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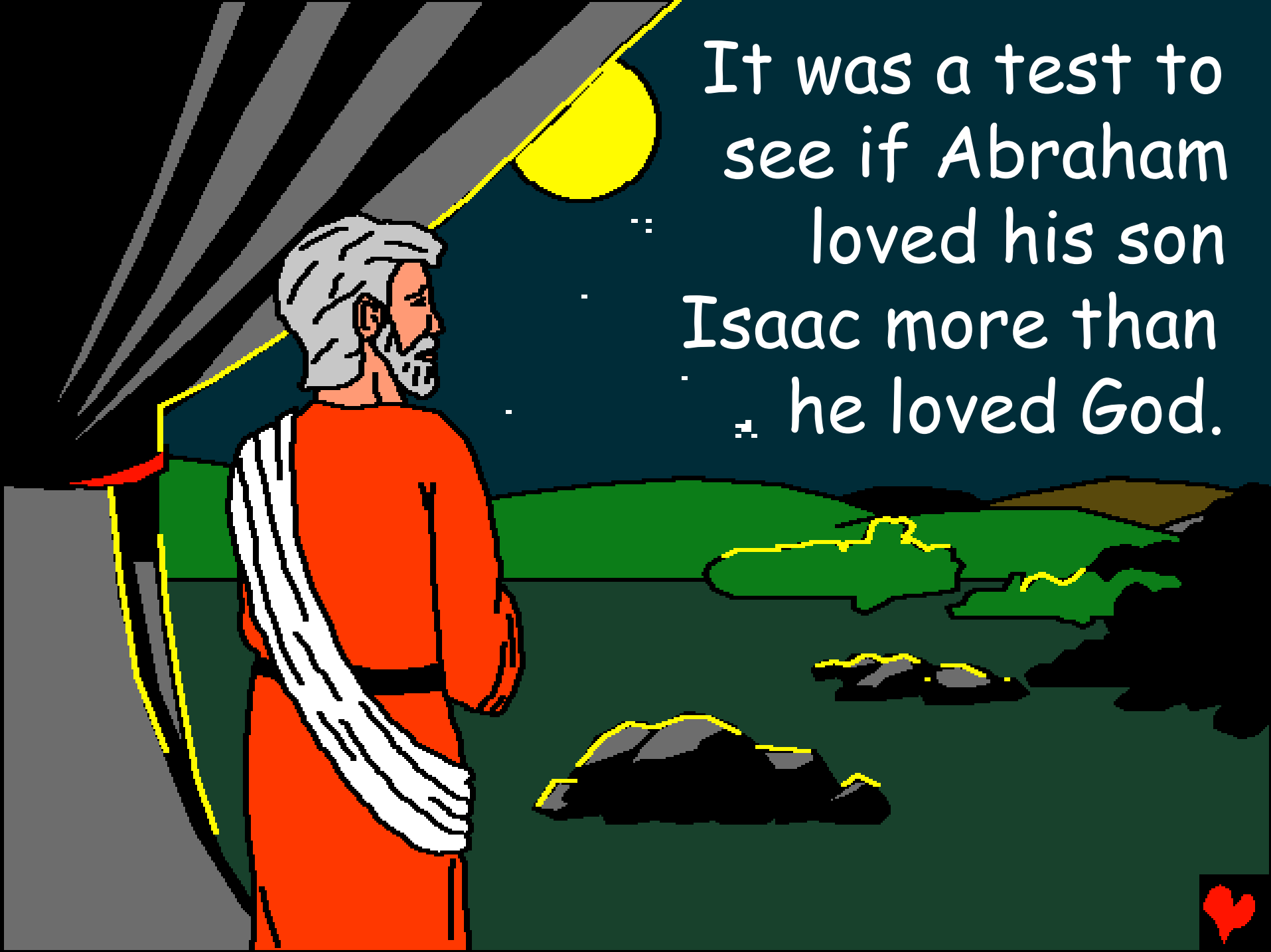
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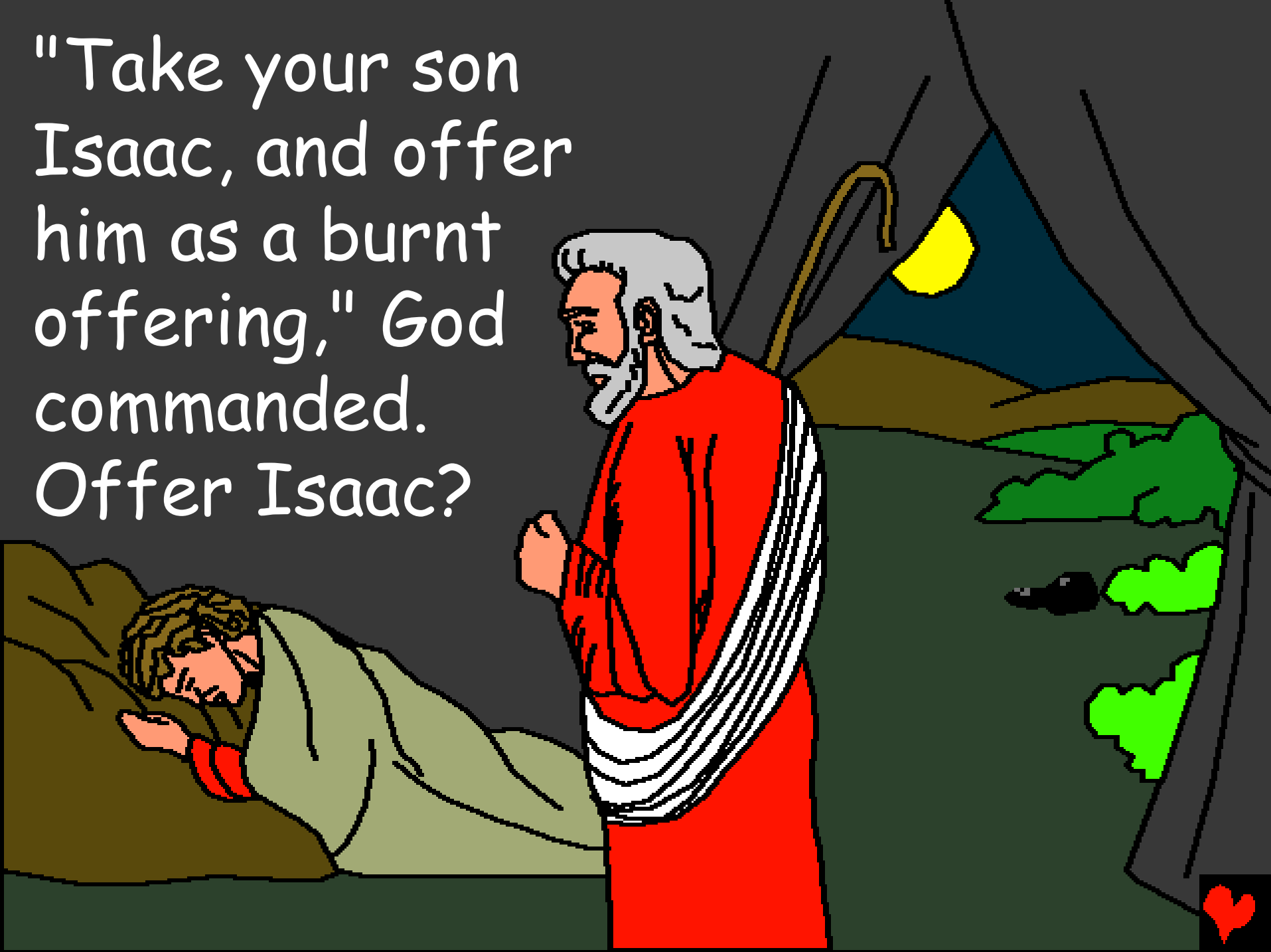
One night God gave Abraham a strange command.



