

7. Abraham & His Son

Introduction: The previous story was about God's promise to Abraham that he would have many descendants, as many as stars in the sky. Abraham trusted God, so he received many blessings from God.

Later, God gave him a son named Isaac. (Genesis 15:5–6; 21:3, 5)

After a while, God wanted to test Abraham. He told Abraham, “Abraham, bring your beloved son Isaac to the mountain and use him as sacrifice to me.” (Genesis 22:1–2)

Abraham got up early in the morning, brought a donkey, a bunch of firewood, two servants and Isaac and set out for the mountain where God told him to go. After they walked three days, they saw the mountain. (Genesis 22:3–4)

Abraham told the two servants, “Isaac and I are going to worship God. You stay here with the donkey and wait for us.” (Genesis 22:5)

Abraham put the firewood on Isaac's back for him to carry. He then carried a knife and fire. Father and son continued to head up the mountain. (Genesis 22:6)

Isaac asked his father, “Father, I see, we have firewood and fire, but where is the lamb for us to sacrifice?” (Genesis 22:7)

Abraham replied to him, “Son, God himself will provide a lamb for sacrifice.” (Genesis 22:8)

When they arrived at the mountain, Abraham built a place for worshipping God. Then, he tied up his son Isaac, and put him and the firewood on the place for worshipping God. (Genesis 22:9–10)

As Abraham was about to raise the knife to kill his son, an angel of God shouted to Abraham, “Abraham, don't do this. Do not hurt this child. Now I know that you really do listen to God and respect Him. You have not kept your only son and are willing to give him to me.” (Genesis 22:11–12)

Then, Abraham saw a ram stuck among some tree branches. He took this ram instead of his son to sacrifice to God. (Genesis 22:13)

The angel shouted a second time from the sky, “Abraham, God said, ‘You did not keep from sacrificing your son to me. I will most certainly bless you. Your descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky and the sand along the river. Also because you have obeyed me, all nations and all people will be blessed because of you.’” (Genesis 22:15–18)