

Building Faith Brick by Brick: Abraham & Isaac

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Week of June 28, 2020

These activities are designed to be used with LEGO bricks. However, if you don't have LEGOs at home, that's okay! Grab blocks, or boxes, or play dough, or anything else you can use to build a scene. Or, you can draw or color your response to the story on a sheet of paper.

Show us your creations by emailing photos to Victoria Hoppes at victoria@rlcindy.org. We might just share them with others!

PRAY: God of mercy and love, help us to listen to your voice in our lives. Help us trust you and honor you this day and always. Amen.

READ: Genesis 22:1-14 (For younger children, you may want to read or tell the story by using the story script on page 2.)

RESPOND AND BUILD: I wonder what it looked like for Abraham and Isaac on the mountain? Build a scene that shows what you think it looked like!

BUILDING QUESTIONS:

As you build, ask some of these questions to "wonder" together about the story. Pick and choose a few to guide your discussion!

- I wonder if you have ever heard God call your name?
- I wonder if you have ever felt tested?
- I wonder what it is like to hear sad or scary news?
- I wonder what Abraham was thinking and feeling? Isaac? God?
- I wonder if you have ever been blessed?
- I wonder if you ever experienced something scary or confusing?
- I wonder if you have felt the love of God?
- I wonder if you have given anything special to God?
- I wonder what would have happened if Abraham refused to follow the directions of God?
- I wonder if you have felt the protection of God?

SHARE: Share your creations with each other. What did you build? You can also email photos of your creations to victoria@rlcindy.org and we will share them with the congregation!

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for loving, blessing, and protecting us! Help us remember to listen for your voice and love in our lives. Amen.

Adapted from "Abraham and Isaac" in Building Faith Brick by Brick: An Imaginative Way to Explore the Bible with Children by Emily Slichter Given (Church Publishing, 2014)

Story Script

Genesis 22:1-14

God gave Abraham a test. When God said, "Abraham!" Abraham said, "I'm here, God." God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, whom he loved a lot, and offer him to God in the mountains. So Abraham got up early in the morning, put a saddle on his donkey, took two men and his son Isaac, and started out for the mountains. He cut the wood for the burnt offering, and traveled to the place God had told him he should go.

After three days, Abraham and Isaac left the others to go worship. They carried the wood for the fire. Isaac wondered where they would get the lamb for the offering, like they usually did. Abraham told Isaac that God himself was providing the lamb. They kept walking until they came to the place that God had showed them.

Abraham built the altar, laid the wood. Then put his son Isaac on top of the wood. He was ready to take his son's life and offer Isaac to God, when the angel of the Lord yelled, "Abraham! Don't do it! God doesn't want your son, he wants you. God wants all of you." Abraham stopped what he was doing, and saw a ram in the thicket, and knew God had indeed provided him with an offering. Abraham called that place "God provides."

From God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children by Lyn Zill Briggs (Church Publishing, 2015)