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Dear Parents,

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. My prayer is that your child's learning will result in their having a closer relationship with God.

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."

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the *ABCs of Salvation*, listed below.

- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher



June 1, 2025

LESSON

1



Two Brothers Give Gifts to God

Adam and Eve were husband and wife. Eve became pregnant and had a son. They named their son Cain.

Eve said, "With the Lord's help, I have *produced* (made) a man!" Later, Eve gave birth to another son. They named the younger son Abel.

As the brothers grew up, Abel became a shepherd and cared for the sheep. Cain became a farmer and grew plants and fruit in the soil. When harvest time came, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. Abel brought the best and fattest portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel's gift but did not accept Cain's gift. This made Cain very angry and sad.

The Lord asked Cain why he was so angry and looked so miserable and sad. The Lord told Cain that his gift would have been accepted if Cain had done what was right. But Cain refused to do what was right. The Lord told Cain that sin was near and eager to take control of him. The Lord warned Cain and told him that he must *conquer* [con-ker] (win over) and rule over *sin* (wrongdoing) and not let it control him.



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)



What a Gift!



Alita's birthday was approaching, and everybody asked her what she wanted as a gift—but Alita didn't know what she wanted! She told everybody that she was thinking about it.

"Alita, have you figured out what you want for your birthday yet?" her mother asked her at breakfast.

"Not yet, Mom," Alita replied. "I know that everybody cares and wants to get me something special, but I really am thinking about it!"

"Well, your birthday will be here soon, and if you want any gifts, people need to know what you would like," her mother said. "They are trying to show you that they care about you and want to make you happy."

"I know, Mom. I'll let you know soon," Alita said. Then Alita had a brilliant idea!

"Mom, instead of gifts, I want everyone to donate to the food pantry at church. My teacher always tells us that there's a great need and I don't need anything. Do you think that will be okay?" Alita asked.

"Yes!" her mother replied. "That's a great idea!"



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here. One of the ways we show people that we care is by giving them a gift on special celebrations. Taking time to shop for or create the best gift shows that you are thoughtful. What would happen if we failed to show appreciation for the giver's thoughtfulness? Whether the gift is large or small, we must remember that it's nice that they thought of us and cared enough to share with us.

We should also give God our best. When did you last give God a thoughtful gift? What was it? Let's discuss this.

Word Jumble

In each sentence, unscramble the scrambled-up words from today's lesson. Write the unscrambled words on the lines provided. Check your answers by reading the Bible story in today's lesson.

1. Abel brought the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his **LFCOK**. _____
2. Abel became a **DHEPHRES** and Cain became a farmer and tilled the soil. _____
3. At harvest, Cain presented some of his **PRSCO** as a gift to the Lord.

4. The Lord **CCPTAEED** Abel's gift, but He did not accept Cain's gift.

5. The Lord asked Cain why he was so **RYGNA**. _____



What's Missing?

Fill in the missing words from today's Key Verse. Then draw a picture of something related to today's lesson below. (Try to complete the activity without looking back at the Key Verse on the first page of the lesson.)

In the course of time _____ brought some of the _____ of the
_____ as an _____ to the LORD. And _____ also brought an
offering—_____ portions from some of the _____ of his _____.

June 8, 2025

LESSON

2

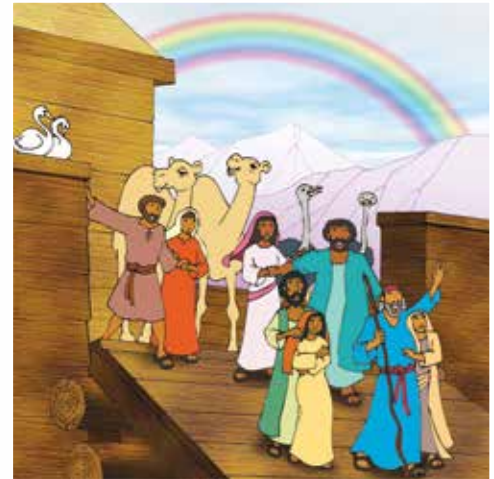


The Promise in a Rainbow

After Noah came out of the ark, he built an altar and sacrificed burnt offerings to the Lord (God). The Lord was pleased with Noah's sacrifice and promised to never again curse the ground because of humans. He promised that He would never again destroy all living things. As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvests, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night.