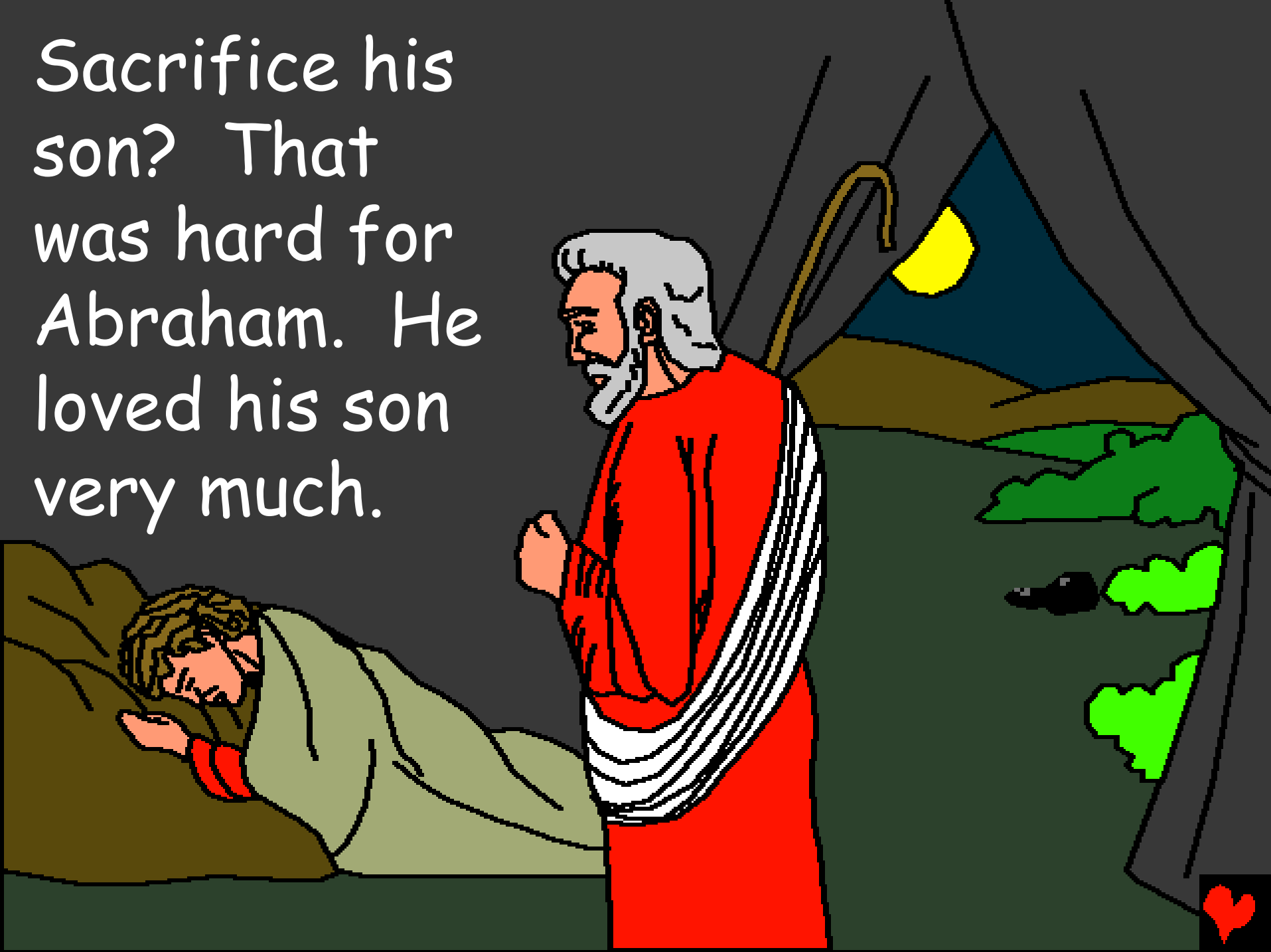
It was a test to  
see if Abraham  
loved his son  
Isaac more than  
he loved God.



