



# 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

July 4-5, 2015

DATE

Abraham and Isaac

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 22; Jeremiah 29:11

WHERE TO FIND IT

God wants our obedience.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (20 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (10 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

We're starting an outdoor theme today! **Make sure the loop on the 1<sup>st</sup> slide of the Keynote is playing throughout the hour** (except during Large Group), even during Connect Time and Small Group when they arrive (you can still have iTunes playing in the background).

## check-in/out

**As kids leave, make sure you put the outdoor loop back on the Keynote screen** (slide 1). It'll hopefully spark conversation between parents and kids!

## large group heads up

It's hard to understand why God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, in part to prove his love for God. Then again, it was something God willingly did out of love for us. We talk about God's love a lot in Kids' Club. But today, focus on how God wants our obedience because it shows our love for him!

## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **OBSTACLE COURSE**

*\*If possible, play as a large group so that you can use the whole room. Or break into small groups.*

- Using materials from the room, create an obstacle course or path for kids (e.g. step over a book, around a chair, crawl under a table, etc.; keep it simple because kids will be blindfolded).
- Choose 4 kids who think they can do it (or one kid per small group).
- **Blindfold** those 4 kids.
- Choose one kid to partner with the blindfolded person.
- The partner guides the blindfolded kid with words **ONLY** (no physical contact allowed).
- Complete several rounds. Then, break into small groups to debrief:
  - How did blindfolded kids get through the course?
  - What would have happened if you/blindfolded person didn't listen?
  - To kids who completed the course: Was it easy to listen to your guide and follow directions? Why or why not?
- If you have time before Large Group, tell kids that June is all about being outdoors. For fun, ask them: if you could go anywhere outdoors, where would it be and why?

**Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand that God wants our obedience, (2) recognize that obedience shows God that we love him and (3) identify one way we can obey him this week.

**Why?** It's important that kids understand that obedience is an act of love.

**Tip:** Be honest with kids about times you've obeyed, what's been hard about it and why you did it anyway. Create your own flames to show your ongoing quest for obedience.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did God ask Abraham to do?
2. Why did God want Abraham to do that?
3. What do I show God when I obey Him?
4. Name something you can do this week to show God you are obeying Him. *(It might be something they heard God say during Large Group or something they think of now. If they struggle, you can give them hints like: obeying your parents, helping a person in need, or showing kindness to an enemy.)*

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

***Let's make an obedience fire!***

- Give each group a piece of **brown construction paper**.
- Adult leaders should roll it up and **tape** it. It's a "log" for a group campfire.
- Give each kid **a paper flame**.
- On the flame, kids should **write/draw** the way they plan to obey this week.
- Tape flames to the log to make an "obedience fire."
- Give kids **another paper flame** and have them **write** a second way they plan to obey this week.
- Share and add to the fire.

**\*Pray, asking God to help kids obey this week (refer to the specific items they wrote on their flames).**

Extra time? Create another obstacle course!

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## special notes

We'll be learning Jeremiah 29:11 throughout the month of June. It would be great if you could memorize it to model that for kids!

## presenter tips

Today, you have a chance to share one way you've obeyed God, even when it was hard. You'll reference it twice in the script, so it's really important. Pray about what God wants you to share with kids.

## script

### \*Click to play intro music

Hi everybody, welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. Your Connect Time game looked pretty fun! Can you tell me what you guys were doing when you were blindfolded? (Let kids share.) And how were you able to get through the obstacle course? (Let kids share: a partner led them.) So you had to listen to what your partner said... What happened if you didn't listen? (Let kids share.) Yeah, you might run into stuff or do it wrong!

Today, we're going to talk about another time it's important to obey. But first, let's talk about being outdoors. As you can see (refer to the keynote slide), we've got a brand new theme for July. It's all about being outside. Whether we've slept outside in a tent or walked from our car or bus into Crossroads, we've all been in the great outdoors. Before you came in here, you guys might have shared places you'd like to go. Where would you like to go to be outdoors? (Let 3-5 kids respond.) Those sound like fun!

### **OBEYING FIRE SAFETY RULES IS IMPORTANT**

Well, if we stay outdoors so long that it gets dark, we may want to build a fire to keep us warm or give us light. When's the last time you saw a fire? In a fireplace, at a campsite, on TV? (Let kids share.) Hopefully none of us really were stranded and had to build a fire! But let's watch a guy who loves the outdoors show us how we could build one if we ever find ourselves in that situation. This guy's name is Bear Grylls, and he's going to show us how to build a fire:

### **Video: Beach Fire**

Wow, looks kind of nice, huh? What do you guys like about fire? (Let kids respond: warm, can roast marshmallows, gives us light, wards off animals, etc.) But fire can be dangerous too. What are some rules we follow when we're around fires? (An adult needs to be around, don't stand too close, don't leave a fire alone, etc.) That's right!



