

# Isaac's Birth/Abraham Offers Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19



## The Story

God had promised Abraham not just one child but many children. Abraham and Sarah were getting very old and still they had no baby. God wanted to make Abraham's and

Sarah's faith stronger. He wanted them to learn to trust only in Him.

The Lord came to Sarah and did something wonderful for Sarah, just as He had said He



would. He gave Sarah and Abraham a baby boy when they were very old. Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 when they had their baby. This was exactly the time God wanted the baby to be born. Abraham called his new baby boy, Isaac. And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears that I have had a baby will join with me and also laugh." She knew everyone would be surprised and happy that two old people could have a baby.

After some years had passed, God wanted to be sure Abraham still loved and trusted only God. One day God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, the son he loved so very much, and offer Isaac up as a burnt offering to God. Abraham got up the very next morning. He called his only son, Isaac, and two servants to go with him. He got some wood to burn the offering. Then they started to travel. It took them three days to walk to the mountain. It was where God wanted them to be.

When they got there, Abraham told his servants to stay behind while he and Isaac went on a little further. Isaac was carrying the wood. Abraham had the fire and a knife. Isaac asked his father where the lamb was that they would offer on the fire to God. Abraham told Isaac that God would make sure they had a lamb.

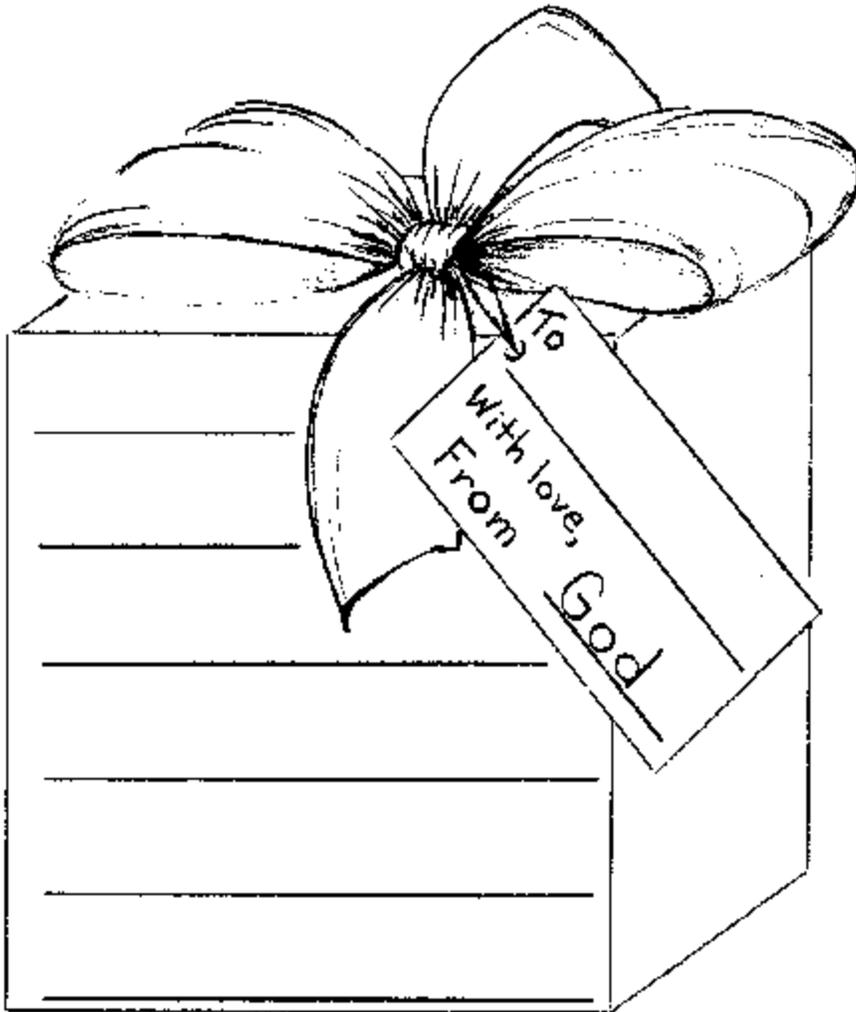
When they came to the exact place where God wanted them, Abraham built an altar. He put the wood on it. Last of all he tied Isaac up

and put Isaac on the altar. He pulled out the knife and lifted it to kill his only son. Suddenly the Angel of the Lord called out to him and told him, "Don't kill your son. Don't even hurt him. Now I know you love and trust me more than even your only son. "

Just then Abraham saw a ram caught in some bushes behind him. Abraham took that ram and offered it on the altar instead of Isaac. Then the Angel of the Lord called out to Abraham again and said, "Because I know you love me more than your only son, I promise I will bless you and give you many more family members. Some day you will have such a big family you won't even be able to count everyone. Also, your large family will be very strong. Best of all, the Savior will come from your family and all the world will be blessed through the Savior."

Can you imagine how sad Abraham felt when God told him to offer his son as a burnt offering to God? Yet, he was going to do exactly what God told him to do. God made Abraham's faith strong, so he could do what God asked. He wants to make our faith strong too. He will take care of us just as He took care of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

**Activity One** - Write your name on the gift tag. God gives us many things. Can you find six gifts from God in the boxes? Cut the boxes out or write them in the package.



Babies

Joy

Sin

Forgiveness

Love for Jesus

Trust in God

Meanness

Love for Others

**Activity Two** - Look at the picture on page 1.

1. Draw a happy face ☺ on the thing that gave Abraham so much happiness and joy.
2. Draw a heart ♥ on the person who loved and trusted in God more than anything else.
3. Find the place on the picture where it tries to show us that we get our help from God? Color the lines yellow.

***God strengthened Abraham, Sarah and Isaac to live their lives dependent upon Him.***

***All of us should love and trust God above anything else.***

## **Passage**

Philippians 2:13 "... for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

## **Hymn** - TLH 428, v. 1, 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

## **Prayer**

Dear Jesus,

Help us to love and trust only in You. Please be with us as You were with Abraham. Amen.