



## WARMUP

A RUN THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Discussion Questions for the week of April 9th

**BIG IDEA:** "Why the Old Testament?" And "What can Jr high students get out of it?" The majority of churches and Christian culture only focus on the New Testament, but without a proper understanding of the Old, the New cannot be fully understood. Join us this week for the look through Genesis.

#### ICE BREAKER:

Are there any wacky family traits or habits that your grandparents and parents embodied or carried and now you do too?

#### DISCUSSION:

1. Has anyone in Language Arts or reading class learned what the term 'foreshadowing' means? (Hint for kids: Books like Holes, Tuck Everlasting, even Harry Potter use that literary device.)

2. In what ways do you believe the bible to foreshadow? (How does it and for what events?)

\*We recommend watching this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGFtfqgBQkM> (We watched it in WAKE but we know attendance varies.) Prep students: 'in this video they will talk about people in history and how Jesus would be a truer and better version of them.' Points to whoever gets the correct # of people mentioned, correct # of things, and can name them all. (*Adam, Abel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Job, David, Esther, Jonah, Rock of Moses, Passover Lamb, Temple, Prophet, Priest, King, Sacrifice, True Lamb, True Light, True Bread.*) Reminder this is not a complete list. There are several lives not mentioned that are accounts given in the OT that just don't make it to the video.

Today at Small Group we want to hit the story of Abraham to Isaac to Jacob.

4. Read Genesis 12:1-6. What is the first call of Abram (later becomes Abraham)?

5. Read Genesis 13:14-18. What now is God promising to Abram?

6. Read Genesis 15:1-6. What does Abram ask of God, what does God promise?

7. Who else is a father to infinitely many?

8. Read Genesis 22:1-9. What has God given Abraham? What has he called him to do with that son?

9. Read Genesis 22:11-18. What did God do to spare Isaac? Who would He not spare in the future? How does this story foreshadow what is coming in God's son's life?

10. Read Genesis 35:11-15. Have you heard a command/ promise like this before? Maybe familiar from Jacob's grandad or dad? In the lineage of what man is the nation of Israel born?

11. With any current knowledge you have of the Israelites, who are they? What do they become known by?

12. How do you begin to suspect the Israelite's lives/stories 'foreshadow' ours?

#### APPLICATION:

13. Read or spend time this week reading Hebrews 11:8-12 & 17-22. The New Testament, refers back to and reminds us of the Old Testament promises now fulfilled.

14. God allowed His word to be repetitive so that we might see His character made up through true story after true story of real happenings. And in order to truly know God, You must know His character.

15. Author Sally Lloyd-Jones said it best, "At the center of the Story is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. Every story whispers His name. From Noah to Moses to the great King David--- every story points to him. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle---the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds."