

Grade 7 Life Orientation Worksheet

Religious text: Christianity 1

Read the following scripture: Genesis 22

Abraham and Isaac

God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah, and when they were both very old a son was born to them. They called him Isaac. Sarah laughed for joy when she saw her newborn child. But when Isaac was older, God put his servant Abraham to the test.

“Take your son,” God said, “your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There I will tell you of a mountain. You must go to it, kill Isaac there, and burn him as a sacrifice to me.”

Early next morning Abraham got up, saddled his donkey and set off, taking two servants with him, and Isaac, his son. When he had cut wood for the sacrifice he began to look for the mountain. After three days he saw it in the distance.

“Stay here with the donkey,” he said to his servants. “The boy and I are going on ahead to worship the Lord. We will come back to you soon.”

As they went along Isaac said, “Father, we have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

“God himself will provide the lamb, my son,” answered Abraham.

When they reached the mountain Abraham built an altar, piling up wood upon it. Then he bound Isaac with strong cords and laid him on the top.

Finally he picked up his knife, ready to kill his son, but the angel of the Lord called out to him, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he answered.

Then the angel said, “Do not lay a hand upon the lad and do not harm him in any way. I know now that you fear God because you did not try to save your son, your only son, from me.”

Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. And instead of his son he sacrificed the ram on the altar. He called the place Jehovah-jireh, ‘the Lord will provide’. Then the angel spoke to him a second time. “The Lord has sworn this,” he said: “I will bless you, and those that come after you will be like the stars in number, like grains of sand on the seashore, because you have obeyed my voice.”

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Questions:

Your teacher will assess you on your answers.

1. Who was Isaac's mother? [1]
2. Where did God tell Abraham to take Isaac? [1]
3. Why did Abraham have to take Isaac on this journey? [1]
4. How many people went on the journey? [1]
5. What did Isaac notice was missing? ([1]
6. Do you think God wanted Abraham to kill his son? [1]
7. What did God provide for the sacrifice? [1]
8. What did God promise Abraham? [1]
9. What do you think the message in this story is? [2]

Total: [10 marks]

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Suggested Solutions

1. Sarah. [1]
2. To a mountain in the land of Moriah. [1]
3. God asked Abraham to kill Isaac there, and burn him as a sacrifice to God. [1]
4. Abraham, Isaac and two servants. [1]
5. A lamb for the burnt offering. [1]
6. No, God did not want Abraham to kill Isaac. God was testing Abraham. [1]
7. God provided a ram for the sacrifice. [1]
8. God promised to bless Abraham and give him many descendants (a very large family). [1]
9. Always obey God and believe in Him to provide your needs. [2]

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