

My Provider

Objective: The students will learn that God provides for His children.

Review:

Last week our Bible time was about a very difficult (hard) test. God gave a man named Abraham a very difficult test. Please tell me the story. What was the test? (solicit the basic details.)

In those days people worshipped God by killing an animal and burning it up on an altar. God asked Abraham to worship Him by killing his son Isaac and burning him up on the altar!

Abraham did not understand what God was going to do, but Abraham trusted God. At the end of our story last week, Abraham and his son Isaac left the servants to go to the mountain to worship. Abraham told the servants “My son and I will go over there and worship, and we will come back to you.”

Will Abraham kill his son? Will God raise Isaac from the dead?

Questions

- Did Abraham kill his son? (almost – God stopped him)
- Did God raise Isaac from the dead? (no, because Isaac didn’t die.)

Read Genesis 22:7-14

Answer the questions.

Go on.

We are learning about the names of God. The name of God for this week is “My Provider.” In Hebrew the name is “Jehovah Jireh.” What is a provider? Do you have a provider? (solicit, but don’t force, answers)

When I was a child, my father was my provider. He provided - he gave me - food, clothes, a house, education, etc. He provided for my needs.

He also provided fun things. He gave me candy and (took me swimming.) I did not need candy. I did not need (to learn to swim.) But my father loved me and wanted to make me happy. It made him happy when I was happy.

Sometimes I wanted something that he did not give me. When I was (10) years old, I wanted (a flock of pigeons.) My father did not give me (the pigeons.)

In the same way, the Bible teaches that God (“Abba”) provides for His children. In today’s story, what did God provide? (the male sheep)

The male sheep was a substitute for Isaac. Abraham needed an animal to worship God, and God provided the sheep, and saved the life of Isaac.

My #1 need is forgiveness of my sin. I needed someone to take the punishment for me. God provided Jesus Christ, and saved my life forever. I believe this and God made me His child. He is a wonderful Father (“Abba”) and Provider. I am so glad that God is My Provider, and I pray that some day soon you will also know Him as your Father and Provider.

That’s all for today.

Note: If you have time this week, or as a warm-up exercise next week, you might ask your students what were some strange (unusual, outrageous) things that they wanted as a child. You could write on the board “When I was ____ years old, I wanted _____.” There is nothing particularly spiritual in this, but it might stimulate some discussion and laughs, and thus help with class camaraderie.