"Take your son  
Isaac, and offer  
him as a burnt  
offering," God  
commanded.  
Offer Isaac?



Sacrifice his son? That was hard for Abraham. He loved his son very much.



But Abraham had learned to trust God even when he did not understand.

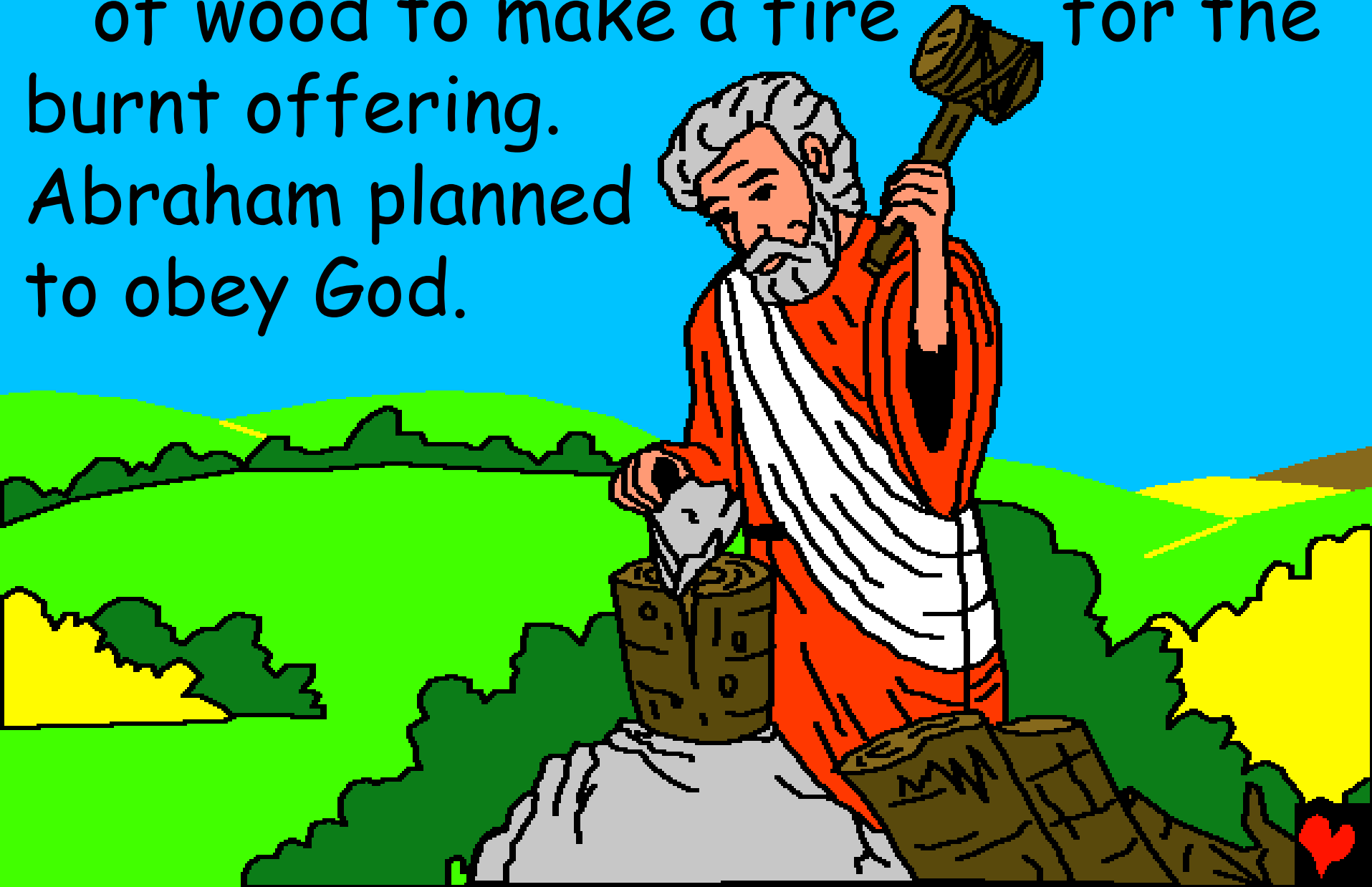


In the morning  
he set out for  
the mountain of  
sacrifice with Isaac

and two  
servants.



Before leaving, Abraham split pieces of wood to make a fire for the burnt offering. Abraham planned to obey God.



Three days later  
they neared the  
mountain. "Stay  
here," Abraham

told his  
servants.



"We will go and  
worship, and we will  
come back to you."



Isaac carried the  
wood, Abraham  
carried fire -  
and a knife.



"Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Isaac asked.  
"God will provide Himself a lamb,"  
Abraham replied.



