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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your child with me as we learn about God's Word together. Your child is going to enjoy learning the lessons for this quarter.

Unit I, "Ancient Altars and Offerings," has five lessons from the book of Genesis. Lesson 1 examines Cain's and Abel's offerings. Lesson 2 focuses on Noah—as he stepped onto dry land, built an altar, and gave offerings to God. Lesson 3 relates to Abraham's most significant test of faith. Lessons 4 and 5 present Isaac and Jacob as they built altars and worshipped God.

Unit II, "Jesus Teaches about God's House," explores texts from the Gospels. Lesson 6 (Luke 2) recounts Jesus at age 12, amazing the teachers at the Temple. Lesson 7 (Matthew 12) expounds on the criticism that Jesus and the disciples received for violating the Sabbath. Lesson 8 (John 2) explores John's account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. Lesson 9 (Matthew 24) records Jesus' prediction that the Temple would one day be destroyed.

Unit III, "God Lives in Me"—from the books of 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Hebrews, and 1 Peter—explores what it means to offer new covenant sacrifices. Lesson 10 explains how Christians serve as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Lesson 11 challenges believers to be "living sacrifices." In lesson 12, Paul teaches that God has one temple, which includes Jews and Gentiles. In lesson 13, believers are challenged to make sacrifices of praise and good works. Lesson 14 examines how each believer is a "living stone."

Your Child's Teacher



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Two Brothers Give Gifts to God

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 4:1-7



Key Verses

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. (Genesis 4:3-4a)





Two Brothers Give Gifts to God

(Genesis 4:1-7)

Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. Cain was the oldest. Abel was the youngest. Cain was a farmer. Abel kept flocks of animals.

They brought gifts to God. Abel took the very best parts of his flock and gave them to God. God liked Abel's gift. Cain brought fruits of the things he grew, but they were not the best. God did not like Cain's gift.

Cain became very angry, and his face showed sadness.

God asked Cain, "Why are you angry? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? You must control your anger."

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the children heard about two brothers who gave different kinds of gifts to God. The children talked about their feelings and the importance of giving God their best. Ask your child how he or she feels about different gifts that he or she has received or given. How did your child feel when someone liked his/her gift? What if the person did not like it? Would your child be sad or angry? Relate these feelings to this lesson.

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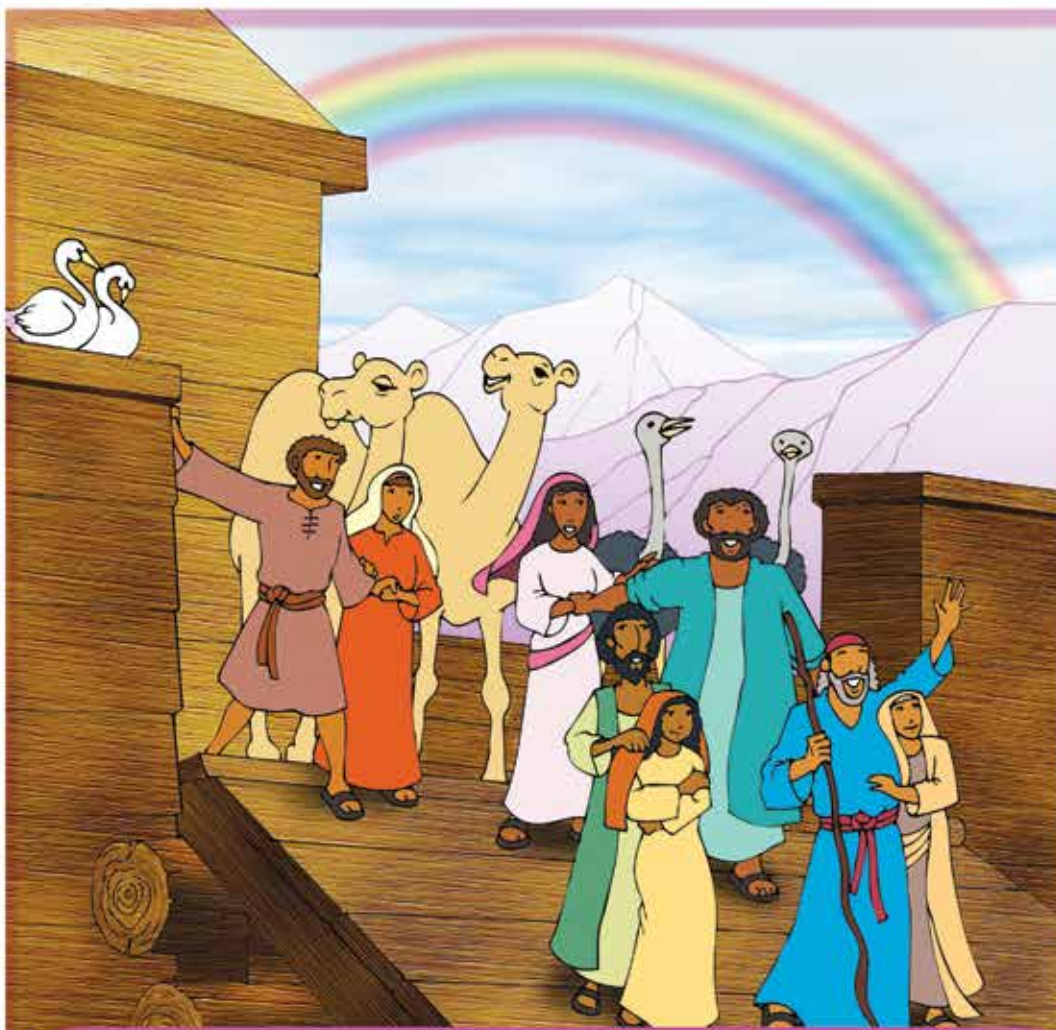
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**I will give my
best to God!**



