



Lesson  
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# ABRAHAM & ISAAC

GENESIS 12, 15-17, 22

## GOAL

▶ To help children understand how to live a life of faith and obedience like Abraham.

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## CHARACTERS

▶ **Abraham:** His faith in God allowed him to obey God's commands.

**Isaac:** His faith in his father, allowed him to submit to his father's obedience to God.

**Sarah:** Despite her feeble faith, God allowed her to conceive a son, Isaac, even though she was too old to have babies.

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## MEMORY VERSE

▶ **Genesis 15:6:** And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

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## OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Genesis 12, 15-17, 22:** Abraham and his wife Sarah were too old to have children, but that didn't matter to God. God fulfilled His promise, and they had a boy whom they named Isaac. Later, when God told Abraham to give up Isaac as a sacrifice, Abraham obeyed. As Abraham readied himself to sacrifice his promised and beloved son, God provided a substitute sacrifice.



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q1a:** What did God promise Abraham?

**A1:** God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation.

**Q1b:** Name something impossible.

**TN:** You can make this a kind of game if you want. Every time a student names an impossible thing, ask the class if it's impossible for God to make it happen. God can make anything happen, no matter how crazy it seems. When God told Abraham that he would make him the father of so many descendants they would be like the number of stars in the sky or sand on the beach, Abraham laughed. He thought God was joking! When Sarah heard this promise, she laughed, too. But God wasn't joking. He was serious, and He made it happen.



**Q2a:** How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born?

**A2:** Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 when Isaac was born.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 3



**Q3a:** What did God ask Abraham to do?

**A3:** God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to the Lord.

**Q3b:** What is your favorite thing?

**TN:** This can be anything—a possession, a person, whatever. Now ask the students what they would do if God asked them to give this thing to Him and never see it again. This is what God asked Abraham to do with his son. Abraham had waited so many long years to be blessed with a son, and now God was asking him to offer this blessing as a sacrifice. God was testing Abraham's faith. Did Abraham love his son more than he loved God? Did Abraham trust that God had a plan? Did Abraham believe that God had the power to make things right?

### SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** Where did Abraham take Isaac and his servants to make the sacrifice?

**A4:** Abraham took Isaac and his servants to Moriah to offer the sacrifice.

**Q4b:** Why would God ask Abraham to do something so awful?

**TN:** It is so important to understand that God has given us everything we have. To make this concept even more difficult to understand, consider that everything we have really belongs to God. The Lord is in control of all things in creation, and when He gives us things, He is asking us care for them as caretakers, often referred to in the Bible as stewards. Obeying God is more important than anything God has given to us. It can be very hard to see the distinction between ownership and stewardship, but it can make it easier to let things go when God calls us to do so. Clinging to things can tie us down or keep us from realizing God's full potential and plan for our lives. When Abraham made his choice to obey God, he did so by looking at who God is: loving, caring, faithful, and powerful. His faith and trust in the Lord was so absolute that he was willing to offer his own son as a sacrifice because he knew that God wanted him to do this and there was a purpose for it that he did not understand. While the Bible doesn't provide us with any details about the agony he must have felt before making his decision, Abraham got up that morning and made a hard choice for God and not himself.



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q5a:** What did God provide as an offering in place of Isaac?

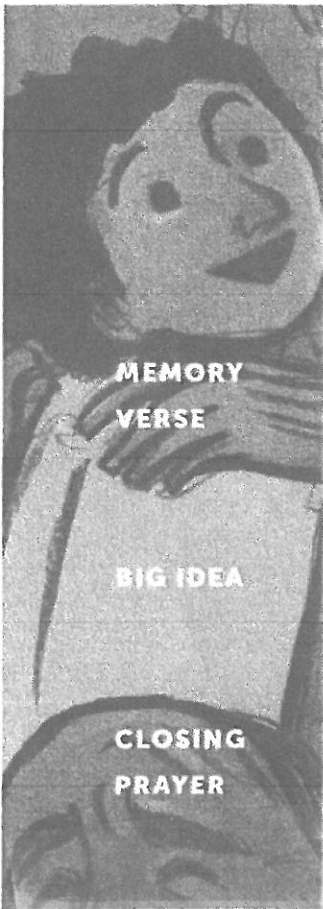
**A5:** God provided a ram to prepare as an offering to the Lord.

