

## **Discussion Questions Course 102–2**

### **Large Group**

1. When someone tells you to do something fun, is it easy or hard to obey?
2. Why is it difficult if we have to give up something we care about?

### **Small Group**

#### **Game**

1. What kind of score or grade would you give Abraham on his test? Explain.
2. How many of you like to take really hard tests in school? How do you think tests help you?

#### **Teaching**

1. Do you remember from our last lesson how Abraham was able to obey God?
2. Does anyone remember what the first group of 17 Old Testament books is called?

#### **SuperVerse**

1. Who is the angel speaking to in Genesis 22:12?
2. Why did the angel stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac?

#### **Prayer**

1. When you think about God loving us that much, how does that make you feel?
2. If God asked you to give up something that was very important to you, would you be willing to obey Him, since He loves you so much? Could you trust God and respond like Abraham?
3. To put God first in your lives, could you offer up things like relationships, friendships, hobbies, or other things that might steal your time with God?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Guessing Activity**

1. Can you tell what is in the sock by just looking at it and not touching it?
2. Do you trust me that there is something in each sock?
3. Which sock was the hardest for you to guess?

#### **Object Lesson**

1. Why sometimes do we think we know best?
2. Ask and answer questions about different activities the children are given to do. Did they really fully obey, or did they do something else instead?
3. Has God asked you to give up something that isn't good for you, and you are trying to wriggle out of it by doing something else you think will please Him?

#### **Bible Study**

##### **Peter and Andrew—Matthew 4:18–20**

1. What did Jesus ask Peter and Andrew to do?
2. What do you think made this a difficult request to obey?
3. How did Peter and Andrew respond?
4. Why do you think they obeyed? Did they see or sense something different about Jesus?
5. Were they convinced He was the Messiah?

##### **Jesus—Matthew 26:36–46**

1. In verses 36–38, what did Jesus ask some of His closest followers to do?
2. Did they obey Jesus and support Him?

3. In verses 37–38, describe Jesus' condition and feelings.
4. What was Jesus praying about that was so hard?
5. How do you think you would feel being Jesus and having your closest followers not be there for you?
6. Did Jesus ultimately obey even though it was hard?
7. What was Jesus' reward for His obedience?

**Joshua—Joshua 24:1,14–15**

1. Who did Joshua confront and challenge?
2. Why was God angry with Israel?
3. What did Joshua challenge them to do?
4. How did Joshua obey God in a hard time?
5. Is it difficult to obey God when those around you don't—why or why not?
6. If you lived in Bible times and were challenged by Joshua, what would you say? Would you wait to see what the others choose, or would you be one of the first to boldly commit to obeying God even though it might be hard?
7. How do you think Joshua could make such a bold statement?