The Promise in a Rainbow

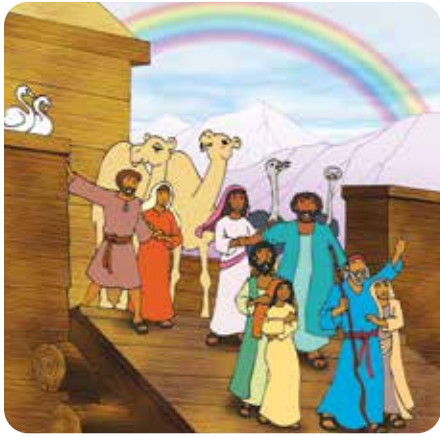
Lesson Scriptures: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17



Key Verse

[God said,] "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13)





The Promise in a Rainbow

(Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17)

God saved Noah and all who were with him from a flood that destroyed the earth. Noah built an altar to God and *sacrificed* (gave to God) burnt offerings on it to thank God. God smelled the pleasing aroma and promised never to destroy the earth and living creatures again."

God told Noah and his sons, "I now establish my covenant (promise agreement) with you, your *descendants* (future family members), and every living creature on earth." God promised that a flood would never destroy the earth again. A rainbow in the clouds would be the sign of this promise between God and the earth.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

God was not pleased with wickedness on the earth. So, He made the decision to destroy all life—but chose to protect Noah, his family, and selected creatures. Because Noah chose to obey God and follow God's instructions, God made a *covenant* (promise) using the rainbow as a sign. Discuss with your child the importance of obeying God. Explain that God blesses those who obey and follow Him.

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God keeps His promises!



Trusting when It Is Hard

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14



Key Verse

Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."
(Genesis 22:14)





Trusting when It Is Hard

(Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14)

God tested Abraham. God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac to Him. It was a hard test. But Abraham trusted God. Abraham prepared to do what God instructed.

Isaac asked, "Father, where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb, my son." Abraham laid Isaac on the altar and raised the knife.

An angel shouted, "Abraham! Abraham! Do not sacrifice Isaac. You have shown your trust in God by your willingness to *sacrifice* (offer the life of) your son."

Abraham saw a ram in the bushes and sacrificed it instead. He called the place "The LORD Will Provide."

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the lesson Bible verses, Abraham was tested to see what was most important to him. God knew that Abraham loved his son Isaac deeply—but did he love Isaac more than God? Abraham revealed his priorities, trusting God with his son's life. As you review this lesson, share an example of trust by pointing to a chair. Ask your child if he or she believes that it is safe to sit in the chair. Have your child sit in it. If he or she does so, that is called trust. Explain that we can always trust God.

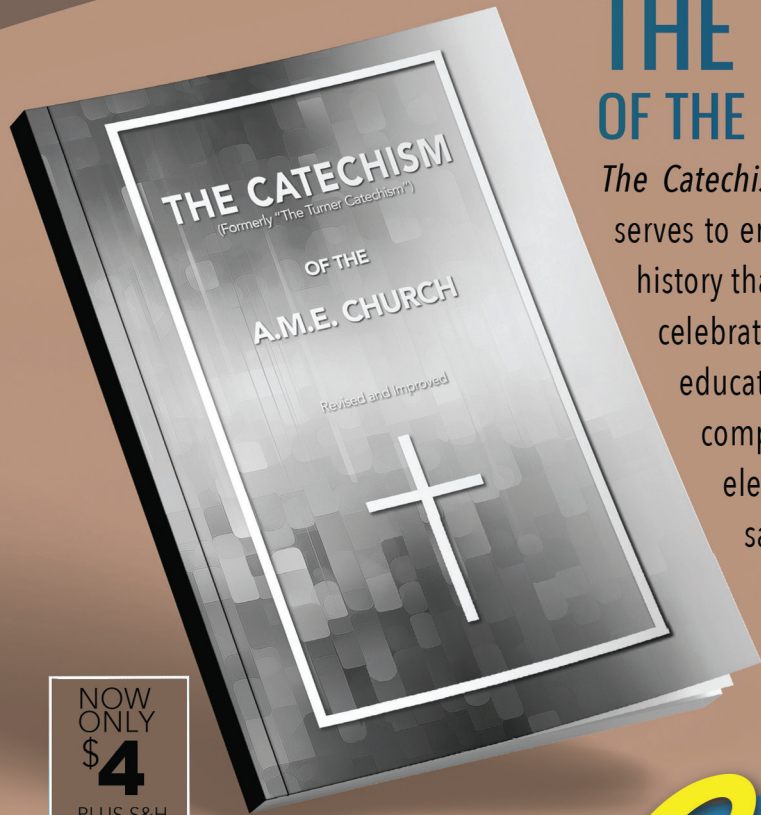
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