

DRAW NEAR

And Be Changed!
Genesis 22; 2 Chronicles 3:1

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Key thought: God expects people to obey, respect, and honor Him.

Parent Helps:

- Invite your child to talk about something that is important to him/her.
- Ask: “Why is the item special? Would you be willing to give the item away?”
- Mention that God asked a man named Abraham to give away the thing that was most special to him—his son!
- Read aloud Genesis 22:1-19.
- Explain that God wanted Abraham to understand that nothing is more important than God! It may not always be easy to do what God asks, but He expects people to obey, respect, and honor Him.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids Questions:

1. Do you think God asked Abraham to do a hard thing by giving up his son, Isaac? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Abraham obeyed God?
3. Tell about a time when you obeyed God even though it was hard.

Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. What is something that people sometimes make more important than God? (For example: money, sports, grades, other people.)
2. Do you think it was difficult for Abraham to obey God? Why or why not?
3. Is there something that you’ve made more important than God? What can you do to correct your mistake? *(Lead your child to think about how he/she spends their time. Does he/she watch TV before spending time reading their Bible? Does he/she play video games before taking time to pray? Lead your child to recognize opportunities throughout the day to make God his/her first priority.)*

Apply:

- Obey, respect, and honor God even when it’s hard. (Proverbs 1:7; John 14:15; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 10:3; Colossians 3:17)
- Choose to make God your first priority. (Exodus 20:3; Proverbs 3:6; Matthew 6:24; 6:33; 22:37)

Activity:

Make a family calendar. Help your child draw pictures on each day to indicate the day’s activities. Encourage your child to include time for prayer and Bible reading each day of the week. Use the calendar as a reminder to make God and His Word a priority in your busy life.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for being awesome!
- Confess any areas that your family has made more important than God.
- Ask God to help your family re-prioritize and focus on what’s most important.

