

BIG TRUTH: JESUS DIED IN MY PLACE

Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 27:46; Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:9

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

BIG IDEAS

- God is our Substitute.
- Jesus undeservedly takes our place.
- Jesus is our Penalty Bearer.
- Jesus is our Righteousness.
- Jesus is our Victor.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 22 (ABRAHAM SACRIFICES ISAAC)

Isaac was Abraham's son that God promised that He would give. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as an offering to Him, Abraham obeyed. He took Isaac up to the top of the mountain and prepared an altar to sacrifice Isaac. Just before he did, God stopped Abraham and provided a ram to be a sacrifice instead. This ram was a substitute for Isaac, and later, Jesus would be a substitute for all of mankind to die in our place as a sacrifice to God for our sin.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- We deserve death because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe of God's sacrifice for us

**Every child should:**

- Talk about Jesus as their substitute

**Every child should want:**

- To follow Jesus who sacrificed Himself for us

REVIEW

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Genesis 22

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

God gave Abraham the son that He had promised him when He gave him Isaac. Abraham and Sarah loved Isaac. When Isaac was a boy, God asked Abraham to do something unusual. He had promised to make a great nation of Abraham through Isaac and yet God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as an offering to Him. Abraham took Isaac to the mountaintop and they built an altar. Abraham laid Isaac on the altar and prepared to kill him when God's voice stopped Abraham. God commanded Abraham not to kill Isaac because Abraham had shown his faithfulness to God. Instead, God sent a ram to be stuck in the thicket nearby so that they could sacrifice the ram instead. Abraham willingly offered Isaac up to God because Abraham believed God. He believed that God would do what He said He was going to do. He believed that God would give Abraham many offspring through Isaac even if God commanded Abraham to kill Isaac. Abraham's faith in God was great. God pointed to the future of the coming Messiah when He provided the ram in place of Isaac. God sent Jesus into the world to save the world from its sin. He provided the perfect sacrifice for man's sin.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? (He asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac.)
- How did Abraham respond to God's request? (He willingly offered Isaac as a sacrifice and was willing to kill him on the altar.)
- What did God provide in place of Isaac? (He provided a ram as a sacrifice in Isaac's place.)
- What does God offer in place of man? (He offered Jesus in place of man.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21 by writing the words of the verse on index cards and making a matching game from them. Take turns making matches and then putting the verse together.

**DO**

On small pieces of paper write down several things that are important to your family. Hide these things throughout your house and ask your child to find them. When your child hunts for them and gets close to one, tell him if he is "hot" or "cold". When he has found all of them, talk with your child about how God sacrificed the most important thing to Him when He sacrificed Jesus. Jesus died in our place.

**FEEL**

As a family, create an altar using sticks and pieces of stone. Talk as a family about the different things that you should give up for God, such as sinful behaviors, idols, material things, etc. Talk with your child about how God sacrificed Jesus for mankind.

**WANT**

Share with your child what it means to have your sins forgiven because of God's sacrifice. Talk with your child about what it means to be accepted by God.

Spend time as a family praying and thanking God for His sacrifice and that Jesus died in our place.