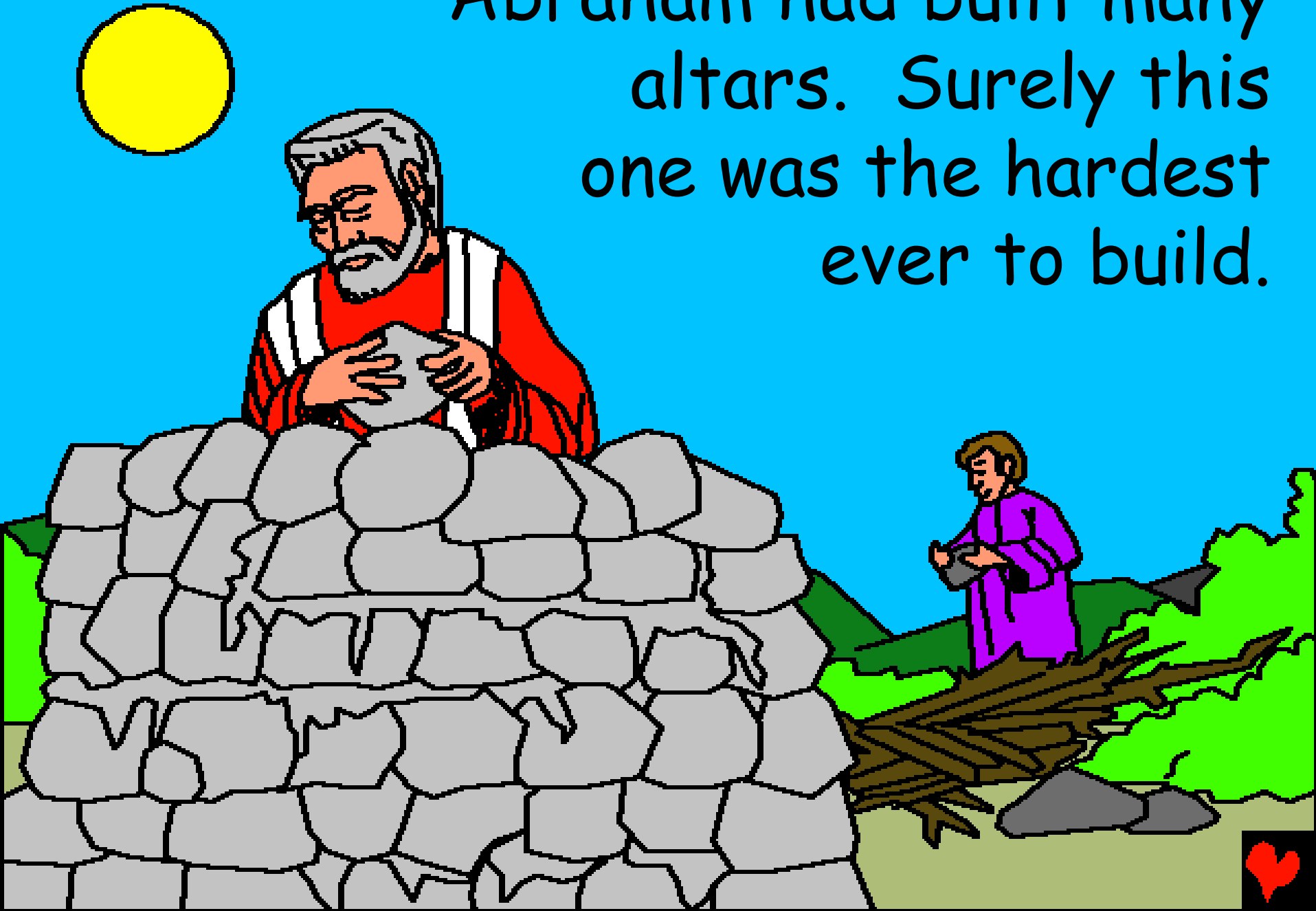
The two came to  
the exact place  
chosen by God.



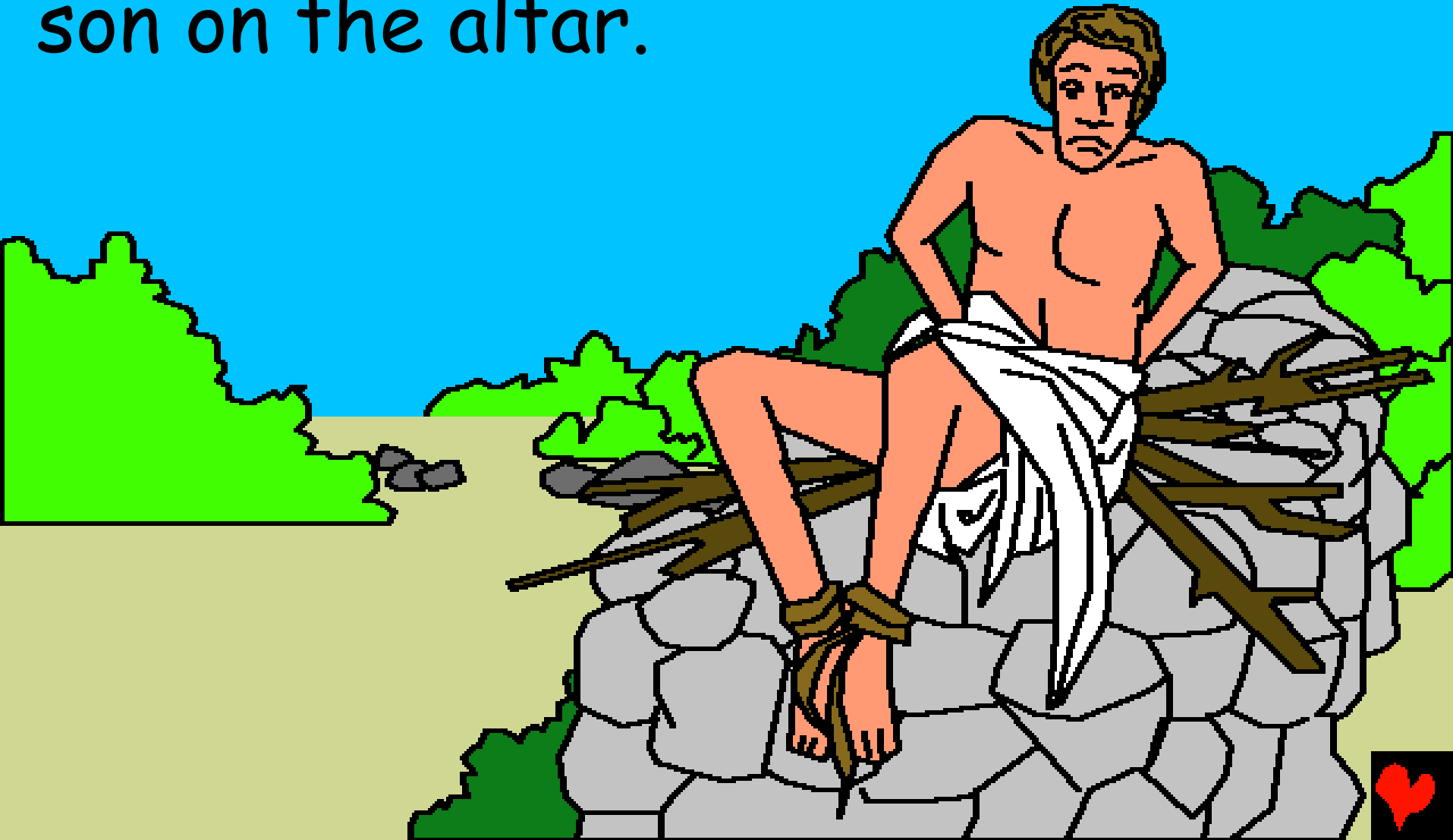
There, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood to burn the sacrifice before God.



