

In YHWH We Trust

Theme: Trusting our Heavenly Father.

Scripture: But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, YHWH will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Genesis 22:7-8 [NKJV]

Scripture: "It is better to trust in YHWH than to trust in man," Psalm 118:8

Today we are going to play a game. The game is called, "Who do you trust?" I am going to choose one person to stand up here in front of the group. That person will choose someone to come and stand behind him. Then the person in front will close his eyes and fall backward into the arms of the person he has chosen to stand behind him. Now, it is very important for the person who is falling to choose someone that he can trust. You wouldn't want to fall back and find that the person you had trusted to catch you has gone to get a drink, would you? (Depending upon how much time you have, allow one or more children to play the game.)

We have been playing the "Who Do You Trust?" game all of our lives. Don't you remember when you were little and you would jump off the bed into your father's arms? You never worried about whether he would catch you or not. You trusted him completely and knew that he wouldn't let you fall.

The story of Abraham and Isaac is a story about trust. Abraham was Isaac's father. Abraham and his wife Sarah had waited for many years for a son and Abraham loved Isaac more than anything in the world. One day, YHWH spoke to Abraham and told him to take Isaac up on a mountain and offer him as a sacrifice. So Abraham took Isaac and they started up the mountain. On the third day, Abraham told Isaac that they were going to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to YHWH.

Isaac said to his father, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham answered Isaac and said, "YHWH will provide the lamb."

They kept walking until they arrived at the place where YHWH had told him to go, then Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied Isaac and placed him on the altar. He took a knife and was ready to kill his son when the angel of the Lord called out to him, "Abraham! Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him!" Then Abraham looked and saw a ram caught by his horns in the thicket. So Abraham took the ram and offered it as a sacrifice to YHWH. Abraham had faith in YHWH and trusted in him completely -- and YHWH provided the lamb -- just as Abraham had told Isaac that he would.

When we put our trust in YHWH, He always provides. Who do you trust?

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MUSIC: Father Abraham and other children's songs

TRUST ACROSTIC: Print the letters for T-R-U-S-T alongside a large poster board and let children write words for each letter that will be about our TRUST story today. (For example: T=touch or teach; R=ram or real; U=unbelievable or understanding; S=sacrifice or Savior; etc).

TRUST WALL HANGING: Lay a long roll of paper in the middle of the table for children to draw on. Have children write today's Bible verse along all the edges of the paper and then draw pictures of things or people that they trust! After all the drawings are completed, the teacher can take a BRIGHT colored marker and write Y'SHUA across the roll of pictures!

TRUST WALK: The teacher can lead the children in a TRUST WALK. Along the way, the teacher will say such things as, "Everyone sit on one of these chairs... do you TRUST it to hold you up", or "Do you trust this door to open and let you through", or "Do you trust this refrigerator to keep your drinks cold" (and hand each child a cold juice box and a cookie might be nice at this time), or "stand here in one spot and do you trust your legs to hold you up", or "While we're outside and looking side to side, do you trust your eyeballs to move with the fluid around them so you can see everything?", etc! Ideas for this can be MANY and then have children sit down on the ground and talk about things that we can TRUST YHWH to do every day in our lives!

ALTAR BUILDING: Give children modeling clay or small rocks and let them build an 'altar' and place a toothpick mini-sign in the altar that can say "offer a sacrifice to YHWH"! This could be done individually or together as a class for a larger altar to help the children to remember today's story.

MOUNTAIN ART: Give each child a piece of paper and glue. Let children draw a large mountain on their picture and sprinkle a small amount of sand over the glue on that mountain! Write over the mountain, TRUST YHWH, or HAVE FAITH THAT YHWH WILL PROVIDE! For added "details" on the mountain, grass clippings or small flowers could be glued to the Mountain picture to be taken home and reminded each day that YHWH PROVIDES!!

TRUST NECKLACE: Give children beads to make a necklace. Lettered beads can be added to the other colorful beads for T-R-U-S-T Y-H-W-H. These beads can be purchased at any store with a craft section.

CHALK MURAL: Give children various colors of chalk and let children take turns at adding to the picture as they see fit. First child could draw the mountain in our story; second child could draw part of an altar, third child could finish the altar, fourth child could draw Abraham, and continue the picture while telling the story again!



