I want to KNOW YOU**:** the Attributes of God

**PROVIDER**

**LESSON 11** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight was helpful to you as you got to know God better as your **Savior**?

2. Pray and ask God to help you discover a deeper understanding of how He is **Provider** from reading **Genesis 22:1-14**. Take note of your life and jot down some of what God has **provided** for you.

3. a) Read **V:1-3.** Why do you think that God tested Abraham?

b) What shocks you about God’s request of Abraham? Would it have been shocking in Abraham’s day/culture?

c) Comment on Abraham’s responses in **V1** and **V3-4**.

4. a) What was Abraham’s intention (and assumption) as seen in his instructions to his servants in **V5**?

b) Do you view trust and obedience to God as “worship”? Explain.

5. Read **V6-7**. As Abraham and Isaac walked up the mountain, what question did Isaac ask, and what emotions could he have been feeling?

6. a) What impresses you about Abraham’s response to Isaac (**V8**)?

 b) Why do you think Abraham was trusting God to **provide**? (See **Hebrews 11:17-19**)

7. Describe the scene and possible emotions of Abraham as he continued to obey God in **V9-10**.

8. a) In your own words, what did God tell Abraham in **V11-12**?

b) How did Abraham’s actions demonstrate that he feared God?

9. Given that Abraham had an older son, Ishmael, why do you think God referred to Isaac as Abraham’s “only son”? (**V2, V12**)

10. How did God **provide** for Abraham and Isaac in **V13**?

11. In **V14** what did Abraham named the mountain? And what could this saying mean to you in your own life?

12. a) Note the many ways that God **provides** in the following Scriptures:

* **2 Samuel 7:10-11**
* **Psalm 111:9**
* **Acts 14:17**
* **1 Corinthians 10:13**
* **1 Peter 4 :11b**

b) What timeless truth about God’s **provision** do you find in **1 Timothy 6:17**?

13. As you’ve come to know God better as **Provider** through Abraham’s story, examine your own life…

a) Where are you most needing God to **provide**?

b) In your opinion, why did Abraham named the mountain “The Lord *Will* **Provide**” instead of “The Lord *Did* **Provide**?” How did that encourage or challenge you?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. God is our **Provider**. According to these verses, how does He let us **provide** for the needs of others?

* **Acts 11:29**
* **Acts 27:3**
* **Colossians 4:1**
* **1 Timothy 5:8**

2. How does the response to God’s **provision** in **Jeremiah 33:9** inspire you?

3. Sometimes God **provides** in ways we don’t want but we actually need. How do you see that lived out:

* In the life of Jonah (**Jonah 1:17, 4:6-8**)?
* In your own life?

4. a) Memorize the phrase that Abraham landed on in **Genesis 22:14, “**The Lord Will **Provide.”**

 b) Make this your prayer for anything you are facing this week.

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