

An illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. In the foreground, an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe and a brown hat, carries a large bundle of dark logs on his back. He holds a golden lantern in his right hand and a long, curved staff in his left. To his left, a younger man in a green tunic carries a bundle of logs on his shoulders. The background shows a vast, orange-hued desert landscape with rolling hills and a small figure on a donkey in the distance. The sky is a mix of yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is that of a classic children's book illustration.

# The Beginning of God's Story

## Abraham Sacrifices Isaac

# Hear It: Genesis 22:1-13

**[1] After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." [2] He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." [3] So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. [4] On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. [5] Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." [6] And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.**

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**[7] And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"**

**[8] Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. [9] When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. [10] Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. [11] But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." [12] He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." [13] And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.**



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- God finally fulfilled His promise to Abraham and his wife, Sarah, and gave them a son, Isaac!
- However, God wished to test Abraham. He commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- Abraham took Isaac to a mountain, tied him up, and was prepared to sacrifice Isaac before God stopped him.
- God knew that Abraham didn't just love God for what God had given Abraham, but loved God so much that he was willing to give everything to God.
- God loved us so much that He sent his Son, Jesus, to be a sacrifice for us. Unlike Isaac, God did not spare Jesus. Because of this, we can know God!



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Genesis 22:8

# Reflection Questions

- What was the name of Abraham's only Son?  
Isaac
- What did God command Abraham to do?  
He commanded Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac.
- What did God do when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac?  
God stopped him because God now knew that Abraham would give anything to God.
- Who did God actually sacrifice?  
His only son Jesus.

**Challenge Question:** What can you sacrifice for God this week?