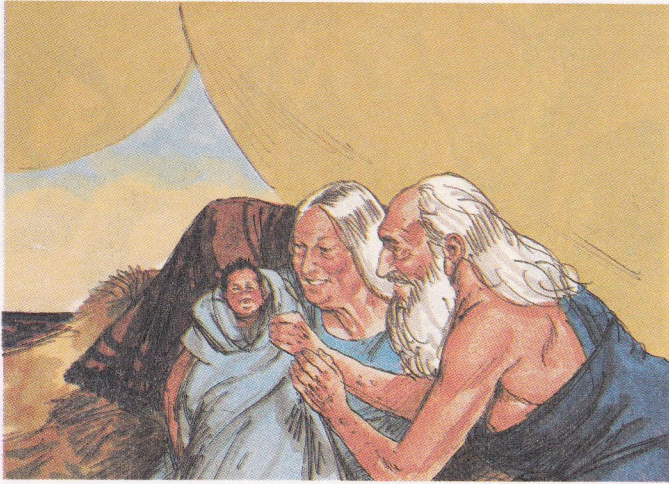
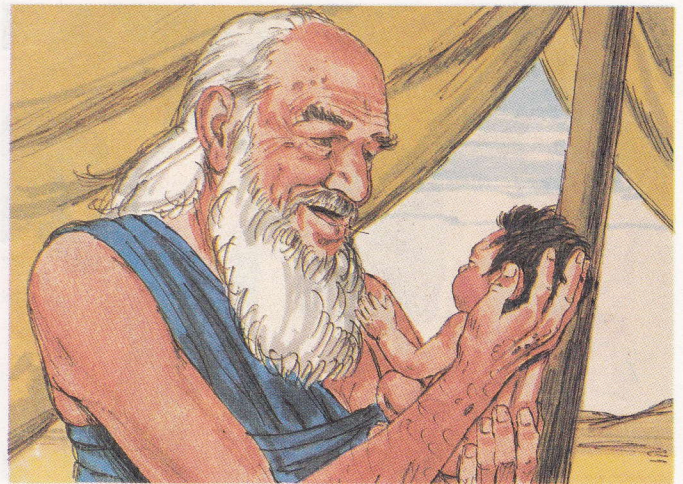


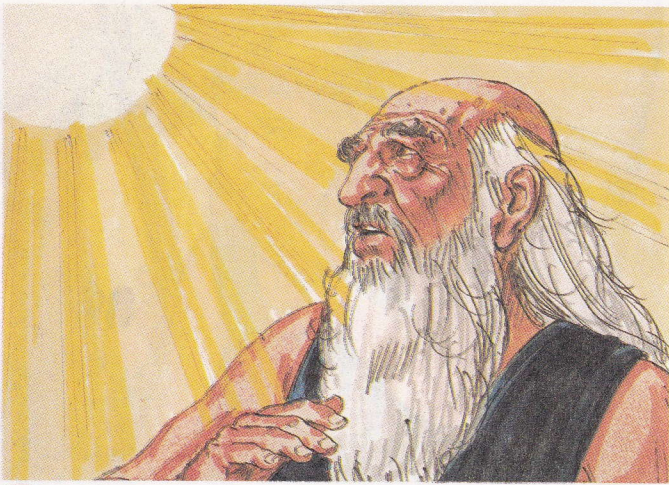
# God Tests Abraham



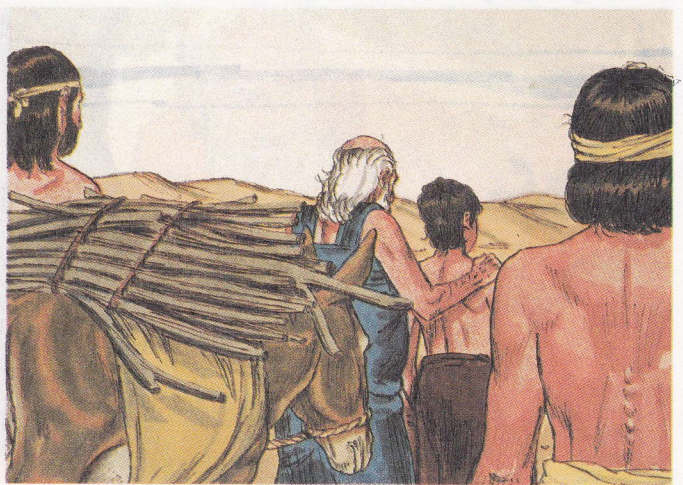
**1** When Abraham was 100 years old, Sarah gave birth to a son. This was the child God had promised Abraham and Sarah for so long.



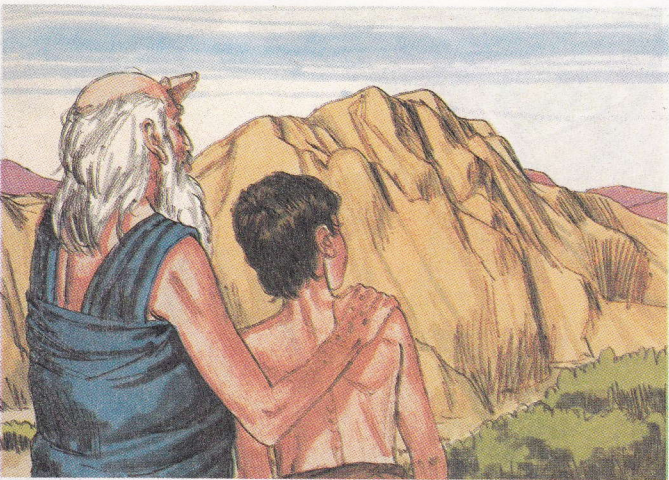
**2** Abraham named the child Isaac. When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, just as God had commanded.



