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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. This seems like a hard story—why would the Lord tell him to sacrifice his son? But of course the Lord wasn't really going to have him kill his son. (You might want to tell them what a sacrifice is).
- b. First of all, talk about how happy they were that Isaac was born. They had waited so long for a son.
- c. This was a test to see if Abraham really trusted the Lord. And the Lord was pleased that Abraham trusted Him so much he would do anything for him.
- d. You can point out that we can trust the Lord that much, because everything He tells us is good for us. And Abraham learned that the Lord would not really have him kill his son.



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The Lord Tests Abraham

When Abram was 99 years old the Lord appeared to him and said, “Your name shall no longer be Abram but your name shall be Abraham and you will be the father of many nations. And Sarai’s name shall be changed to Sarah. And she will be the mother of many nations, and I will bless her and she will have a boy and his name shall be Isaac.”

And Sarah had a boy and they called his name Isaac. And Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.

Now when Isaac was a young boy, the Lord called Abraham to test him. And the Lord said to Abraham, “Take Isaac, your only child whom you love, up into the mountains to a place I shall show you, and there you shall offer him to me.” So Abraham took Isaac and went to the place the Lord showed him. There he built an altar to the Lord and laid wood on the altar to build a fire.

But when he would give Isaac as an offering to the Lord, an angel called to him and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” Abraham said, “Here am I.” And the angel of the Lord said, “Do not hurt Isaac. Now you have shown that you love the Lord.” Then Abraham saw a ram caught in the bushes and he brought the ram and gave it as an offering to the Lord instead of his son Isaac.

And the Lord was pleased with Abraham and blessed him.

Genesis 17, 21 and 22

