




Judeo– Christian Story of Abraham		Key Terms	Influences of the stories of Abraham																										
<p><b>Genesis 12—God’s covenants with Abraham</b></p> <p>God made 3 covenants with Abraham. Covenants are a special agreement between humans and God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Promised Land– God instructed Abraham to move to the promised land and this would be a blessed place for all of his decedent's.</li><li>2. Lots of Children– God promised Abraham that he would have more children than stars in the sky.</li><li>3. His family would be God’s chosen people– God promised Abraham that his decedents were the chosen people of God.</li></ol> <p><u>Genesis 22– The near sacrifice of Isaac</u></p> <p>After many years, God told Abraham that he must take his son Isaac and sacrifice him to God. Abraham loved Isaac and did not want him to die but he followed God’s commandment and prepared to sacrifice Isaac. At the last minute an angel appeared and said, <b>“Don’t kill your son or hurt him in any way. Now I can see that you respect God. I see that you have not kept your son, your only son, from me.” (Genesis 22)</b></p> <p><b>Islamic story of Ibrahim</b></p> <p>Ibrahim was a loyal servant of God. He rejected the Idols of Mecca and was committed to monotheism (the belief in one God.) He was so committed to Allah that he was almost burnt alive for reject the Pegan idols.</p> <p>Years later, Ibrahim had a vision where he was sacrificing his eldest son Ismail. He asked Ismail what he thought he should do and Ismail agreed to go ahead with the sacrifice. On their Journey they were tempted by Iblis to disobey God. However they threw stones at him to show that they rejected the temptation and Iblis himself. They prepared for the sacrifice and at the last moment the angels appeared and said, “The angels cried out to him <b><i>"O Ibrahim! You have already fulfilled the vision! We reward those who do right."</i></b> <i>The vision was obviously a test and Ibrahim was willing to give a momentous sacrifice. 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Also known as ‘Greater Eid’</td></tr></table> <p><b>Judaism– Brit Milah</b></p> <p>The story of Abraham influences Jewish people to celebrate the festival of Brit Milah, which involves the circumcision of baby boys, aged 8 days old.</p> <p>In the Torah (Genesis) it states, <b><i>“Every male among you must be circumcised. You must obey this agreement.”</i></b> Jewish people believe that circumcision is a way of showing god that they accept his covenants and they are God’s chosen people.</p>	Abrahamic Faiths	The three monotheistic religions, started by Abraham. Judaism (1400BC), Christianity (4BC), Islam (610AD).	Influence	For something to influence the character, development, or behaviour of someone or something.	Idols	An image or representation of a God used as an object of worship.	Covenant	An agreement between humans and God	Promised Land	The Land promised by God to the decedents of Abraham, believed to be modern day Israel.	Circumcision	The surgical removal of the foreskin.	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He is given his official Hebrew name.</li><li>•Afterwards the family celebrates with a festive meal.</li></ul> <p><b>Christianity– Sacrifice</b></p> <p>The story of Abraham teaches Christians the importance of sacrifice. Historically The Hebrews sacrificed (killed) animals to show their love for God! This is because animals were valuable, and therefore killing an animal and offering it to God was a way of saying how much you loved God. Christians no longer sacrifice an animal to show their love for God because Jesus taught: <b><i>“To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”</i></b></p> <p>The story of Abraham influences Christians to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be loyal and obedient to God because this life is a test</li><li>• To trust that God will provide for them.</li><li>• Christians today do good works and care for those in need as a form of Sacrifice.</li></ul> <p><b>Islam– Events during Hajj</b></p> <p>Many events during the pilgrimage of Hajj remembers events in the life of the prophet Ibrahim his wife Hajar and his son Ismail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tawaf-</b> The <b>Ka’ba</b> was originally built by Ibrahim and Ismail, as a place of worship dedicated to Allah. Muslims today visit the Ka’ba to remember Ibrahim’s devotion to the one God and walk around the Ka’ba that Ibrahim built</li><li>• <b>Sa’y-</b> Muslims also run between the two hills of Al-Safa and Al-Marwa like Hajar did, they drink from the <b>Zam Zam</b> river that appeared for her and Ismail, helping Muslims to remember that God is omnipotent, and he provides for his loyal followers</li><li>• <b>Jamarat-</b> Muslims today throw stones at three pillars to remember Ibrahim’s rejection of Iblis and temptation.</li><li>• <b>Eid ul-Adha-</b> they sacrifice a sheep and share the meat with the poor. Ibrahim was willing to sacrifice the thing that was most precious to him. The story is a reminder to all Muslims that in order to worship Allah, they must be willing to give for the good of other people.</li></ul> <p><b>Islam– Eid-UI-Adha</b></p> <p><b>Eid-UI-Adha</b> is the festival of sacrifice and also known as “Greater Eid”. Muslims celebrate Eid-UI-Adha by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sacrificing and sharing the meat of an animal.</li><li>• Going to the Mosque for a special service focusing on the story of Ibrahim.</li><li>• Spending time with family and friends</li></ul>
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