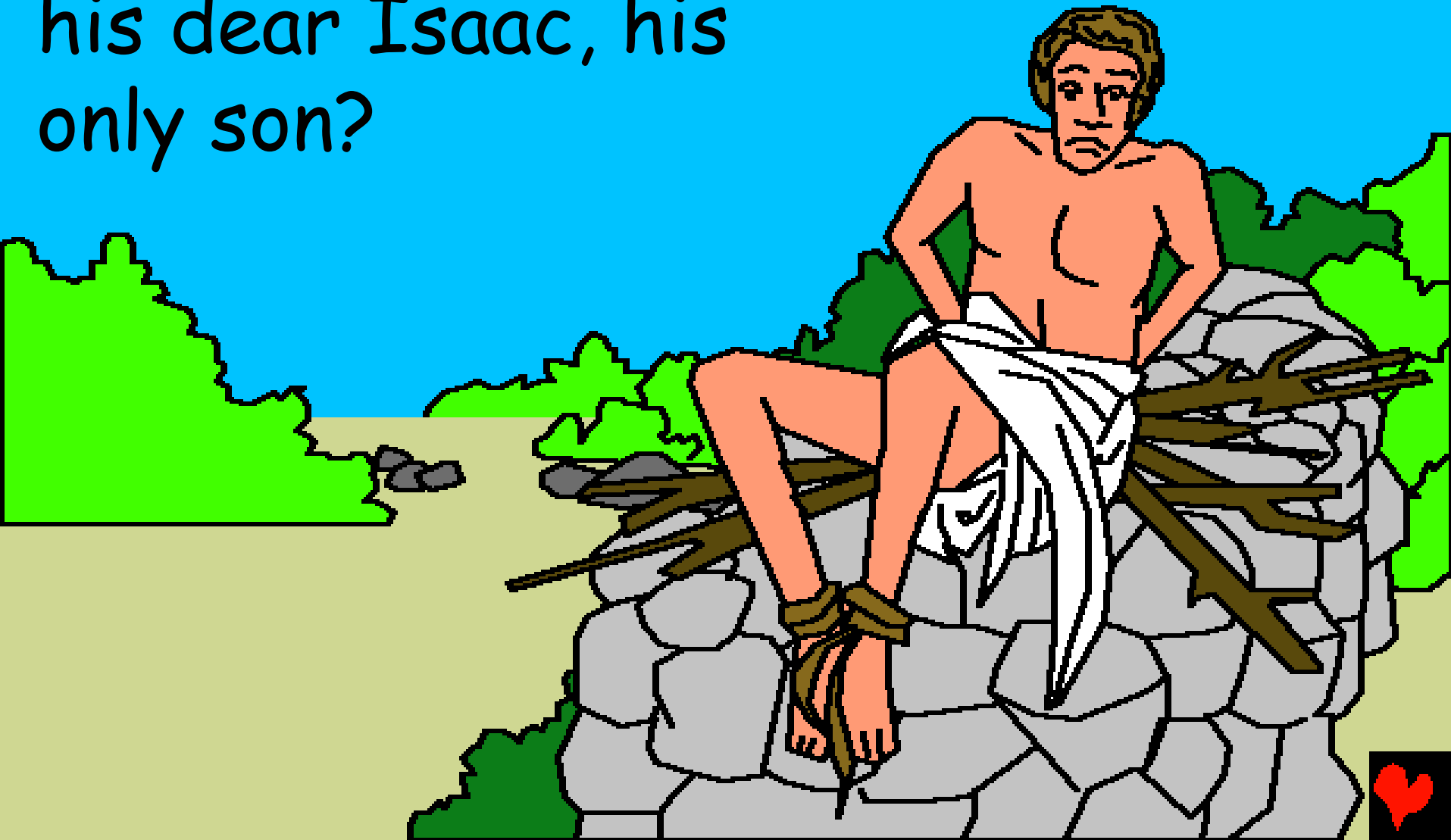
Abraham had built many altars. Surely this one was the hardest ever to build.

