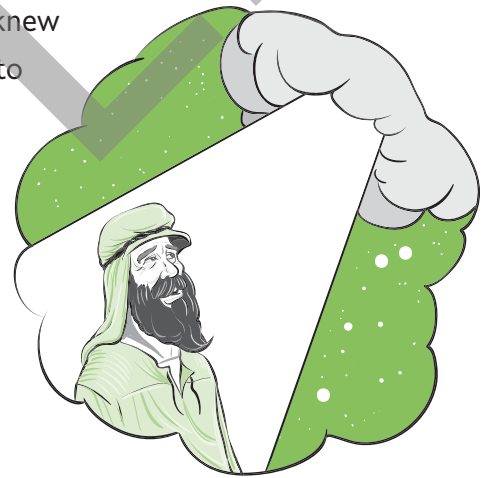


# Abraham, Hero of Faith

Name .....

- Narrator 1:* Isaac grew to be a young man. He was his father's pride and joy.
- Narrator 2:* When Isaac became a teenager, God called to Isaac's father, Abraham.
- Narrator 3:* Abraham heard God's voice and answered,
- Abraham:* Here I am.
- God's voice:* Take your son Isaac to the region of Moriah. While you are there, you are to sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains.
- Narrator 4:* Abraham didn't question God. He trusted God and knew that God would still find a way to keep his promise to make Abraham's descendants into a great nation.
- Narrator 5:* Early the next morning Abraham woke Isaac up.
- Abraham:* We're going on a trip. Hurry and get ready.
- Narrator 6:* Abraham saddled his donkey and took two servants along to help carry supplies.
- Narrator 1:* Abraham also carried enough wood for the burnt offering.
- Narrator 2:* It took the travelers three days to reach the area of Moriah.
- Abraham*  
*(to his servants):* Stay behind with the donkey while Isaac and I go to the mountain to worship.
- Narrator 3:* Abraham loaded the wood on Isaac's back, since Isaac was young and strong and able to carry the load.
- Narrator 4:* Abraham carried the fire and the knife for the sacrifice.
- Narrator 5:* They weren't too far up the mountain when Isaac thought of something.
- Isaac:* Where is the sacrifice for the burnt offering?
- Narrator 6:* Abraham didn't tell Isaac that Isaac was going to be the sacrifice.
- Abraham:* God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.
- Narrator 1:* Like his father, Isaac believed that God would provide what they needed.



*Narrator 2:* The two continued until they reached the place where God had told Abraham to make his sacrifice.

*Narrator 3:* Abraham built an altar upon which to present the sacrifice to God.

*Narrator 4:* He carefully arranged the wood on the top.

*Narrator 5:* Now Abraham had the most difficult task.

*Narrator 6:* He carefully bound Isaac with ropes and placed him on top of the wood.

*Narrator 1:* Abraham was prepared to obey God's command and offer his son as a sacrifice.

*Narrator 2:* Isaac was prepared to obey God and be offered as a sacrifice.

*Narrator 3:* An angel of the Lord came to Abraham just before he offered the sacrifice.

*Angel:* Don't lay a hand on Isaac. Don't do anything to him. God knows that you love him and will obey him in all things. He knows this because you were willing to offer your son as a sacrifice.

*Narrator 4:* As Abraham looked up, he saw a ram caught in a bush.

*Narrator 5:* With Isaac's help, Abraham sacrificed the ram to God in place of his son.

*Narrator 6:* The angel of the Lord had another message for Isaac.

*Angel:* Because you have obeyed God, you will be blessed. Your descendants will number as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. All nations on Earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me.

*Narrator 1:* Abraham, Isaac, and the servants left Moriah and set out for home.

*Narrator 2:* Years later, God would fulfill his promise to Abraham.

*Narrator 3:* Jesus Christ would become the sacrifice for us all.

*Narrator 4:* He would take the place of all the animal sacrifices the people had offered.

*Narrator 5:* All people on Earth would be blessed through Christ.

*Narrator 6:* Christ has saved all of us from our sins and promised us eternal life if we believe in him.

*Narrators 1–6:* We have all been blessed through Christ's sacrifice.

# Abraham, Hero of Faith

Name .....

**TURN** in your Bible to Genesis 22:1–19 to help you answer the following questions.

1. Setting

a. Place: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Problem:

a. What was the problem from God's point of view? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What was the problem from Abraham's point of view? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Events: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Themes: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Foreshadowing:

a. Think about Old Testament sacrifices. Write down words that come to mind. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Why did God's people make sacrifices? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. How was the sacrifice of the ram instead of Isaac like those sacrifices? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. What was the sacrifice in the New Testament that ended the need for Old Testament sacrifices? \_\_\_\_\_

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e. What words come to your mind when you think of that New Testament sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

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f. How is the story of Abraham's test like the story of that sacrifice? How is it different? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How can you thankfully respond to Christ's sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

