

The Test! Lesson 1

SuperTruth: I will honor God as my Creator and obey His Word

SuperVerse: "You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2 (NLT)

Bible Story: Genesis 22:1–19

Game Materials Needed:

- Abacus Pattern
- Options: tables
- Counters: small pebbles, dried corn, beans or coins—about 10 pieces per child
- One paper ball per child
- Timer
- Optional: balloons, stacking objects, and containers

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Small Superbook Device Craft
- Optional: "Old Testament Books" song Sheet Music
- Optional: "Old Testament Books" song audio and a device to play the song in class

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This story will teach us about Abraham's obedience in sacrificing his son, Isaac.

- Be sure to preview the video. Should you feel that some scenes in **Video 3: Bible Story** and **Resolution Video** are too intense for the younger children in your class, you may show **Video 4: Condensed Bible Story**, and **Video 8: Chris and Joy's Resolution** together instead.
- 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: You Can Count on It (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story with an abacus game.

- God told Isaac to count the stars. What did the stars represent to Isaac?
- Demonstrate how to use an abacus.

Game Instructions:

- Pair children with a partner.
- Each child works with a partner to count objects and tasks using an abacus.
- Discuss the activity and tasks after they are completed.
- Discuss how God used stars and sand to describe His countless blessings to His children.

Teaching: Abraham Passes the Test (15 minutes)

Objective: Understand the message through 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)

- Work on memorizing the first 17 books of the Old Testament before our next lesson—from Genesis through Esther. These books are sometimes called the historical books of the Old Testament because they record much of the history of the Jewish people.

SuperVerse: Superbook Study (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Even though Abraham was very old, God still had important things for him to do! And even though you are very young, God has important things for you to do!
- When we obey God and live according to His Word, His promises come to pass in our lives!

Prayer: Helper Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Jesus told His disciples that love and obedience go hand-in-hand.
- Thank God for sending His Holy Spirit to give us the power we need to obey His Word.

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

Class Project: Create a wall hanging with the Old Testament books. | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Balloon Game: Memorize the books of the Old Testament in a fun way. | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Singing Activity: Memorize the books of the Old Testament with a fun song. | Grades 1–6 | 5 min

Object Lesson: Search for the stars of promise. | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Guessing Activity: Connect items to events in the story. | Grades 1–3 | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into how obedience unlocks God's blessings and promises. | Grades 4–6 | 15 min