

Isaac and the Sacrifice

There once was a man named Abraham. Abraham and his wife Sarah loved God. They were very old, and God had never given them a baby even though he promised Abraham He would. When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90, she finally had a baby. They named their baby boy, Isaac, and they loved him very much.

One day, when Isaac was a little boy, God called to Abraham and asked him to do a very hard thing. God told Abraham to take Isaac on top of a mountain and kill him and offer him as a sacrifice to God. God was asking Abraham to give Isaac back to Him. Abraham loved Isaac very much, but he loved God more. Abraham didn't tell anyone what God had asked him to do, he just gathered his things and him, Isaac, and a few of his helpers started to make the trip to the mountain.

When they reached the bottom of the mountain, Abraham told his helpers to wait for them at the bottom because he was going to make this sacrifice with just him and Isaac. He took the logs he was going to use for the fire, handed them to Isaac to carry up the mountain, and the two of them climbed to the top. As they were walking, Isaac said, "We have the wood for the fire, but we don't have an animal to sacrifice." Abraham answered his son and said, "God will provide the lamb," and they kept walking.

When they reached the top of the mountain, Abraham built the altar. He laid the firewood on top. He tied up Isaac and then put Isaac on top of the altar. Then he took his knife, and he pulled back his arm to stab Isaac and kill him for the sacrifice. Just as he was about to hurt Isaac an angel said, "Stop, do not hurt the boy. God can see in your heart just how much you love Him. Do not sacrifice Isaac."

Abraham was relieved. He did not want to hurt Isaac, but he wanted to obey God. God was testing Abraham to see just how much Abraham loved Him and Abraham passed the test. Then Abraham looked around and saw a ram stuck in the bushes. He took the ram and offered the ram as a sacrifice instead of Isaac. God provided the ram just as Abraham told Isaac He would do. Abraham had faith that God would take care of the situation. All he had to do was obey. Then Abraham and Isaac walked back down the mountain.