**Q5b:** Now that we have considered how hard it would have been for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, how do you think the Lord felt sending His Son to be sacrificed for us?

**TN:** Though agonizing, Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son for his love for the Lord, but God spared him from the pain of doing something so horrific. The Lord did sacrifice his Son, Jesus, for the love of every single human being ever created. While God was able to spare Isaac, Jesus had to go through every awful moment all on our behalf. We serve a God who is love—not just loving—but actually is love. The more we understand about love, the closer we come to understanding God. He would and has done everything for us because He loves us. Sometimes the things He asks us to do are hard, but when we consider the nature and character of God, we must always come to the conclusion that it is for God's good and loving purposes.

### Game Instructions:

**Trust Fall – One child stands in front of the other, both facing forward. Tell the child in front to slowly lean backward until they begin to fall. The child in the back will catch them under the arms before they fall. Trade places & be safe!**



**Genesis 15:6** And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

A life lived by faith and obedience to God is based on a solid trust in the Lord.

Dear God, thank You for the wonderful example of a life lived by faith and obedience that we find in Abraham. Help us to have faith in You and obey You when you call. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ANSWER KEY

#### Across

3. What did they name their second son, of which God promised to them? (**Isaac**)
5. God promised Abraham that he would have more descendants than the (**Stars**) or sand.
8. Who told Abraham to spare Isaac's life? (**Angel**)
9. What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? (**Sacrifice**)