"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

GENESIS 22:13

Abraham Is Tested

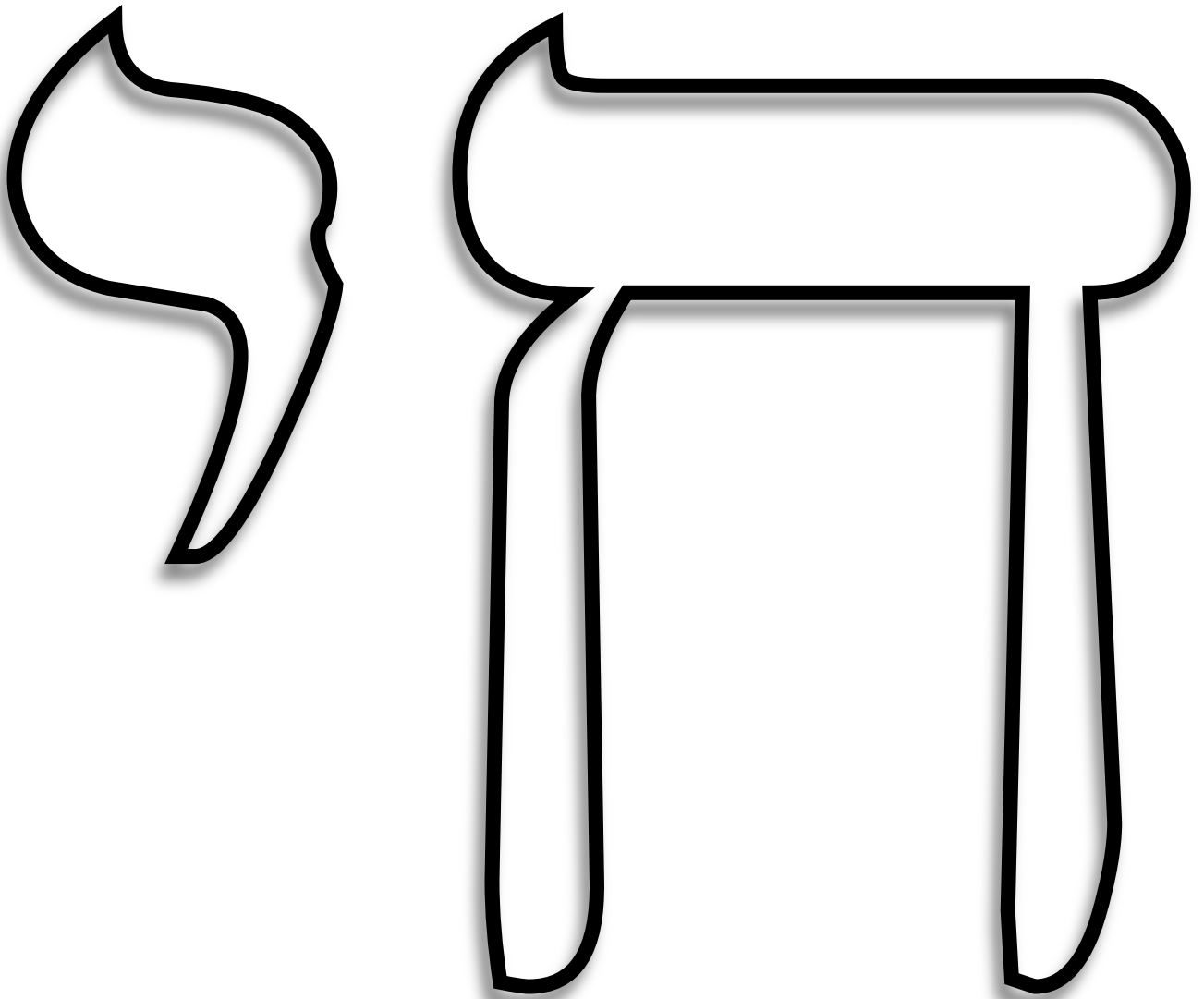
Abraham answered **YHWH** himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. The father of Isaac
A. Abraham B. David C. Moses D. Aaron
- ___ 2. A person's male child
A. daughter B. nephew C. cousin D. son
- ___ 3. A type of table used in making a sacrifice to **YHWH**
A. altar B. wood C. horns D. fire
- ___ 4. A hard substance which forms the branches and trunks of trees
A. altar B. horns C. lamb D. wood
- ___ 5. Burning that produces flames, heat, and smoke
A. lamb B. fire C. wood D. ram
- ___ 6. A tool with a metal blade and a handle used for cutting
A. hammer B. plow C. altar D. knife
- ___ 7. Praising **YAH** through prayer, singing, and giving an offering
A. Abraham B. worship C. knife D. lamb
- ___ 8. A young sheep
A. kitten B. puppy C. lamb D. calf
- ___ 9. An adult male sheep
A. bull B. ram C. lamb D. ewe
- ___ 10. The hard, pointed part that grows from the top of the head of some animals
A. ears B. mane C. tail D. horns

Y'shua is the Lamb of YHWH!



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