

## *PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE*

### *HEBREWS 11 - FAITH AT WORK*

#### *Abraham and Isaac – Genesis 22:1-19*

- Read Genesis 22:1-19 for the story line referenced in Hebrews 11:17-19 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
  
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
  - Hebrews 11:17-19 points out the faith of Abraham when God tested him. God asked Abraham to do the hardest thing in the world, he asked Abraham to give up his son. This was the ultimate test for Abraham. He had to decide if he really trusted God.
  - Hebrews tells us that Abraham knew God was able to raise dead people back to life. He thought that even if God wanted him to sacrifice Isaac God could bring him back to life. This shows that Abraham was committed to obeying God no matter what.
  - Genesis 22 tells us how Abraham’s faith would lead to blessings for the whole world. We know that Jesus Christ came from Isaac’s descendants. God used the children of Abraham to bring the Savior into the world!
  
- **Questions:**
  - What did God ask Abraham to do in this story? Do you think this made Abraham sad? Why was Abraham willing to obey God? Did he think God would help him?
  - When Isaac asked Abraham where the sacrifice was, what did Abraham say (God will provide the offering)? What did Abraham mean by that? What happened at the end of the story, did God provide?
  - This story reminds us of Jesus, how he came to be a sacrifice for us. The lamb that was sacrificed instead of Isaac reminds us of the fact that Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to be a sacrifice for us. Why do we need a sacrifice?
  - Thank God for making a way for us to have life when it looked like there was no way.