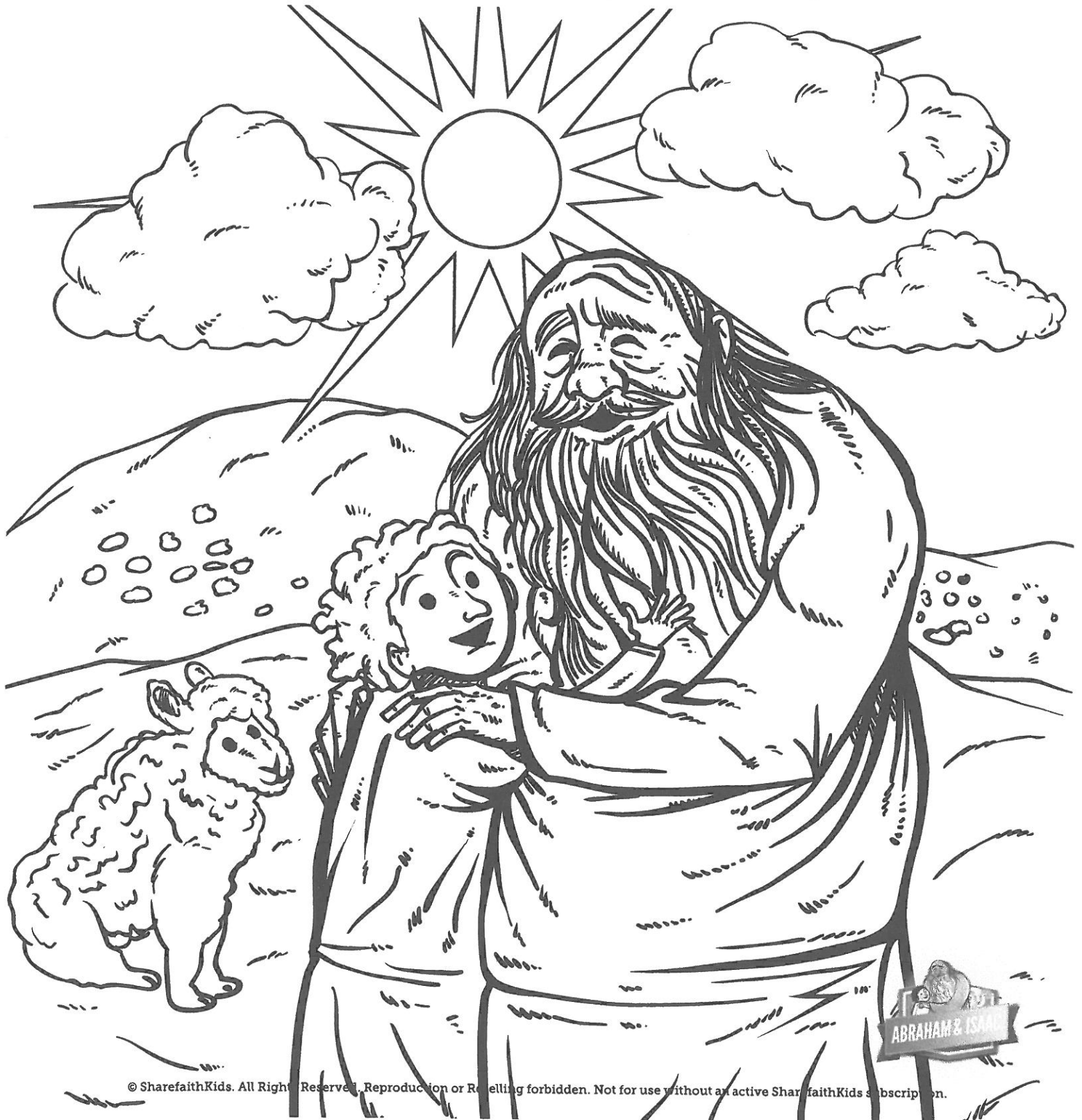
#### Down

1. God asked Abraham to obey his request as a (**Test**) of his faith.
2. What kind of animal did God provide to Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac? (**Ram**)
3. What did they name their first son, who was born from Hagar? (**Ishmael**)
4. Where did Abraham and Isaac travel to build an altar for the Lord? (**Moriah**)