**3** Time passed. Then one day the Lord tested Abraham. He told Abraham to take Isaac to a certain mountain and there to offer him as a sacrifice to God.



**4** Early the next morning, Abraham cut wood for the sacrifice and loaded it on his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants and started out for the mountain which God had described.



**5** On the third day they could see the mountain in the distance. Abraham said to the servants, "Stay here with the donkey. Isaac and I will go the mountain and worship. We will be back soon."

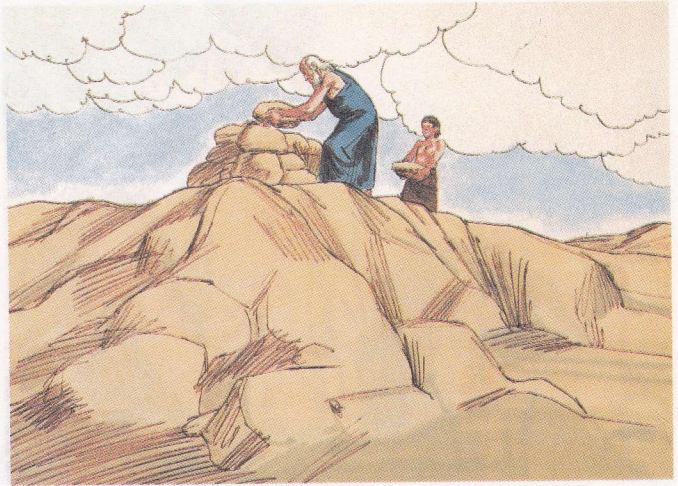


**6** Abraham had Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice, while he himself carried a knife and live coals for starting the fire.

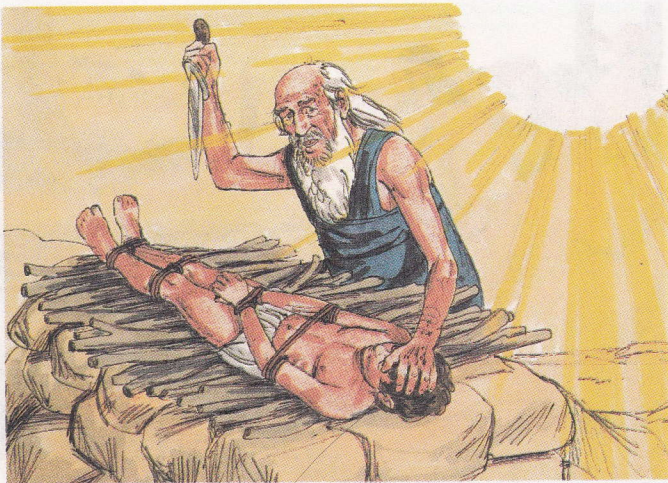




**7** On the way to the mountain, Isaac asked, "Father, where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide one."



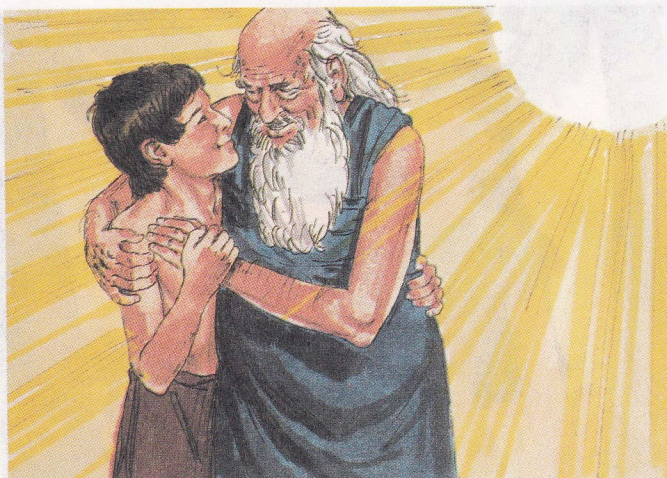
**8** When they came to the right place, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up Isaac, his dear son, and placed him upon the wood on the altar.



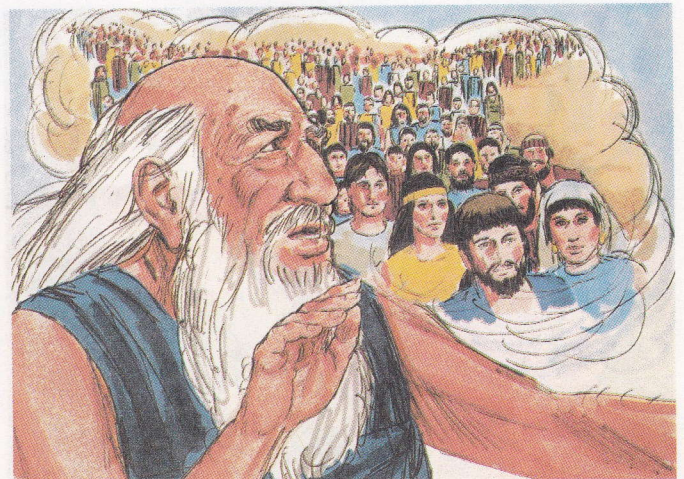
**9** Just as Abraham raised the knife to kill his son, the angel of the Lord stopped him. The angel said, "Don't hurt the boy. Now I know that you honor God."



**10** Abraham then noticed a ram whose horns were caught in a nearby bush. He offered this ram as a sacrifice in the place of his son Isaac.



**11** Then God said, "I, the Lord, will richly bless you because you did not keep back even your only son from me."



**12** "Your descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky, and through them all nations will be blessed—all because you obeyed my commands." Abraham's faith had passed God's test.