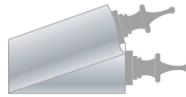




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

Abraham, God's Friend

UNIT 6 - Evidence of Authority and Establishing the Church

GRADES 1-3

HOLY BIBLE

James 2:23, "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Helaman 8:17, "Yea, and behold, Abraham saw of his coming, and was filled with gladness and did rejoice."

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Identify why Abraham became God's Friend, James 2:23

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Abraham became God's friend by listening to Him. How can we become God's friend?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible (KJV) and The Book of Mormon

Video: [Abraham, the Friend of God](#), 1:18 mins.

Assignment: 1- copy per student, page 3. Pencils and markers

Graph: [Lifespan Graph](#) (Adam to Joseph)

TEACHER NOTES

30-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **Story Map**, page 2.

Q = Teacher asks question

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

Definition:

Listen: *v.* to give one's attention to a sound.

To take notice of and act on what someone says.

Trust: *n.* a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength, of someone or something.

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

1. Engage students in a conversation about friends and friendship...

Q: Can you think of someone that is your friend?

Q: What is your friend's name? Why is _____ your friend?

Q: What does it mean to be a friend?

A friend is someone who we:

- Love and who loves us.
- Share by talking, listening, playing...
- Trust and who trusts us.
- Help and who helps us.

Q: What does it mean to listen? (Definition, page 1)

Q: What does it mean to trust? (Definition, page 1)

Goal: Identify why Abraham became God's friend.

Lesson Development (20-25 minutes)

1. Share 1-2 facts about Abraham to give students perspective on the time period. Use Lifespan Graph as a visual, if desired.

Facts about Abraham...

- Abraham lived about 350 years after the flood, when God spared Noah and his family.
- Abraham was born about fifty years after the time when God confused the language of the people (Babel).
- Abraham lived about 1990 years before Jesus.

2. Share account of why Abraham became God's friend (Use Story Map or create your own).
3. Video: Watch video depicting why Abraham becomes God's friend.
4. Discuss Essential Question (Page1).
Give each student a copy of the assignment.
Tell students to write how they can become God's friend inside the circle. Students may color the page.

Story Map: Abraham, God's Friend

(Genesis 12:1-4, 15:1-4, 17:1-4, 16, 19, 21, 18:19, 21:1-5, 26:5, James 2:23, Helaman 8:17, 18)

A long time ago lived Abraham, his wife Sarah, and his nephew Lot. God loves Abraham and Abraham loves God. Abraham shows love to God by listening and trusting.

One day, God tells Abraham to move to a faraway place. God tells Abraham that he will do great things for him in this new place, and He will give him a very large family. Abraham listens to God and moves to the faraway place, with his wife Sarah, and nephew Lot.

Abraham and Sarah grow old, and have no children. They desire to have children, but they are unsuccessful in doing so. Abraham asks God to give him a child. God tells Abraham that He will give him a child. Abraham trusts God, and waits twenty-five years to see it happen. Abraham was 100 years old when his son, Isaac, was born.

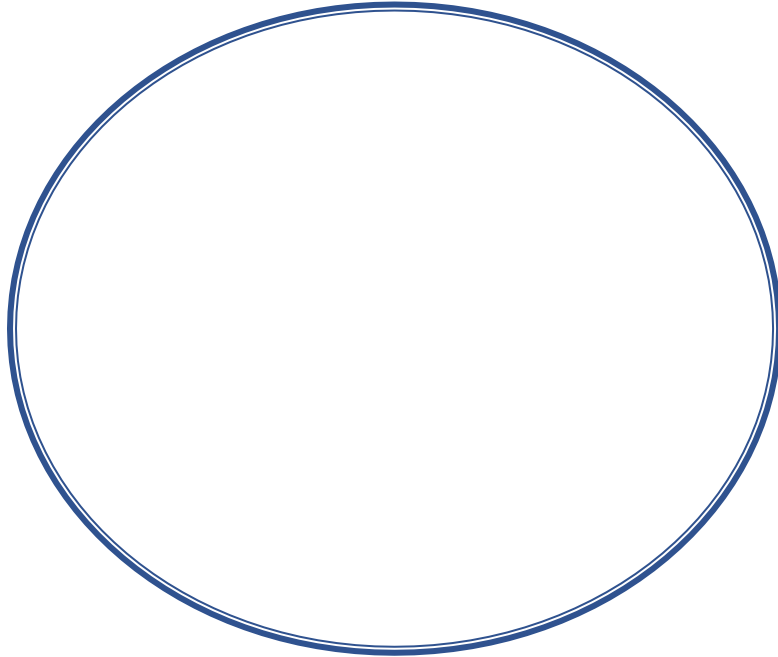
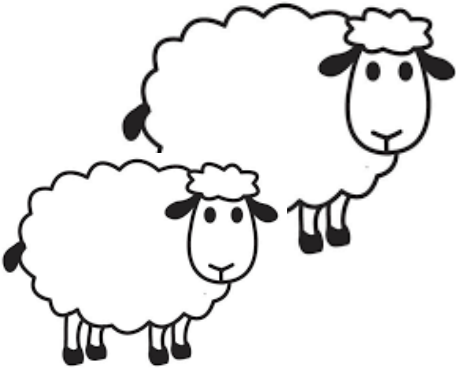
God tells Abraham that Jesus, His Son, will be born into Abraham's family, and will rescue the world. Abraham listens to God and believes that Jesus will save him. The promise of Jesus, the rescuer, makes Abraham very happy.

Abraham pays attention when God speaks, and does what God instructs. Because Abraham listens, God trusts Abraham. Abraham becomes God's friend by listening.

Key words: evidence, authority, Establish, church, Abraham, Isaac

I can become God's FRIEND

by...



Name:

"Abraham believed God... and he was called the Friend of God." James 2:23