6. Abraham and Sarah thought they were too old to have what? (**Children**)
7. How old was Sarah when she and Abraham finally had a child? (**Ninety**)

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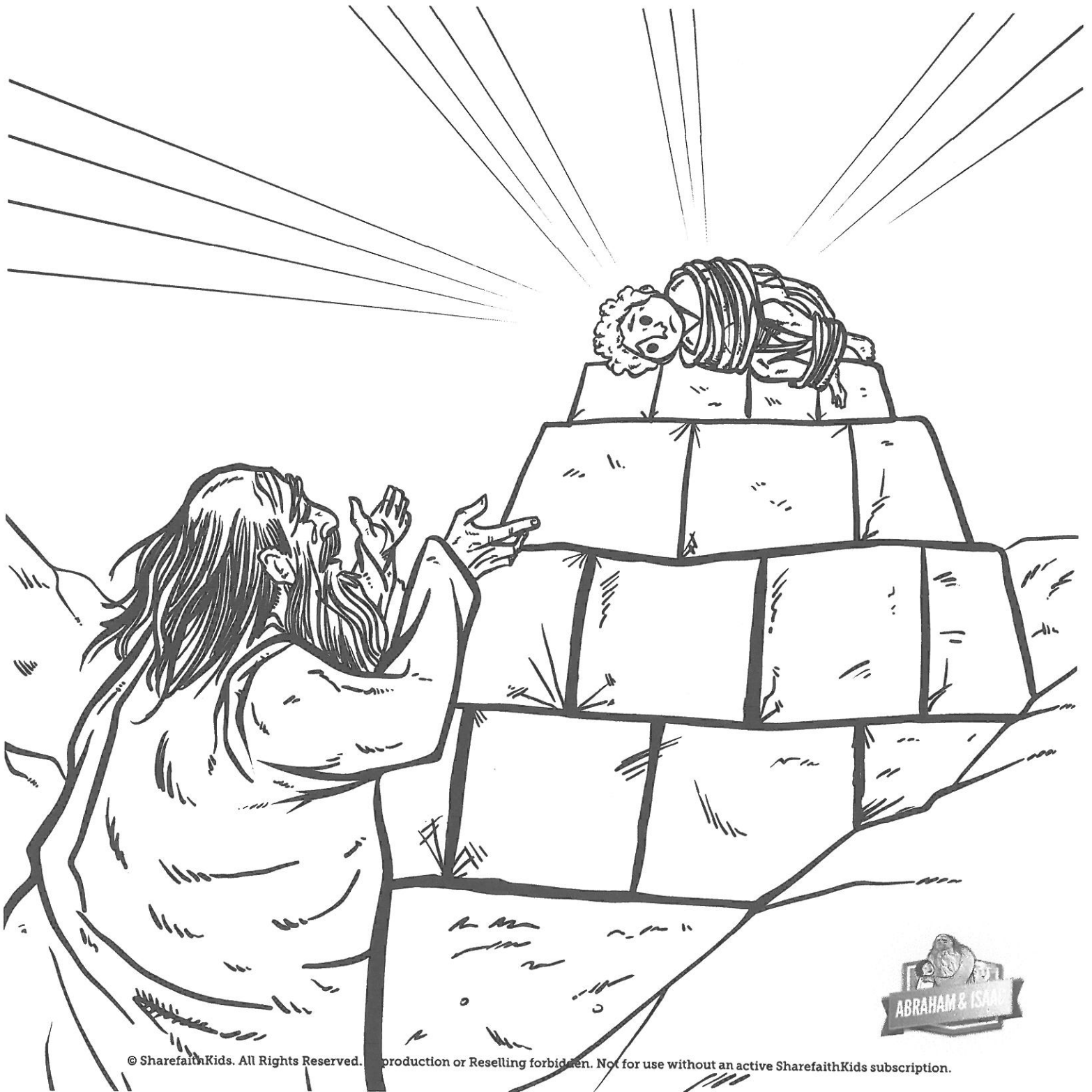
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Genesis 22:18

