Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is Provider. He meets the needs of His children.

This fall in Northway Kids we are learning about the attributes of God. Attributes are words that describe something. This week we learned that God is provider. He meets the needs of His children. We saw this through the narrative of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22. God provided a substitute for Isaac. In the same way, He has provided a substitute to die in the place of sinners – Jesus Christ.

Capture discipleship moments: After dinner one evening, talk through the questions below. Anytime we open the Bible and talk about God, we need to pray and ask Him to help us because only God can teach our hearts. Pray with your family for God to give understanding and belief.

- 1. What attribute of God did you learn about today? God is provider.
- 2. What does it mean for God to be a provider? God meets the needs of His children.
- 3. In the lesson we continued to learn about Abraham and Isaac. What do you remember about them?
- 4. How did Abraham feel about Isaac? He loved Isaac.
- 5. Why do you think Isaac meant so much to his dad?
 Isaac was the son God promised to give him. Abraham had waited for Isaac for 25 years! Isaac was precious to Abraham because he was the fulfillment of God's promise.
- 6. When God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, did he take Isaac and run away and hide? No.
- 7. What did he do instead? What does this show about Abraham's trust in the LORD?

 Abraham obeyed God and set off with Isaac to make the sacrifice. Abraham trusted the LORD.
- 8. How did God provide for Abraham and Isaac (Read Genesis 22:9-14 for a reminder)? God provided a ram to be sacrificed in Isaac's place.
- 9. Does God know the needs of His children? Yes.
- 10. God provided for Abraham. Does God still provide for His children today?

 Yes. God still provides for the needs of His children. God is unchanging. He has always provided for those who love Him, and always will.
- 11. What is the greatest need of all people?

 All people have hearts that are sick with sin and are separated from God. Their greatest need is to be forgiven of sin and adopted into God's family.
- 12. How did God provide a way for the greatest need of His children to be met?

 God has provided a way for this through Jesus' death and resurrection. He gave Jesus to die as a perfect sacrifice. Jesus died in the place of sinners so that they could be forgiven by turning away from their sin to love, follow, and trust Him.
- 13. What are some things you worry God won't provide for you or our family?
- 14. What can we remember together to help us trust God as a perfect provider?

***Additional passages for study: Read Romans 8:28-32 together. You will spend most of your time talking about verse 32.

- 1. Are there any words in this passage that you do not recognize or understand?
- 2. What does it mean that God did not spare Jesus?
- 3. What need did God meet by giving Jesus to die for sin?
- 4. What are some smaller needs we have?
- 5. How does God's provision of Jesus help us have confidence that He will provide for the smaller needs we might have?
- 6. What are some ways we are tempted to meet needs on our own instead of trusting God?
- 7. As a family, how can we encourage one another to trust that God will provide all that we need?

Create discipleship time: Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they color their Faithful Attribute Sign for your Attribute Wall at home.

- 1. What is one thing you learned about God today? God provided Jesus as a sacrifice for sin.
- 2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today? I do not need to worry because God is a provider.

Pray together as a family. Praise God because He is provider. He meets the needs of His children. **Thank** God that He has provided for the greatest need of His children in the sacrifice of Jesus. **Confess** to God times you look to other things other than Him to meet your needs. **Ask God** to help you trust God the way Abraham did, believing you can gladly obey because you are confident that God is faithful and a good provider.

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But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. **Psalm 59:16**