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And what can happen if we don't obey those rules? (Let kids say: forest fire, things burn up, even death). Wow, so obeying fire safety rules is a big deal! Sometimes obeying can be fun and silly, like obeying a friend to try to get through an obstacle course. But sometimes obeying is a really big deal, like staying safe near a fire.

### OBEYING GOD IS IMPORTANT

There are a lot of people we need to obey. And if we choose to follow God, it means we choose to obey him. Do you guys think obeying GOD is a big deal? (Let kids say: yes.) Why? (Let kids respond.) Yep, obeying God is how we show him we love him and trust him. God wants our obedience no matter WHAT he asks us to do.

Now, it's not always easy to obey God. Sometimes he asks us to do things that are hard. One time, God asked me to \_\_\_\_\_ (share a personal example about a time you obeyed God even when it was hard). But when we obey God, we're showing him we love him more than anything.

### GOD ASKS ABRAHAM TO OBEY HIM

Today, we're going to hear about a time a guy named Abraham had to choose to obey when it was REALLY hard. (**Click to show picture of a starry sky.**) Remember, Abraham had no kids but God promised him that his family would eventually have so many people that they would outnumber the stars in the sky. And when Abraham was 100 years old, God gave him a son.

But one day, God asked Abraham to do something hard—something that would mean losing Isaac. As you watch, see if you can figure out what God asked Abraham to do...and why Abraham obeyed.

### Video: Abraham and Isaac

Wow, so what did God ask Abraham to do? (Let kids respond.) That's right, sacrifice his son Isaac. Why would that be hard for Abraham? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he loved Isaac, probably more than anything! But why did Abraham obey? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he loved GOD more than anything, even Isaac.

Abraham probably had no idea why God was asking him to give up Isaac. He simply obeyed. In fact, in the Bible, thousands of years after this happened, one person wrote about Abraham in Hebrews 11:17-19. He said:

**SLIDE: Hebrews 11:17-19: It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.**

Abraham probably didn't understand what God was doing, but he did have faith that God had a plan. In fact, he thought, "Maybe God will raise Isaac from the dead." By obeying, he showed he loved God and trusted in his plan. And guess what? When Abraham obeyed, God blessed



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him through Isaac by giving him the huge family he had promised.

You know what's *really* cool? God not only blessed Abraham, but he gave us a picture of what the rescue would be like hundreds of years before it happened. Just like Abraham was willing to give up his only son out of love for God, God would one day give up *his* only son Jesus out of love for *us*.

### WE CAN OBEY TOO

Just like Abraham obeyed out of love, we can obey God out of love. For example, when we obey fire safety rules, we show love for God's creation and keeping ourselves and others safe. When we obey our parents, we show that we love obeying God more than getting our own way.

And when we obey God, He will bless us, just like He blessed Abraham through Isaac. God has good plans for us just like He had good plans for Abraham. God promises this in Jeremiah 29:11. He says:

**SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

Wow, that's such great news that we're going to try to memorize this verse this month. Let's say it out loud together (lead the kids in repeating the verse). Great job!

Sometimes, God asks us to obey by doing specific things, like when He asked Abraham to give up Isaac or when He asked me to (*refer back to the example of obedience you shared in the beginning of Large Group*). But we do have God's words in the Bible to tell us many ways we can follow God and obey him. So before we go, can you guys think of any ways you already know God wants us to obey Him? (Let kids share.) Is this always easy? (Let kids say: no!) Nope! But remember, God has a big plan and we are showing our love for him when we choose to trust and obey.

### RESPOND

Now we're going to spend a couple minutes just listening for God's voice and asking him ways he wants US to obey. Maybe you'll get an idea in your head or a picture of something. It could be God. Let's ask God to speak to us during this song. (Let kids sit and watch or lay and listen.)

### Song: I Will Listen

### PRAY

Lead the kids in prayer and thank God that we can trust and obey him.

### WORSHIP

Let's sing one more song to God and declare that we choose to make him our boss!

### Music Video: Boss of Me

*\*Dismiss kids to small groups.*



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Per small group  
1 blindfold

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## small group supplies

Per kid  
2 paper flames

Per group  
Markers  
1 Bible  
1 piece of brown construction paper  
scotch tape (1 roll/group, reused)

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## large group supplies

Bible

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## a/v needs

**\*Please use Great Outdoors title slides!**

1. Slide: Great Outdoors loop
2. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
3. Video: Beach Fire (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsGwgOPTf4o&feature=youtu.be>)
4. Image: starry sky
5. Video: Abraham and Isaac (<https://vimeo.com/116696193>)
6. SLIDE: Hebrews 11:17-19: It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to

- sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.
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  8. Music Video: I Will Listen (<https://vimeo.com/107752866>)
  9. Music Video: Boss of Me (<https://vimeo.com/118151941>)

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## connect questions

Tell me about Abraham and Isaac.  
Why should we obey God?

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