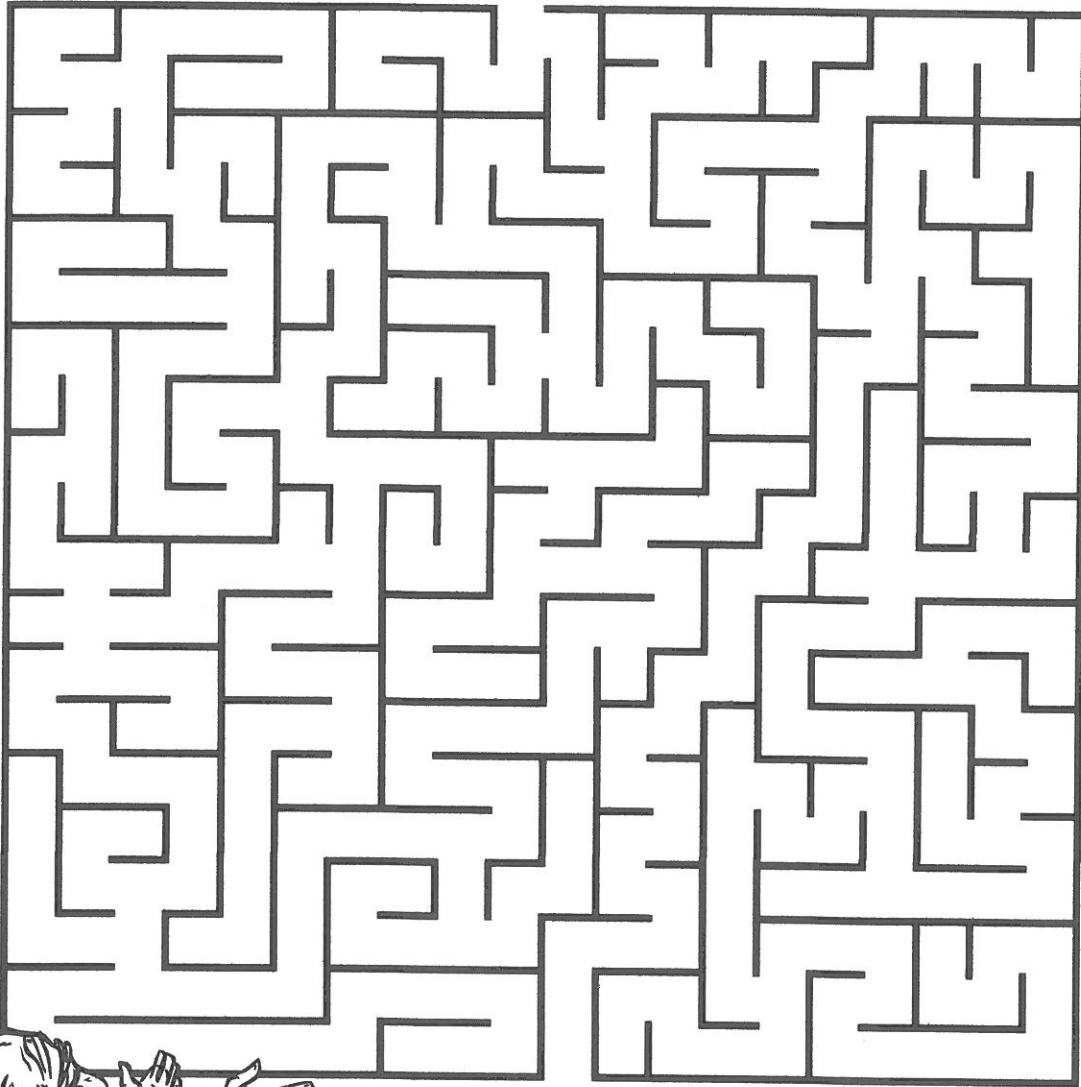
"And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,  
because you have obeyed my voice."



