



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 5

SACRIFICE OF ISAAC (GENESIS 22)

Scripture: Genesis 22

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Print out of mazes at the end of the lesson, stuffed sheep (or other stuffed animal), bundle of sticks, paper plates, cotton balls, markers.

Ask:

- In our story last week, what did God promise to Abraham? (Land and children)
- After a REALLY long time, Abraham had a son named Isaac. Today we're going to learn about something God asked Abraham to do with his son of the promise.

Read: Genesis 22:1-19

Ask:

After verse 2: What do you think Abraham thought of this command?

After verse 5: Do you notice that Abraham says they will both come back and worship on the mountain? In Hebrews 11:19, it says that Abraham reasoned the God could bring Isaac back from the dead. That's incredible faith!

After the reading: For his whole life, Abraham waited on the promise of a son. Then, when God tested him to see if he would put the son of the promise ahead of the Promiser, Abraham had faith in God to obey him. Even when it didn't make sense. And even though it was probably very hard.

We can trust God, too. God cares for us and his plans are better than we could ever imagine. So we can trust him with everything he has given us.

Activity:

Act out the story. Have one student be Abraham and another be Isaac. Place a bundle of sticks on Isaac's back and have them wander through the room, using the dialogue of the Bible. Get to a place in the room and act out the sacrifice part, with the rest of the kids being the voice of God telling Abraham to stop. Have a stuffed animal hiding nearby that can be the new sacrifice.

Craft:

Using a paper plate, have the kids draw horns and a face to turn it into a ram, then glue down cotton balls.

Activity:

Using the printout of the maze at the end of the lesson, have the kids gather into pairs. Have one student close their eyes (or be blindfolded) and have the other student direct them through the maze. Once done, they can switch roles.

Explain: Trust is hard, isn't it? But we know that God can see things we can't and that his plans are bigger, better, and higher than ours. This week, what can you tell God you trust him in?

Draw the Connection:

Just like Abraham was willing to offer his son, God offered his son Jesus for us. Isaac bore a bundle of sticks on his back, and Jesus bore a cross on his. With Jesus, however, the sacrifice was made. He was the One God provided and because of his sacrifice, our sins can be washed away in him when we ask his forgiveness and follow him as our Lord.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids recreate the story of the sacrifice. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

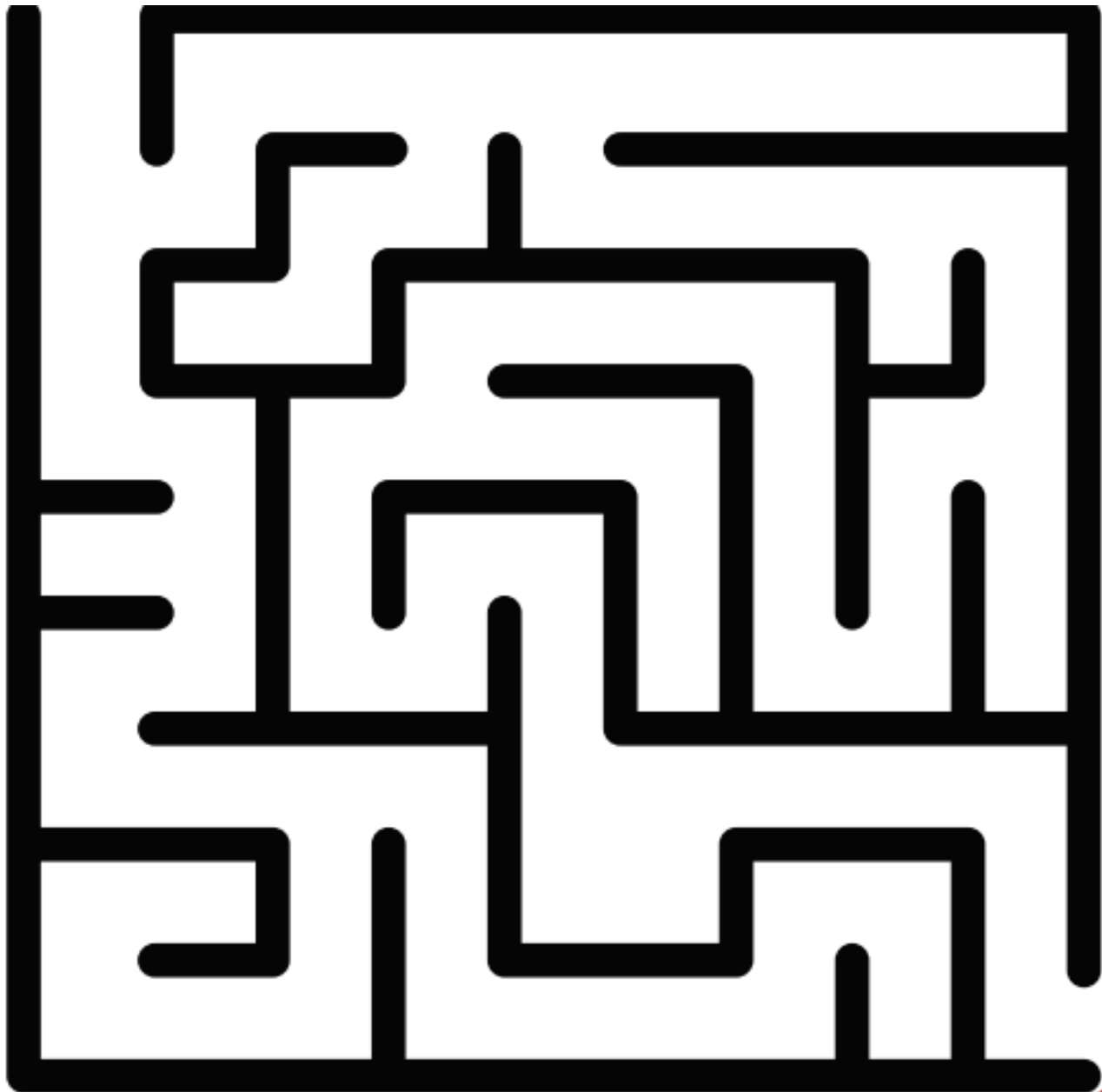
Memorize: Genesis 22:14

Close in Prayer

Trust Maze



Have the group divide into partners. One will be blindfolded. The other will have to lead them through the maze. Once finished, they can trade roles



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