

The Test! Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will obey God, even when it's hard.

SuperVerse: "Don't hurt the boy or harm him in any way!" the angel said. "Now I know that you truly obey God, because you were willing to offer Him your only son." Genesis 22:12 (CEV)

Bible Story: Genesis 22:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This story will teach us how we need to obey God even when it is difficult.

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Chris is thrilled with his birthday gift, a new gaming system.
- God gives someone a test—one of the hardest tests a person could ever take!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Are You up for the Test? (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story with an abacus game.

- The Bible tells us that tests are necessary for our faith.
- We can't really know how strong our faith is until it is tested—until we go through a difficult time, and we see how God gives us the power of His Holy Spirit to obey Him.

Game Instructions:

- Our game is a series of tests. Don't worry; they are just for fun—no grades or points will be given!
- Have children stand at least an arm's length apart. You will announce the test and then start the time—for timed tests.
- Discuss the tests and how difficult each one was.

Teaching: Now I Know (15 minutes)

Objective: Understand the message using an object lesson.

- Use a coin to demonstrate what it means to be fully persuaded or convinced.
- Abraham passed God's test with an "A plus"! Abraham brought glory to God by his faith.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our challenge is to memorize the next 10 books of the Old Testament, from Job to Daniel. The first five books on this list are often called the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament.

SuperVerse: Superbook Memorize (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Look up and discuss Genesis 22:12. It takes great faith and trust to obey in hard circumstances.
- Divide the children into three groups and give each one a portion of the SuperVerse to memorize. Have all groups come together and say their part in the correct order.

Prayer: Sacrificial Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God loved us so much that He was willing to sacrifice His only Son to pay the price for our sins.
- Pray and ask God to reveal anything that may be stealing time that I should spend with Him.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Bounce Game: Memorize the books of the Old Testament in a fun way. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Guessing Activity: Guess what is hidden inside. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Object Lesson: Discuss the importance of obeying God. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into obeying God's Word, even when it's hard. | Grades 4–6 | 15 min

Class Project: Create a large Superbook device with the books of the Old Testament. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Sheets of paper—one per child
- Genesis to Esther Poster—from Lesson 1
- Job to Daniel Poster
- Timer
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- One clean, clear jar with lid, plus a tray
- One ball that will fit into the jar, such as a ping pong, golf, or tennis ball
- About five stones that will fit in the jar
- Uncooked rice, beans or corn—enough to fill the jar with the stones and ball inside
- Scissors for the children
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Wisdom and Major Prophets Pattern