



WEEK 2 (7/17/24)

LESSON

Staycation!

BIG IDEA

God always shows us compassion.

BIBLE

Abraham and Isaac: Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-14; Psalm 145:8-14

We hope you're enjoying the family *Staycation!* This week we will learn about Abraham's son Isaac and God's command to Abraham. Even when things seemed really tough, God was compassionate toward Abraham. The same is true for us!

Icebreaker Question| How have you shown compassion to others?

Staycations can get messy sometimes, and I'm not just talking about how messy your room can get. When we're together for a while, it is easy to start to get frustrated or annoyed with each other.

Can you think of a time this happened to you? How did someone in your family show you compassion when you weren't being your best self? How have you shown compassion to others?

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

Lesson | Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-14 (Abraham and Isaac)

It's time to get cozy and comfy for our *Staycation!* story time!

INSTRUCTIONS: Show [this video](#) from your phone/ipad or tell the story the video refers to then continue teaching the story from Genesis 12:1-7, 22:1-14.

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5aP78z9CxU>

Wow! What an amazing story! Let's read about it from the Bible.

[Read Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-14.]

Last week, we talked about a man named Abram and this week, we are talking about a guy named Abraham . . . This is the same guy! In Genesis 17, God gave Abram a new name. God called him Abraham, which means "father of many." This happened when Abraham was 90 years old!

The problem with this new name was that Abraham and Sarah didn't have any kids! They really wanted to have a child, but after years of waiting, they pretty much gave up on the idea of being parents but God was compassionate, and gave them a baby when Abraham was 100 years old!

Can you imagine, then, how hard it would have been for Abraham to think about losing his child? That would have been devastating. God knew how much Abraham loved Isaac, and that his love for his son

may have become stronger than his love for God. God wanted to invite Abraham to open his hands and not cling so tightly to Isaac. God had great plans for Abraham and Isaac, and God wanted them to be totally available to be a blessing to others. So, in God’s kindness and compassion, God taught Abraham a lesson about letting go.

In God’s compassion, God didn’t punish Abraham for holding onto Isaac too tightly. Instead, God taught them both about living with open hands. As Abraham obeyed, he saw that God provides. God provided the ram to be the sacrifice, and God also provided a chance for Abraham to see God’s kindness and care.

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MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

DISCUSSION

What did God promise to Sarah and Abraham?

What test did God give Abraham?

What did God provide for Abraham to give to God?

How would you describe compassion to someone?

Can you remember a time when someone showed you compassion?

What is one way you can show compassion to someone else this week?

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for always showing us compassion. Even when we don’t understand what is happening, we can trust you to be kind and loving toward us. Help us to share your kindness and compassion with those around us. We love you. Amen.

If Extra Time ...

1. Work on memorizing books of the bible

2. Extra Scripture/Discussion

Read Psalm 145:8-14.

This passage of scripture reminds us that God is full of compassion – and not just compassion for us, but compassion for all.

God showed love and compassion for everyone by sending Jesus, God’s son, to earth. Jesus showed us the perfect picture of compassion as he cared for everyone around him, even those who were brushed aside by others.

Jesus had such great compassion that he died on the cross so that we could be free from sin, and part of the family of God forever. The invitation to be part of the family of God is for everyone.

Read Psalm 145:8-9. What are some words in these verses that describe God’s compassion for us?