

## **Bible Lessons for Children**

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

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### **Beginner Lesson Forty-one: Isaac, a Picture of Jesus**

#### **Overview**

Bible Songs

Bible Reading & Discussion: (See "Bible Reading" section)

Memorization & Art Activity: "A Baptist Catechism: A Catechism for Boys & Girls"/"Children's 'Prove It' Catechism" Review Questions 22-30

#### **Opening**

Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.

Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.

Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.

#### **Bible Songs**

5-10 minutes

Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed

Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate

Instructions: Lead students to sing songs about the Bible. Spend some time discussing the meaning of new songs. Encourage students to think about what they are singing. Be very careful to choose songs that only speak truth about the Word of God.

#### **Bible Reading**

15 minutes

Materials: Pictures of common objects

Strategies: Leader Read Aloud

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Show students the pictures of common objects and discuss how the picture is a representation of the object, but isn't the actual object. Example: A picture of food cannot be eaten, it just represents the food. Tell students that Isaac is a representation or picture of Jesus Christ. For smooth, quick reading, print verses or mark in Bible prior to lesson. Be sure to read the title before each Scripture.

Scripture: (Gleanings in Genesis, Arthur W Pink, ISBN 1-59986-929-2)  
*Isaac's birth was promised: Genesis 17:16; Jesus' birth was promised: Isaiah 7:14; God named Isaac: Genesis 17:19; God named Jesus: Matthew 1:21; Isaac's birth was a miracle: Genesis 18:13-14; Jesus' birth was a miracle: Luke 1:34-35, 37; Isaac carried wood: Genesis 22:6; Jesus carried the cross: John 19:16-17; Isaac was obedient: Genesis 22:9-10; Jesus was obedient: Luke 22:42; Isaac was raised up: Genesis 22:11-13; Hebrews 11:17-19; Jesus was raised up: Luke 24:5-7*

#### **Bible Discussion**

10 minutes

Materials: Word poster

Strategy: Popcorn

Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. The leader asks a question and students that want to answer the question "pop" up, share their answer, and then sit down.

Questions: God placed "pictures" of Jesus Christ throughout the Old Testament so that people would look forward to his coming to earth as the Messiah. Who promised that Isaac would be born? (God) Who promised that Jesus would be born? (God) Who named Isaac? (God) Who named Jesus? (God) A miracle is something that could not happen naturally, something that God makes happen. Who made the birth of Isaac and the birth of Jesus occur? (God) Isaac obeyed his father when he tied him and placed him on the altar. Did Jesus obey God the Father when He was crucified? (Yes) On the way up the mountain, what did Isaac carry? (Wood) On the way up the mountain, what did Jesus carry? (The cross) Isaac was raised from the altar

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without dying because God provided a ram instead. Isaac was not sacrificed. He was just a picture of the Messiah, the Savior that would come later. Was Jesus sacrificed? (Yes) Was Jesus raised up from the dead? (Yes)

Show students the word poster and have them act out the words: Creator = maker (use hands to make a ball), Omnipotent = all powerful (make a muscle), Omniscient = all knowing (tap head), Merciful = doesn't punish as deserved (make "safe on base" sign with two arms), Righteous = perfect (with right hand make circular motion), Just = right (thumbs up), Creator of Nations (sweep arm from left to right), God is in control (salute with hand to head) Long-suffering = patient (fold hands together as though waiting patiently), Glory = shining light (spread fingers of both hands like light rays), Deliverer (move wrists as though breaking rope), Savior (spread arms wide then draw together), All-seeing (put hand above eyes as though looking around), Faithful (shake hands with another person), Judge (drop fist as though striking with a gavel), Provider (cup hands and move arms from self as though giving to someone), Prayer Answerer (fold hands and bow head), Sovereign = Ultimate Authority (hold out fist as though holding a king's scepter), Grace = unearned favor (thumbs down then rotate to thumbs up), Way to Heaven (walk in place), Protector (raise hands as though shielding head), Promise Keeper (with fore-finger cross heart), Success maker (raise arms as though winning a race), King of kings (place hands on head like a crown)

#### Group Prayer

Through prayer, praise God that Jesus came to earth to die for our sin.

#### Bible Memory

10-15 minutes

Materials: Bean Bag

Strategy: Bean Bag Toss and Stand Up/Sit Down

Instructions: Review memory work from the last several lessons by having students stand. Ask catechism questions #22-30 & toss bean bag to someone to share the answer &/or verse. If student answers correctly, student sits down & bean bag is tossed back to leader.

#### Bible Art Activity

As time allows

Materials: Paper, markers, sample project

Activity: QAV Game

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Make a game board by drawing a path of connected squares, circles, or other shapes. Write "Start" at the beginning and "End" at the finish. Every few spaces write in the shape: "Q#" until all catechism question numbers 22-30 have been written. (Note: Q30=catechism question #30, etc.)

Players take turns rolling a number cube and moving a small object the correct number of spaces on the QAV game board. If the player lands on "Q #", the player must share the correct question, answer, or verse to get another turn. The first player to reach the "End" of the board wins.

#### Closing

Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.