God confirmed His *covenant* (agreement) with Noah and with Noah's sons. God confirmed his covenant with Noah's *descendants* (future family members) and all living creatures on the earth to never again send floodwaters to destroy the earth.

God gave Noah a sign of His covenant, which would stand forever. God placed a rainbow in the clouds as a reminder and sign of His covenant with all of the living creatures on the earth. God told Noah that seeing a rainbow in the clouds would help Him remember the covenant between God and every living creature on the earth.



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)



A Special Promise



Jonathan was afraid of storms. During last night's storm, Jonathan was so afraid that he went to his parents' room to feel safe.

"Jonathan, are you better today?" his mother asked. Now that the storm was over, Jonathan was embarrassed that he had become afraid.

"Sure," Jonathan replied. "That was a bad storm last night."

"I understand, buddy," his father said. "It's okay to be uneasy during storms. But did you know that storms bring a promise?"

"A promise? What promise?" Jonathan asked.

"You know the story of Noah and the flood that covered the earth after it rained for forty days?" his dad asked.

"Sure, I know that story. Noah built an ark, and he brought on two of all of the animals on the earth," Jonathan commented.

"Well, after the floods left, God promised never to destroy the earth with water again. He put the rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise," his dad explained.

"Wow," Jonathan said. "That's pretty amazing!"

This gave Jonathan something to think about. Maybe he didn't have to worry about storms after all.



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, again! Ruby here. I have been studying rain and thunderstorms in my lab, and you know what? I have discovered some pretty amazing facts about rainbows. Did you know that Earth is the only place in our solar system with rainbows . . . and that there are nine different types of rainbows? Also, rainbows only last for about an hour or less.

While rain and storms can be pretty frightening, rainbows are quite amazing. And when you think of them in terms of a promise given to us, maybe instead of fearing the storms, you can look for the rainbow!

Decode the Message

Complete the puzzle to learn what happened when the *ark* (large ship) was on dry land. Write the letter found where the two numbers *intersect* (cross) in the table below. The first number comes from the row, and the second number comes from the column. (For example, 3-2=K.)

	1	2	3
1	N	E	T
2	H	O	G
3	B	K	R
4	A	V	M
5	P	H	D

1-1 2-2 4-1 2-1 1-3 2-1 4-1 1-1 3-2 1-2 5-3

2-3 2-2 5-3 .



Complete the Sentences

For this activity, draw a line from the sentence to the word that completes it and makes it true.

1. God placed a _____ in the clouds as a reminder of His covenant with all of the living creatures on the earth.
2. God told Noah that the rainbow was the sign of the _____ that the Lord God was confirming with all of the living creatures on the earth.
3. God promised that He would never again _____ all living things.
4. God _____ His covenant with Noah and with his sons.
5. Noah built an _____ and sacrificed burnt offerings to the Lord.

WORD BANK

Altar

Confirmed

Covenant

Destroy

Rainbow



June 15, 2025

LESSON

3



Trusting when It Is Hard

God tested Abraham's *faith* (belief and trust) and told Abraham to take his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and sacrifice him as a burnt offering.

Abraham got up early. He took two servants and Isaac. After chopping wood for the fire for the burnt offering, he traveled to the place where God told him to go.

Abraham put the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders. Abraham carried the knife. Isaac asked where the sheep for the burnt offering was.

Abraham told Isaac that God would provide the sheep for the burnt offering.

At their destination, Abraham built an altar and put wood on it. He tied Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. When Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son, the Lord stopped him because Abraham had shown his complete faith in the Lord.