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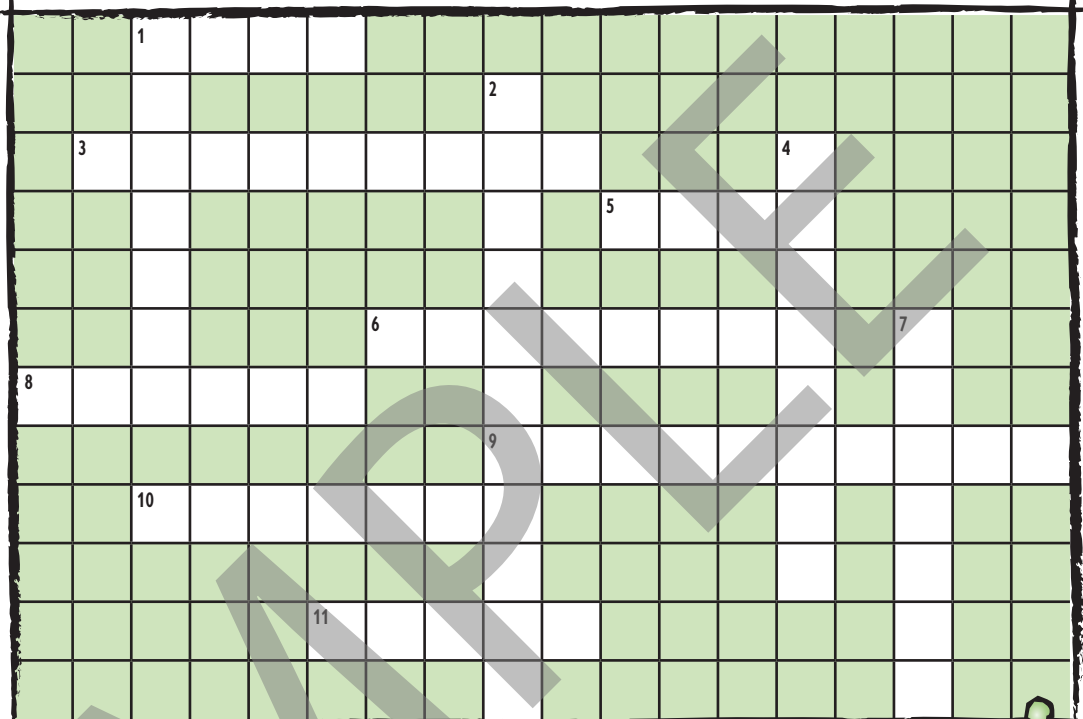
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# Esther's Request

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL** in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle. Then number the events in the correct order.

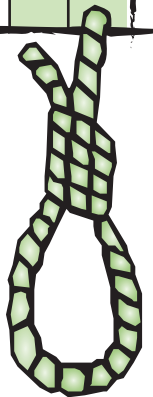


## ACROSS >>

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.** King Xerxes ordered Haman to put a royal robe on Mordecai, to put him on a horse, and to lead him through the streets of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** When Esther told the king that Haman was the man responsible for the edict, Haman was \_\_\_\_\_ before the king and queen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5.** King Xerxes stood up in a \_\_\_\_\_ and went into the palace garden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **6.** As Haman returned home from the banquet, \_\_\_\_\_ refused to kneel before him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8.** Haman's wife, \_\_\_\_\_, and all of his friends suggested that Haman construct a gallows on which to hang Mordecai.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** The king could not sleep, so he ordered the book of the \_\_\_\_\_, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **10.** Esther invited Haman and the king to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **11.** The king realized that he had never given \_\_\_\_\_ or recognition to Mordecai for revealing the plot to assassinate him.

## DOWN ∨

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.** King Xerxes held out the gold \_\_\_\_\_ to Esther when she entered the royal court.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2.** Queen Esther asked the king to save her and her people because they had been "sold for \_\_\_\_\_ and slaughter and annihilation."
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4.** At Esther's second banquet the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your \_\_\_\_\_?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ **7.** Haman was hanged or impaled on the very \_\_\_\_\_ he had constructed for Mordecai.



After studying Esther 5–7, tell what you have learned about how God cares for his people and about how he uses people and events to accomplish his purposes. What does this tell you about how God cares for you and about his plan for your life? How can you apply what you have learned from this lesson to your life? How has God touched your heart?

“**For** if you remain silent at this time,  
relief and deliverance for the Jews  
will arise from another place,  
but you and your father’s family will perish.  
And who knows but that you have come to royal position  
for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14).

# Obeying from the Heart

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** Matthew 5:21–24 and answer the following questions.

1. How can anger be like murder? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Jesus say will happen to people who have a murderous anger toward others? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How might the Pharisees, who believed they could obey God perfectly, have reacted to Jesus' teachings? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Jesus did not add anything new to the Law of Moses. He interpreted it the way God had always intended it. God wants his people to obey the Law from their hearts. He wants his people to do more than follow the letter of the law—instead, he wants them to follow the spirit of his commands.

Jesus taught his disciples to guard against destructive anger, which can damage people and their relationships with one another. The basic human emotion of anger is not bad. It's what we do after we become angry that can cause harm to ourselves and others.

**READ** Matthew 5:38–42 and answer the following questions.

4. Is Jesus telling you in these verses that you should allow yourselves to get beat up? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Does getting even ever solve the real, underlying problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What is a better way to deal with problems than trying to get even? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**READ** Matthew 5:43–48 and answer the following questions.

**Christians should be different from non-Christians.**

**Jesus continued to instruct his disciples about these themes.**

7. What was Jesus' command to his disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How can we imitate Christ's behavior in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Do you think being kind to someone who is nasty to you will change the person's attitude toward you? If it doesn't, what difference does it make whether or not you are kind? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“So do not** worry, saying,  
‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’  
or ‘What shall we wear?’

**For the** pagans run after all these things,  
and your heavenly Father knows that you need them”

(Matthew 6:31–32).

**“No one** can serve two masters.

Either he will hate the one and love the other,  
or he will be devoted to the one  
and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and Money”

(Matthew 6:24).

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