

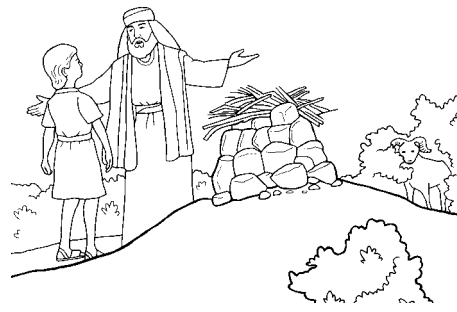
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☆Let's Talk

SAY Abraham and Sarah loved their son, Isaac, very much. They taught him to pray and believe in God's promises. Isaac learned to trust and obey God. Then one day God tested Abraham.

ASK *What did God tell Abraham to do?*

SAY God told Abraham to take Isaac to a mountain and offer him there as a sacrifice. People usually gave lambs or other animals to God for their offerings. But God was asking Abraham to give his own dear son Isaac!

SAY Abraham trusted in God and his promises. So Abraham obeyed God—even though it was hard to do so! He and Isaac went to the place where God had told him to go. Once there, God stopped him from sacrificing his son and provided a ram in Isaac's place, just as God provided Christ to take our place. How thankful Abraham and Isaac were that they belonged to God and that God provided all they needed—not only in life but for their eternal salvation.

☆Let's Make and Talk

- 1 Remind your children that before Christ came, people showed they trusted and obeyed God by offering animal sacrifices for sin on an altar. They looked forward to the day when the promised Savior would come and save them from their sins. When Jesus came, he died in our place on the cross. God saves his people and provides all we need, and we can always count on him to help us trust and obey him.
- 2 Cut out **gray paper** stones to make an altar and **brown paper** wooden beams to make a cross. Let children **glue** paper stones to a large sheet of **construction paper** to make an altar. Talk about how the altar reminds us that God provided a ram as a sacrifice in Isaac's place. Then paste the paper beams in the shape of a cross on top of the altar. The cross reminds us that Jesus was sacrificed for us.
- 3 As they work, let children mention times when they and their families trusted and obeyed God, even though it was hard.

☆Let's Pray

Gather the children around you. Ask God to give each child a heart that desires to trust, obey, and follow the Savior, even when it may be hard to do so! Thank God for providing Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.