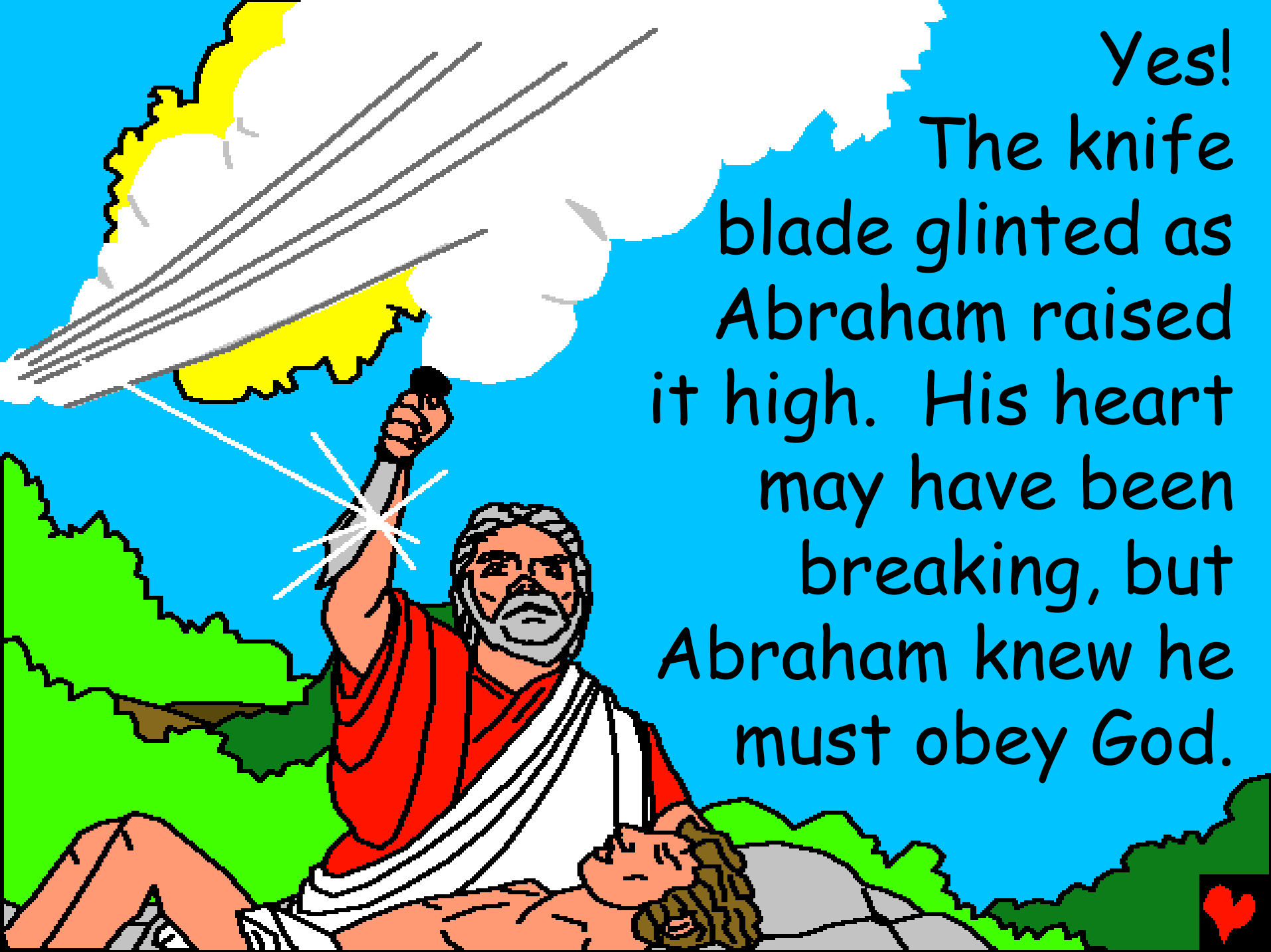


Abraham tied Isaac up  
and placed his beloved  
son on the altar.



Was Abraham really going to obey God and sacrifice his dear Isaac, his only son?





Yes!  
The knife  
blade glinted as  
Abraham raised  
it high. His heart  
may have been  
breaking, but  
Abraham knew he  
must obey God.





"STOP!"  
the Angel  
of the Lord  
shouted.  
"Now I  
know you  
fear  
God."





