesting because not everyone had the same idea of the final picture. Unlike us, God always knows the final picture. He knew from the beginning that Jesus would come to earth, die for sinners, and rise from the dead to save us.

In Genesis, God tested Abraham to see if he was willing to offer his son Isaac. Abraham didn't know that the substitute ram provided in place of Isaac was God giving us a picture of Jesus, who would be the sacrificial Lamb for all of us. The Old Testament is full of examples that help us understand the New Testament, which is why ALL of God's Word is important to read and study.

Ram Lamb Popcorn Picture

Materials

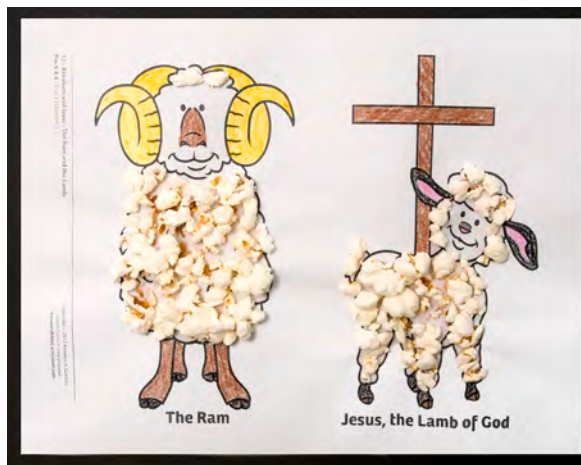
- ☐ Ram/lamb picture (following page)
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Plain popped popcorn
- ☐ Crayons

Instructions

Print one copy of the ram/lamb picture for each student.

Have students color everything but the bodies on the ram and the lamb (ears, face, legs, and feet).

Help students glue pieces of popcorn on the head and body of the ram and lamb to give them a "woolly" look.



Suggested Discussion

- ❓ This picture has a ram on it. What part of our lesson had a ram in it? *When God provided a ram for the sacrifice.*

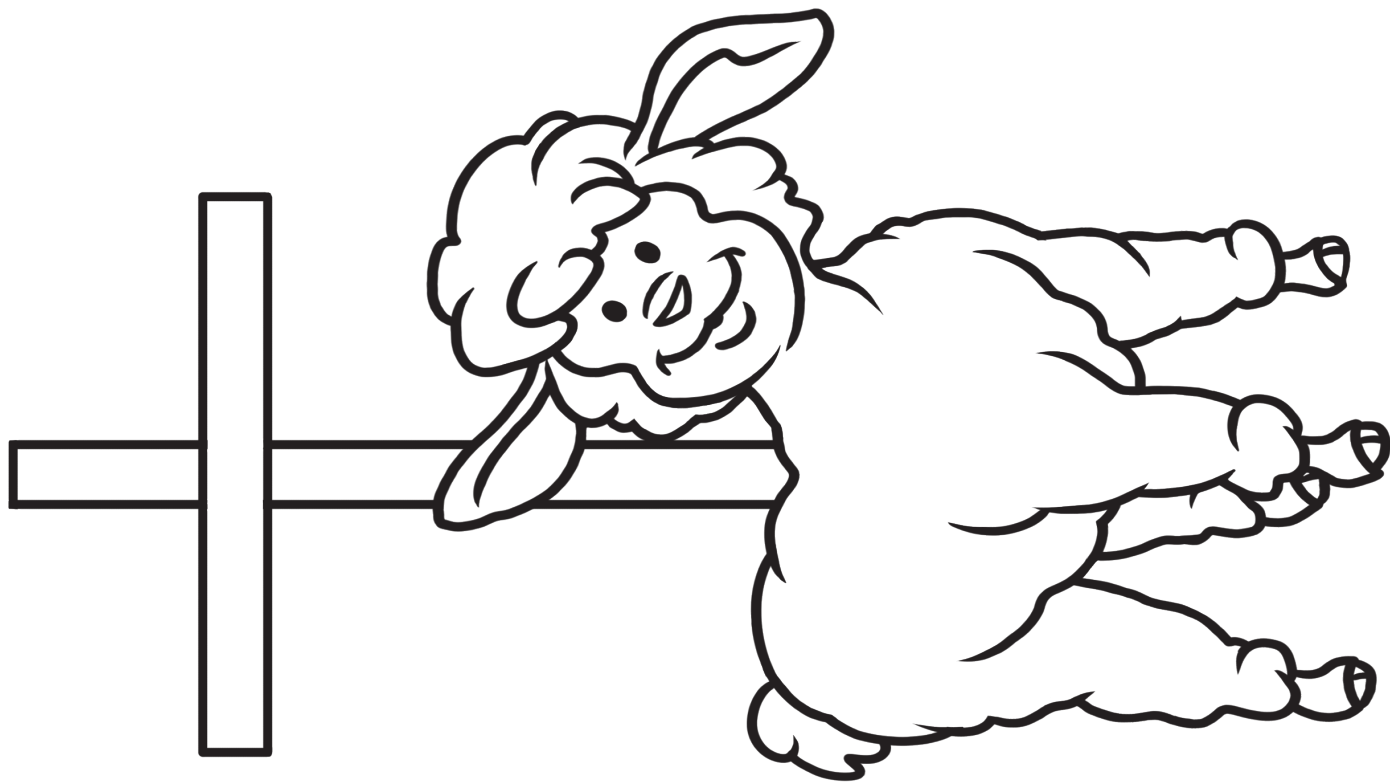
Right! God sent a ram to take Isaac's place so Isaac wouldn't have to die.

