

The BIBLE Story

Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 22

Abraham and Sarah were very old when God gave them a son. They named him Isaac. God said all of the people on earth would be blessed because of Abraham and Sarah's family, so their son Isaac was very special.

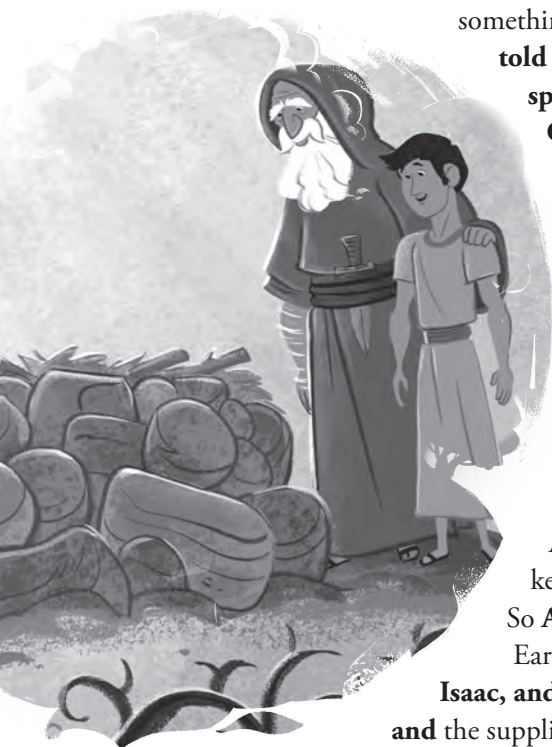
One day, God told Abraham to do something that sounded strange. **God told Abraham to take Isaac to a special mountain and give him to God as a sacrifice.**

Abraham loved Isaac very much. God had promised that Isaac would have a family. How could that happen if Abraham gave Isaac as a sacrifice?

Abraham believed that God would make things turn out right. He did not know how God would do it, but Abraham believed God would keep His promise about his family. **So Abraham obeyed.**

Early in the morning, **Abraham, Isaac, and two helpers took a donkey and the supplies they needed. They walked for three days until they came to the mountain. Then Abraham and Isaac went up the mountain by themselves.**

Isaac saw that something was missing. **“Where is the lamb to sacrifice to God?”** asked Isaac. Abraham said, **“God will give us a**



lamb to sacrifice.”

Abraham built the altar and **got ready to offer Isaac to God. A voice called to them from heaven and said, “Abraham, I see that you were willing to do what I said. You do not have to offer your son Isaac.” Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the bushes. God had sent a ram to sacrifice instead of Isaac.** God could see that Abraham loved God most of all.

God said to Abraham, “You will have as many descendants as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. All the world will be blessed.”

Christ Connection: Abraham trusted God. He was willing to give up his son Isaac when God asked him to. God provided a ram so Isaac could live. God was willing to give up His Son, Jesus, to save the world from sin. Jesus gave up His life as a sacrifice for our sin so we can live.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Move with the story:** Slowly move from one side of the room to the other as Abraham and Isaac go up the mountain.
- **Play out the story:** “Hide” a stuffed ram or lamb in the room, and “find” it when Abraham sees the ram.