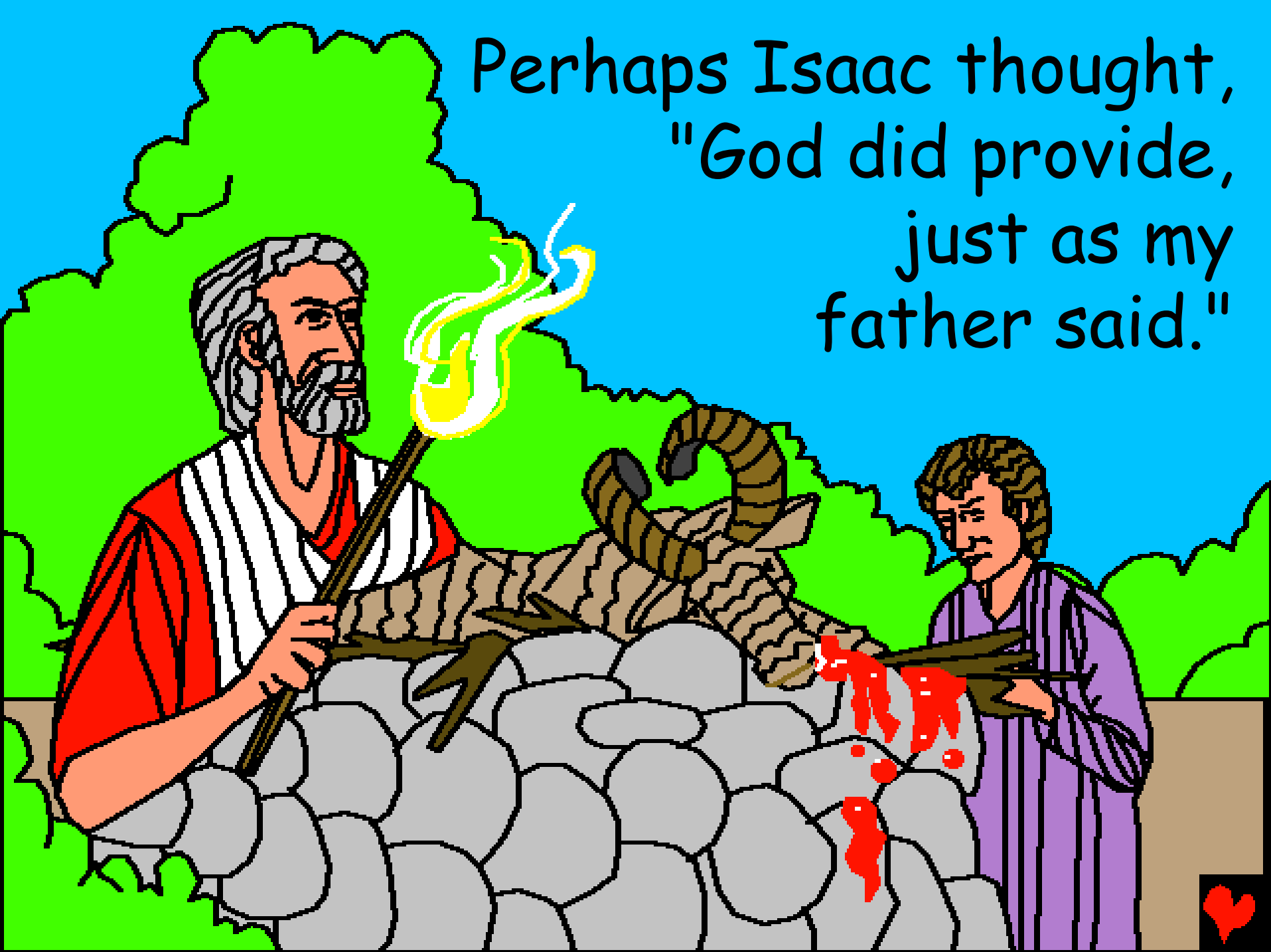
You  
have  
not held  
back your  
son, your  
only son,  
from  
Me."



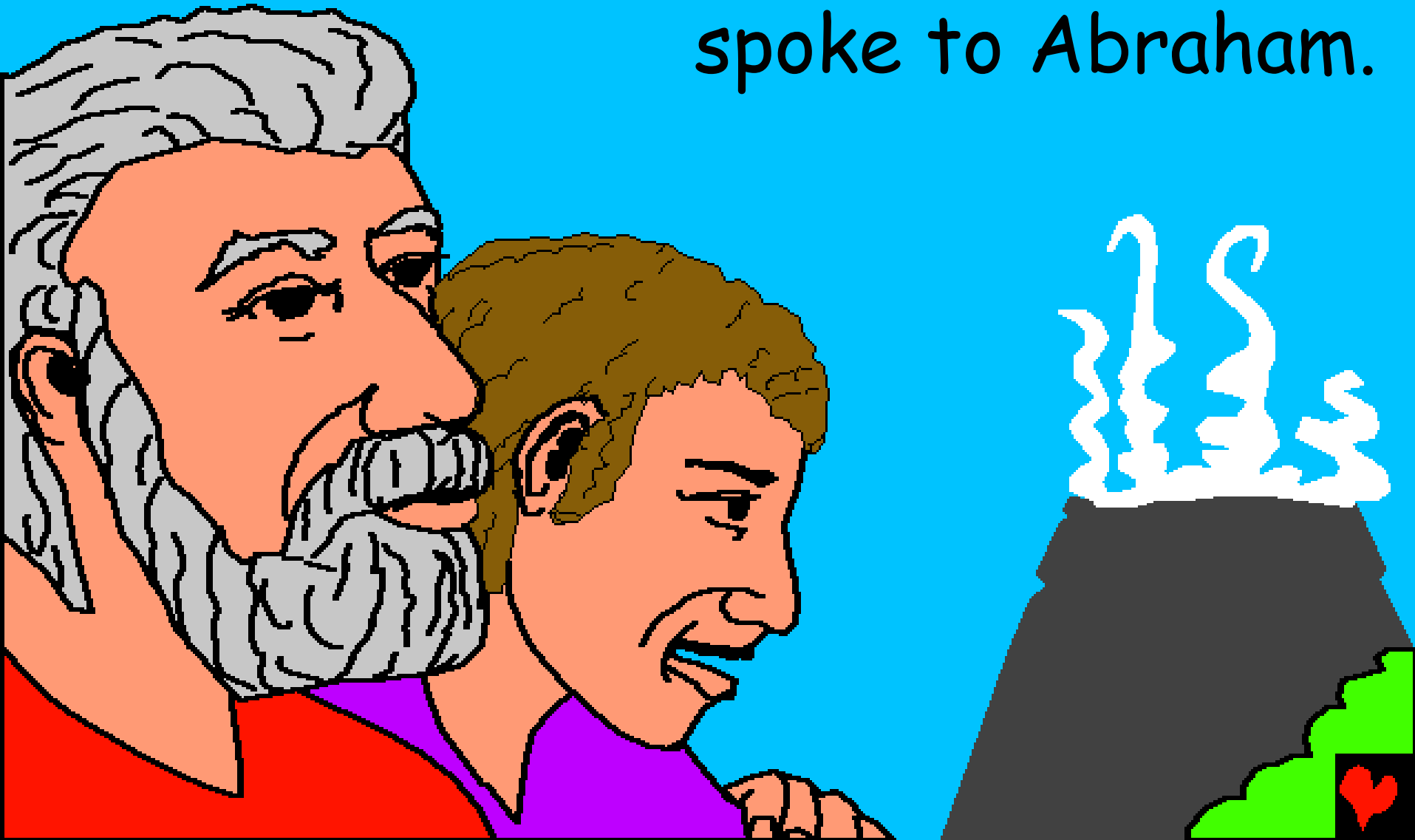
Seeing a ram in the bushes, Abraham untied Isaac and sacrificed the ram instead.