- ❓ Now look at the lamb. What is behind this lamb in the picture? *A cross.*

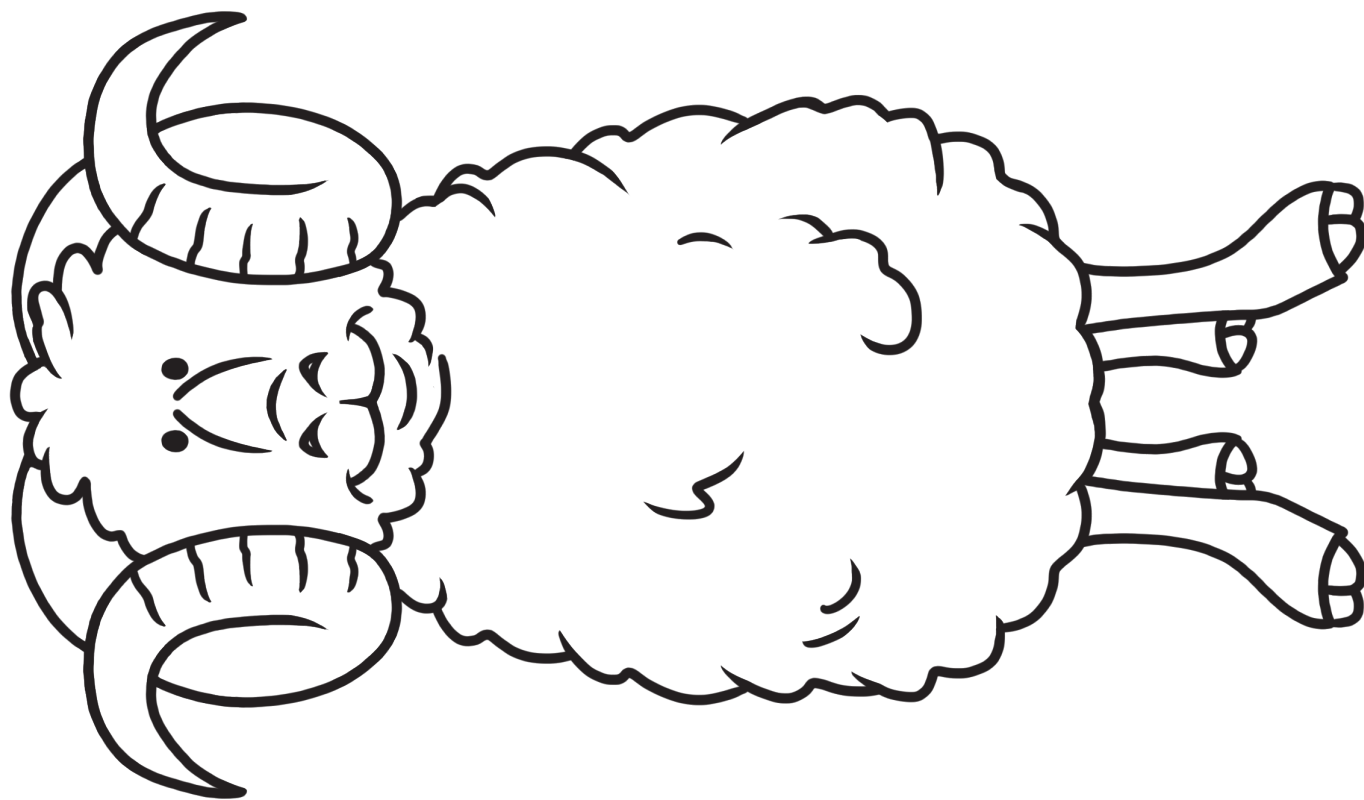
- ❓ Who does that remind you of? Who did God give to take the place of sinners so they could have everlasting life? *Jesus.*

That's right. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He took our place and paid for our sins by dying on the cross so we can live in heaven with him forever if we trust in him.

Name _____



Jesus took our place.



A ram took Isaac's place.