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Help Abraham find Moriah to fulfil God's request.

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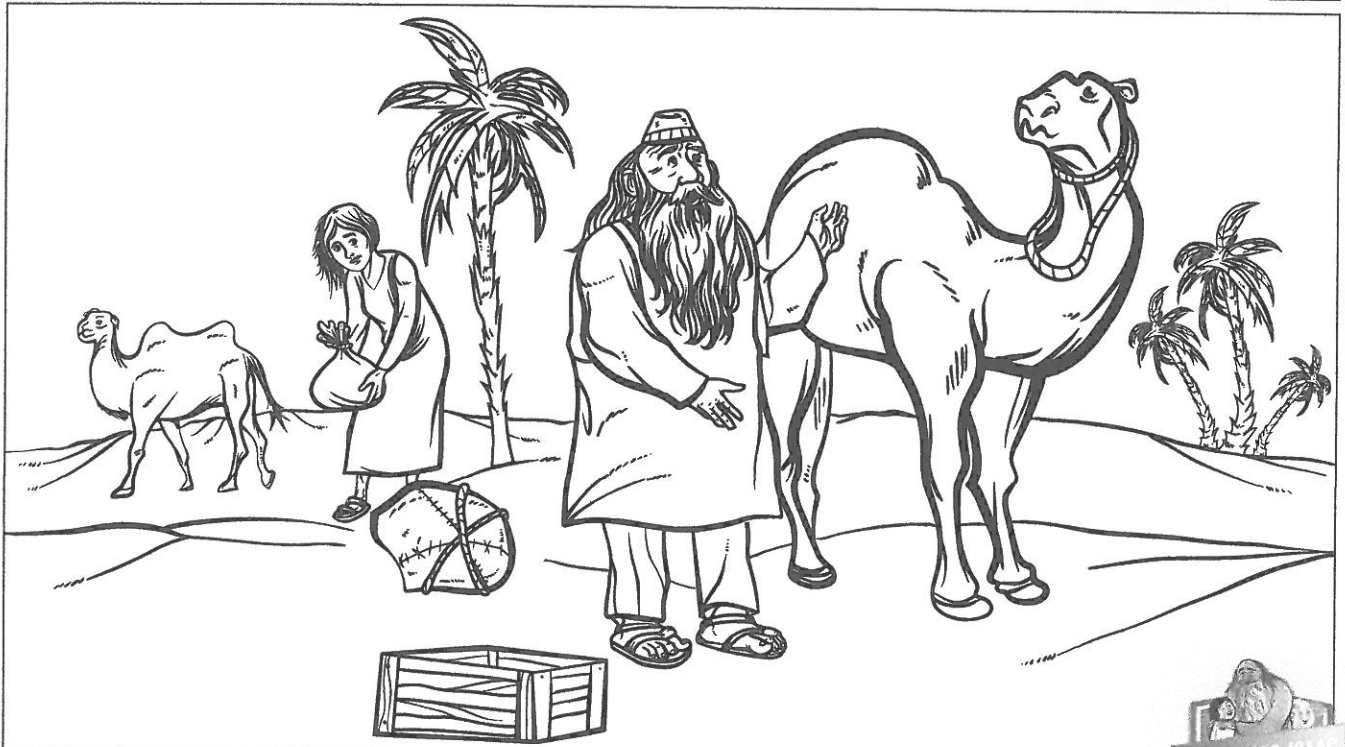
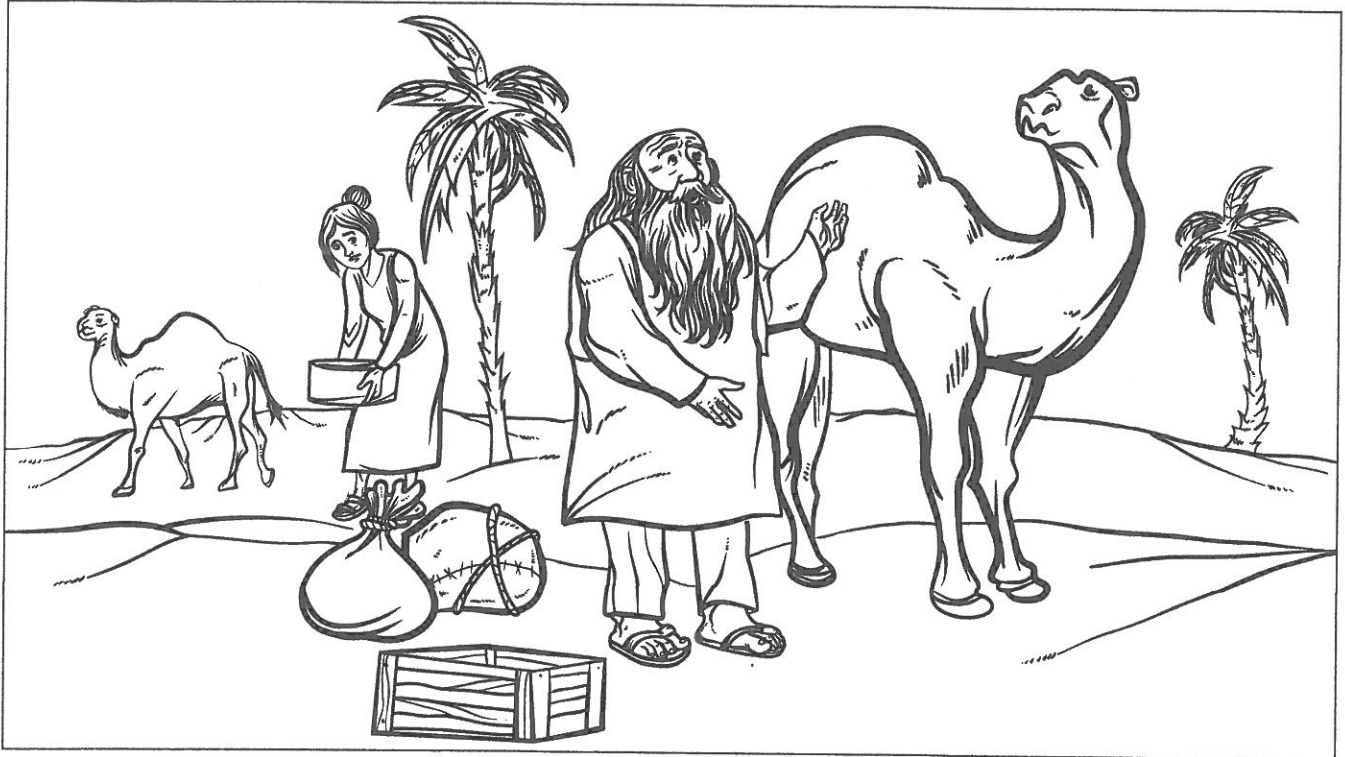
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# ABRAHAM & ISAAC

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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Discover the hidden words.

