

Abraham Tested

Genesis 22

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God said to Abraham, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to a mountain that I will show you. There you are to sacrifice him as a burnt offering."

The next morning, Abraham, along with Isaac and two servants, set out for the mountain God had told him about. Three days later Abraham saw the appointed place off in the distance. He told his servants, "Wait here until Isaac and I return from worshiping the Lord."

As they walked along, Isaac said, "Father, we have the wood for the fire, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"

"God will provide the lamb, my son."

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar. Then he tied up Isaac and put him on the altar. Abraham picked up the knife and prepared to kill his son. But a voice called from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham! Do not kill your son. Because you have obeyed me, because you were willing to sacrifice your son, I will bless you."

Abraham heard a noise behind him. He turned and there was a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham sacrificed that ram in place of his beloved son. He called that place God Will Provide. He and Isaac returned to where they had left the servants and together they went back home.