



ABRAHAM AND ISAAC



Genesis 22:1-19

Many years passed while Abraham and Sarah waited for God's promise to come true. At the right time, God kept His promise, and Abraham and his wife had a son named Isaac. One day, God tested Abraham so that he could show just how much faith he had in God.

God said, "Take your only son Isaac, whom you love, and offer him as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Abraham obeyed God. He got up early, saddled his donkey, and gathered wood for the burnt offering. He set out with Isaac and his servants toward the mountain God had spoken of.

When they arrived at the mountain, Abraham had Isaac carry the wood, and Abraham carried the knife and the fire. Isaac asked, "My father, where is the animal for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God Himself will provide the lamb for the offering, my son."

Abraham was about to sacrifice his son when God stopped him! The angel of the Lord called to Abraham and said, "I see that you fear God and would not even withhold your only son." Abraham then saw a ram caught in the thicket that God provided for the burnt offering. Abraham named that place, "The Lord Will Provide."

God saw Abraham's great faith because he was willing to give up his only son. God promised again, "I will bless you and make your family as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. All the nations of the earth will be blessed through your family."



Big Picture Question: *Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.*



Christ Connection: Abraham was willing to give his only son for God, but God provided another way. God was willing to give His only Son for us. Jesus knew there was no other way to save God's people, so He died and rose again to provide them with forgiveness and life with God forever.