Perhaps Isaac thought,  
"God did provide,  
just as my  
father said."

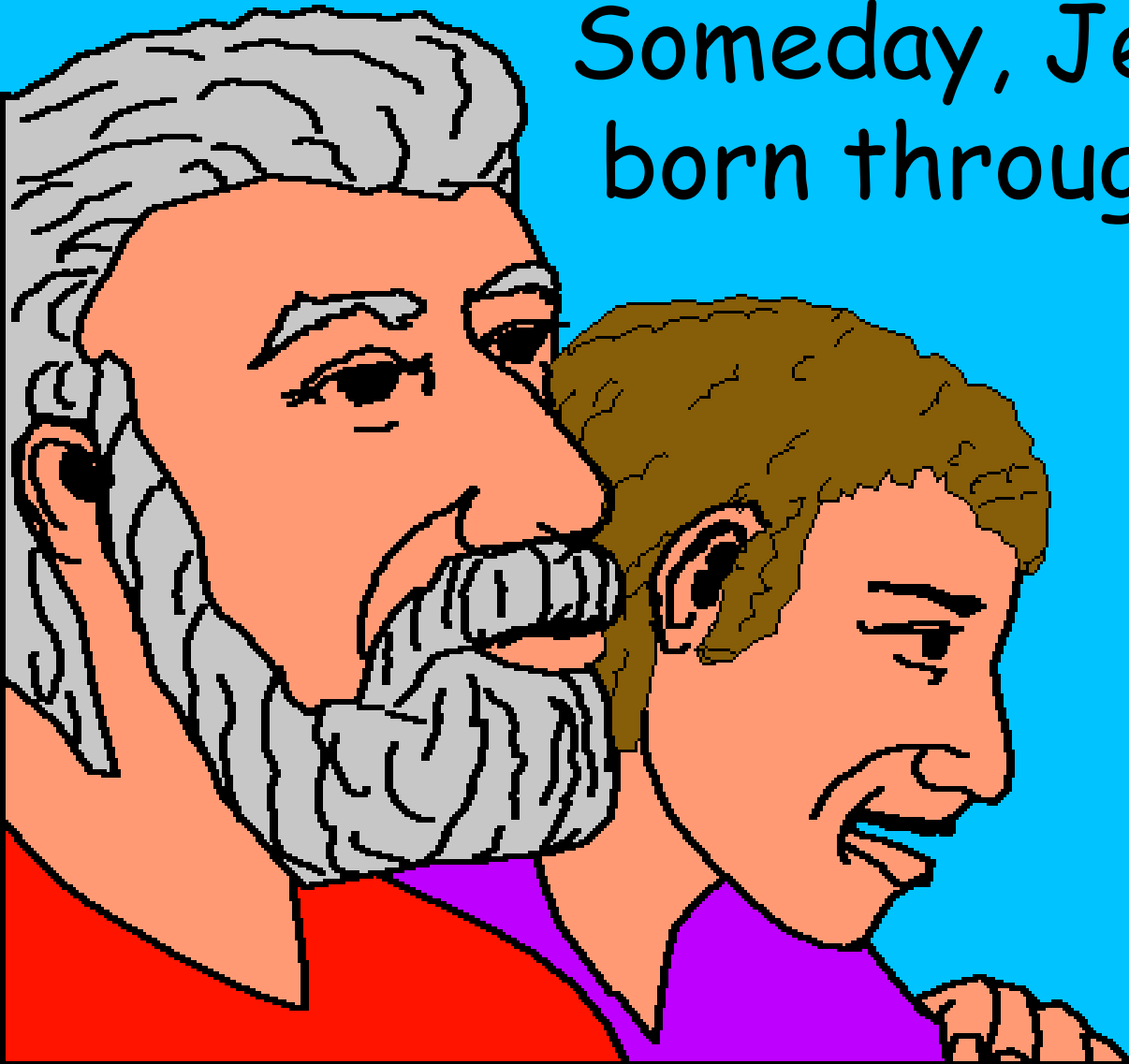


While father and son worshiped,  
the Angel of the Lord  
spoke to Abraham.



"In your children, all nations shall be blessed because you obeyed."

Someday, Jesus would be born through Abraham's descendants.



Abraham and Isaac returned home.  
Some time later, sadness came.  
Sarah died.



Abraham had lost his wife, and  
Isaac had lost his mother.



After  
the funeral,  
Abraham sent his  
chief servant ...



... to look for  
a wife for Isaac.  
The servant went  
to their old homeland ...



... to find a wife among  
Abraham's relatives.



The servant asked God for a sign.  
"Let the girl who offers water for  
my camels be the right one for  
Isaac."



Immediately Rebekah offered to give them water. She was one of Abraham's relatives. The servant knew God had answered his prayer.



Rebekah left her family to marry Isaac.



She comforted him after his mother died. How Isaac loved her!



# God Tests Abraham's Love

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Genesis 22 to 24

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

