



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of September 19, 2021: Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

Memory Verse

Genesis 22:14

"The Lord will provide"

Note: *Parents, this week's story is a tough one. It's important to make sure kids know that God loves them, that this wouldn't happen today, and it's even possible that Abraham misunderstood God.*

Family Prayers

Morning Prayer: Good morning God. Thank you for this day. Help me to love you, myself, and my neighbor the best that I can. Thank you for being with me today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

For Meal Time: God, thank you for putting people in our lives that love us and protect us. When we don't love each other perfectly, forgive us and help us to do better. Thank you for the hands that gave us this meal, and bless them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bedtime Blessing:

As you rest your body
May your soul rest too
And may you awake with smiles
For wild adventures anew.

Welcome to Faith at Home!

This is a weekly resource curated* by us for parents, grandparents, and guardians to spiritually nourish our kids at home. We encourage you to find spots in your week to engage this or other material. Each week Faith at Home will have prayers and blessings, a memory verse, some crafts and activities, and a creative way of connecting to that week's story from the Bible. Use what's helpful, and skip what isn't! We'll be working to improve this resource along the way. Enjoy the journey!



The Story: Cross Stories

James was cross. Dad was cross. Mum was cross. Maggie was cross.

James was cross because dad had shouted at him. Dad was cross because he'd upset James. Mum was cross because James had disappeared up to his room and it was tea time. Maggie was cross because she wanted her tea.

James thought about what had happened. Perhaps he should have chosen a better time to ask dad if he could

Craft Corner:

(You will need: lots of magazines, store catalogues, children's toy and clothing catalogues, scissors, glue, glue spreaders, paper.)

Give each child a piece of paper and ask them to create a collage on it by cutting out from the magazines and catalogues all the things they love.

Talk with the children about their collages and what they have chosen to include and why. Talk about how much they love each thing they have chosen and which is their particular favourite.

Discuss whether, should they be asked to give it up, if they would be willing to do so or would it be too hard to give it up. Discuss the story with the children and talk about how

Abraham was asked to give up, or sacrifice, his son and how he was willing to do that because he loved God. Ask them to think about anything they might give up because they loved God (e.g.: playing football on a Sunday to allow them to go to church).

go ten pin bowling with his friends on Saturday. Dad thought about what had happened. He was really tired and he hadn't meant to shout at James so loudly, but he had and James was upset. Mum thought about what had happened. She decided that they could sort all this out later but for now they needed to have their tea, before it got cold. Maggie thought about what had happened. She decided the best thing for her to do was sit at the table and wait for her tea.

Dad went and knocked at James bedroom door. James said, "Go away!" Dad said, "James, I'm sorry I shouted." James came to the door and said, "It's okay." Dad said, "We'll talk about the ten pin bowling later." James said, "Lets go down and have tea."

Mum was about to shout "Tea is on the table!" Maggie was sitting waiting. James pulled up a chair to the table. Dad said, "It smells good." And after tea everyone helped with the washing up and James and dad talked about the ten pin bowling and mum and Maggie played a game and no-one was cross anymore...
...for now.

What about you? Have you ever had arguments, misunderstandings, and fights with your parents or siblings? It happens. How did you resolve it? How did you move on? Families are wonderful but difficult sometimes. What helps you when you get angry with family members?

Let's Play: Play a game of 'Simon Says' together where the children have to obey the instructions you give. Those who do not follow those instructions have to 'give up' their place in the game and sit out willingly. Use as a way into the story of Abraham following God's instructions because he loved God and so was willing to 'give up' his son no matter how hard that might be for him.

**Much of this material is curated from a Scottish curriculum called "Spill the Beans", which is why there are British spellings of some words.*