

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY
Chapter 7	A Time of Waiting
Lesson 2	Abraham Obeyed God

AIMS

1. Students will begin to learn the story of Abraham.
2. They will begin to learn what obedience is and how Abraham obeyed God even when it was difficult.

STEP 1

1. Discuss the painting of Abraham and the Angels with the children (this is in their pack). Explain that the man kneeling is Abraham and the other three people are actually angels. Tell the children that the lady peering round the door is Sarah, Abraham's wife.
2. Ask the children what they would do if an angel visited them: would they kneel down like Abraham? Explain that many years after the flood, when the world had a lot of people living in it again, there was another holy man named Abraham. God sent some of his angels to visit him and give him messages. They will learn more about him in today's lesson.

STEP 2

1. Read the Special Paragraph in the children's pack with the children.
2. Emphasise that Abraham always obeyed God, even when it was very difficult. Tell them that Abraham is a model of obedience for all people. God spoke to Abraham and chose him and his descendant to prepare the world for the coming of His Son, the Saviour. God told Abraham about Himself and His plans for him and his descendants. Abraham believed all that God said, and he always obeyed.

STEP 3

1. Explain that the story of Abraham will be divided into three lessons:
 - a. God tells Abraham to move to a new country.
 - b. God promises to make his descendants as numerous as the stars in Heaven and the sand on the seashore
 - c. God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

STEP 4

Read the first part of Abraham's storey to the children from their packs. Then ask them to consider what it must have been like for Abraham to have to move to a new country. Abraham lived with his wife and had many servants. All of these people and animals had to move with him to the new land. Help the children compare how one moves to a new country now with how difficult it was in Abraham's time. Help them to better understand Abraham obedience to God.

STEP 5

Discuss with the children how they can practise the virtue of obedience in their own lives.

STEP 6

God spoke to Abraham directly and asked him to believe what He said. Tell the children that God does not usually speak in that way, but he can speak to us through other people, especially the pope, bishops and priests. These men teach what God asked everybody to believe. Obeying them and having faith in what they say, pleases God.

STEP 7

Let the children complete the exercise in their packs.

STEP 8

Review Question 20 with the children, as well as the definition of “obedience” and “faith.”
Give the children a few minutes to discuss and study them.

STEP 9

Teach an appropriate song such as “I sing the mighty power of God,” *Adoremus Hymnal* #616

STEP 10

Summarize the last two lessons by telling the children that because Adam and Eve lost the gift of grace when they committed the first sin, it was very difficult for anyone to be good. But there were some people like Noah and Abraham, who loved, obeyed, and had faith in God. God helped them become even better, and through them, He prepared the world for the coming of the Saviour.

PREVIEW

In the next lesson we will learn more about God promise to Abraham and Abraham’s faith.