Then Abraham saw a ram caught in a bush. He sacrificed the ram. After that, Abraham named the place The LORD Will Provide. Even today, people still refer to the area as this: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."



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)



A Matter of Trust



Brandon had promised his parents that he would remember to do his chores if they let him play his game system for thirty minutes later each day. Brandon got their permission, but he was falling behind on his part of the deal.

"Brandon, did you forget your part of our agreement?" his dad asked. "You promised not to fall behind on your chores if we let you play for thirty minutes longer. We trusted that you would keep up with your part of the bargain."

"I remember . . . it's just that I fell asleep last night before I could get to them. I promise I'll take the trash out before I leave and empty the dishwasher when I get back," Brandon said.

"I'm starting to think that this bargain is not going to work out," his dad commented.

"Dad, I promise that I'll keep up my chores,"

Jonathan assured. "Trust me."

"Trust you? I believe that's what got us into this mess," his dad noted. "You should remember that it's important to keep your word for others to trust you."

"I'll do better this time," Jonathan said.



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here. When you work in a lab, trust is very important. If you're working with others, you must trust that they will do their part in any experiment—or there's a chance that the experiment will fail.

What can we do to earn someone's trust? What can Brandon do to keep his parents' trust? Would you be disappointed if you trusted someone who let you down? How would you handle it? This week, think of ways that Brandon could earn back his parents' trust. We'll see what you come up with next week!

Word Finder

Write the words from today's Key Verse in the correct order on the lines below. (Challenge: See if you can do it without looking back at the first page of the lesson.)

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

(Genesis 22:14)



Where? Why? What's the Answer?

Read each question and then provide the answer from today's lesson.

1. Where did the Lord tell Abraham to go to make his burnt offering?

2. What did Isaac ask his father about the sheep for the sacrifice?

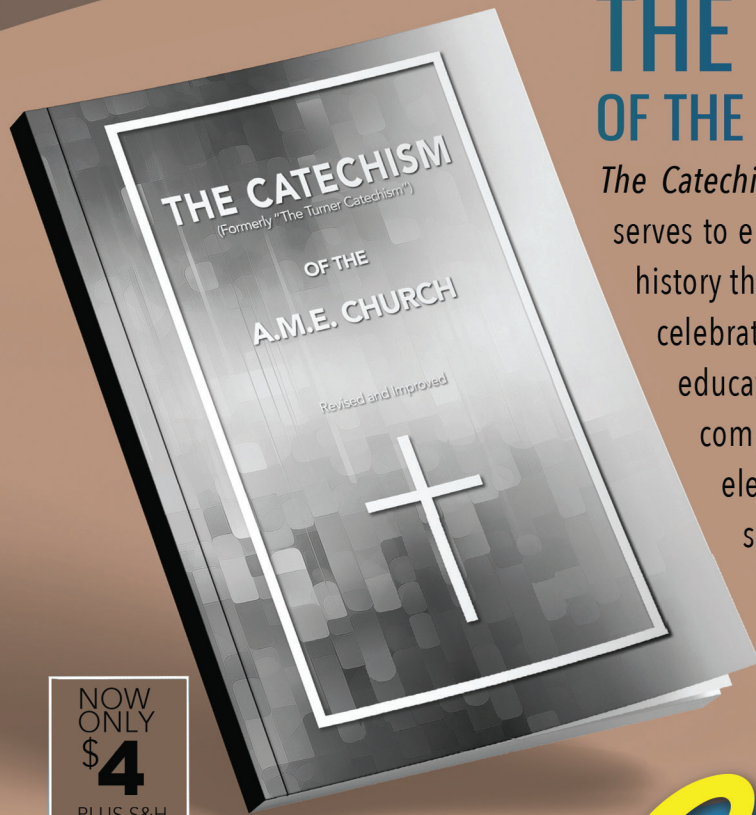
3. Why did the Lord tell Abraham to sacrifice his son?

4. What did Abraham call the place where he found the ram?

5. Why did the Lord stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac?



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