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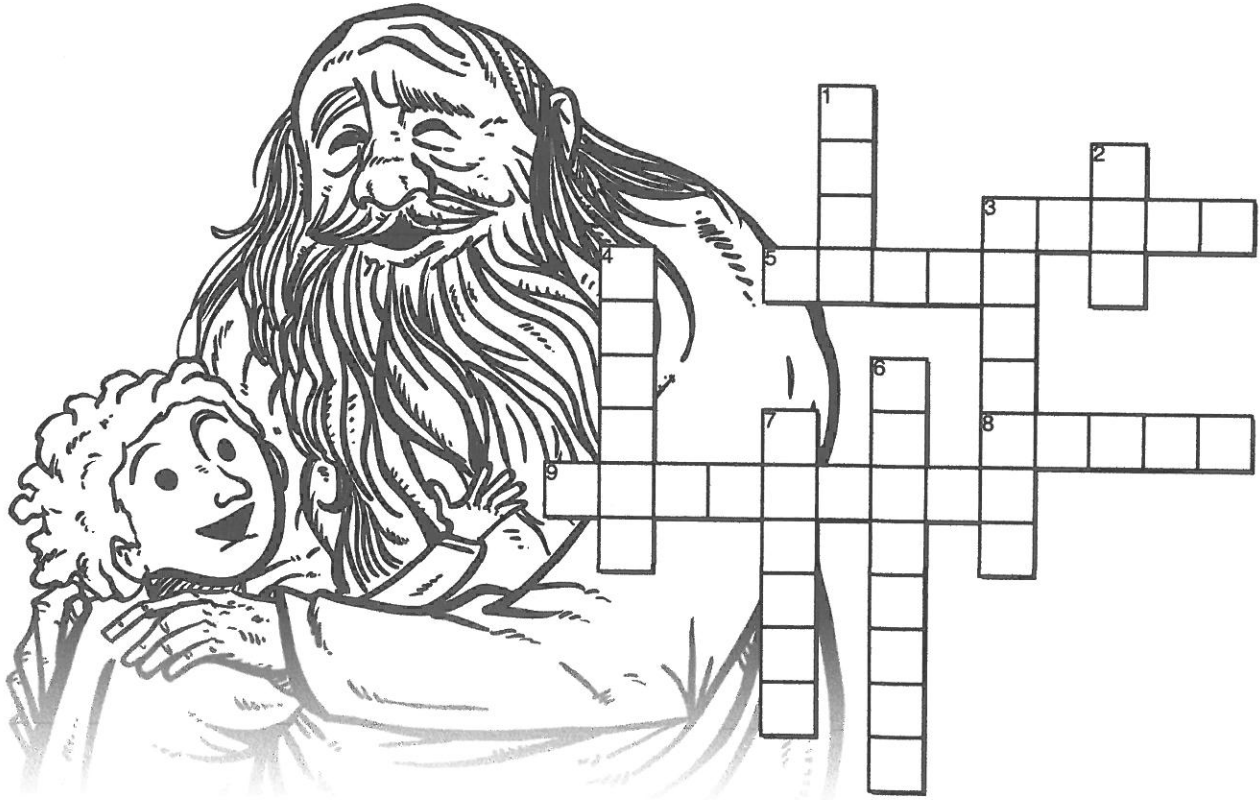
## Word Bank

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|---------|-----------|----------|
| ISAAC   | SACRIFICE | OLD      |
| ABRAHAM | FAITH     | CHILDREN |
| STARS   | TEST      | SARAH    |
| ANGEL   | RAM       | ISHMAEL  |



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