

Aim:**Note:**

Read the following or use the PowerPoint or similar

Turn to Genesis 21**Read verse 1-2**

One day Abraham prepared a big party of Isaac – at the time when he would no longer be considered a baby.

What did Sarah see? **Read verses 9**

It doesn't tell us in what way Ishmael was teasing Isaac, but Sarah demanded that Ishmael and his mother be sent away, and the reason she gives is that Ishmael would not share in Abraham's inheritance.

Read verse 11-13

So Hagar and Ishmael left, and when they ran out of food, an Angel spoke to them and showed them a well and promised that God would look after them and make them a great nation.

Read Genesis 22:1-2

Remember that God had spoken to Abraham before, and had appeared to him in a vision, and even in human form. So Abraham knew who God was, and knew that this was God speaking to him.

Abraham prepares and sets out on the journey. After 3 days travel, they leave the servants and the donkey.

Read verses 6-8

The Bible only tells us the simplified version, it doesn't tell us what Isaac said to Abraham, but Isaac obviously trusted his Father and trusted God too.

When Abraham picked up the knife for the sacrifice, a voice speaks.

Read verses 12-13

Remember too, that in the past there were times when Abraham failed to trust God (eg. In Egypt). Now God had asked Abraham to give Him the thing he loved most, his promised son. Did Abraham pass or fail the test this time? (Passed) Abraham had finally learned to fully trust God.

Can we always protect the things we love, the people, our animals and possessions? (No)

Does God have the ability to always protect the things we love, the people, animals and possessions? (Yes)

Read Romans 8:28

Sometimes God allows bad things to happen, because of our choice and the choices of others, because of sin, but even when bad things happen, God will bring good things from them if we let Him.

God loves us, our families, friends, and pets even more than we do. In Jeremiah 29:11 God says He has good plans for us. But there are many times when we choose not to go with God's plans, we think we know what is best. But do we? (No)

Remember that God can see the future, even though we can't.

Read Matthew 6:19-21