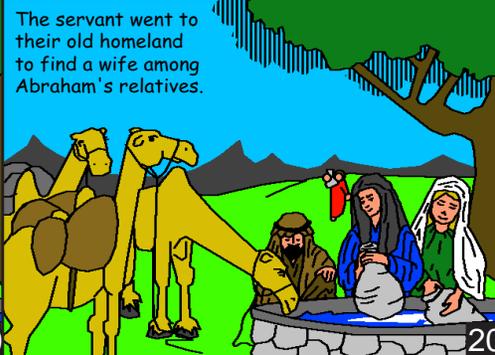




After the funeral, Abraham sent his chief servant to look for a wife for Isaac.

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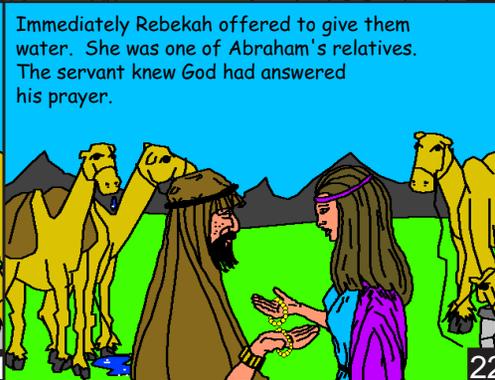
The servant went to their old homeland to find a wife among Abraham's relatives.

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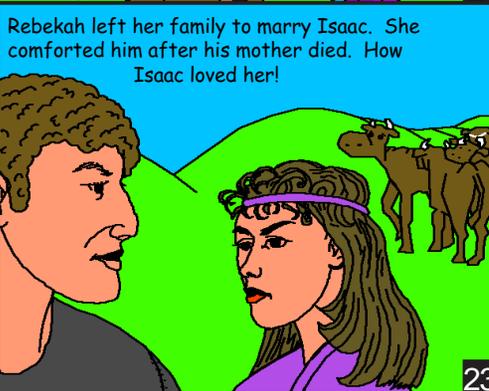
The servant asked God for a sign. "Let the girl who offers water for my camels be the right one for Isaac."

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

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Rebekah left her family to marry Isaac. She comforted him after his mother died. How Isaac loved her!

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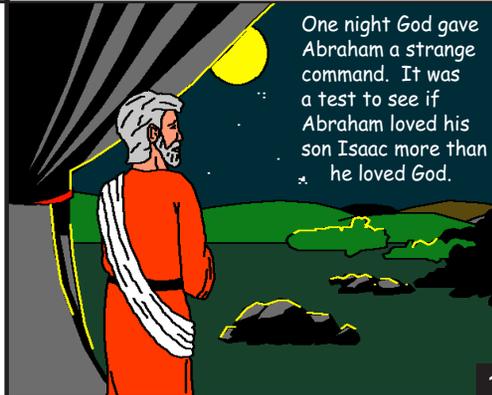
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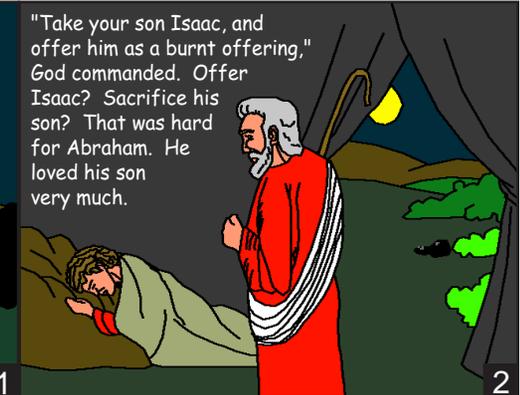
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One night God gave Abraham a strange command. It was a test to see if Abraham loved his son Isaac more than he loved God.

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"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.

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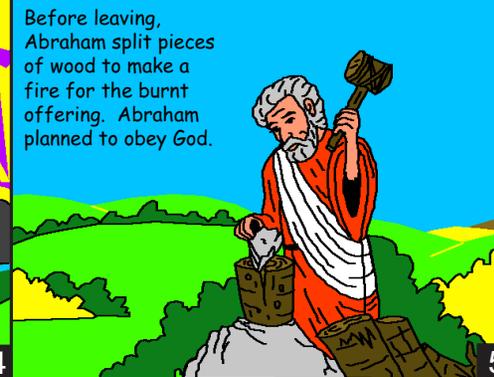
But Abraham had learned to trust God even when he did not understand.

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In the morning he set out for the mountain of sacrifice with Isaac and two servants.

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

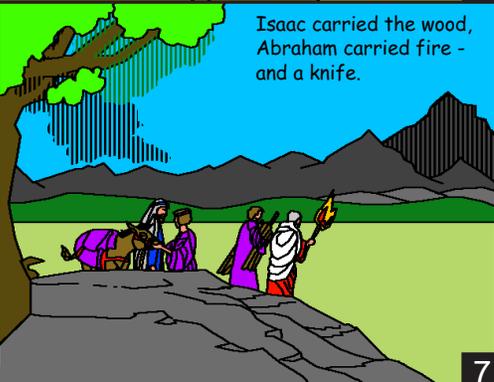
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Three days later they neared the mountain. "Stay here," Abraham told his servants.

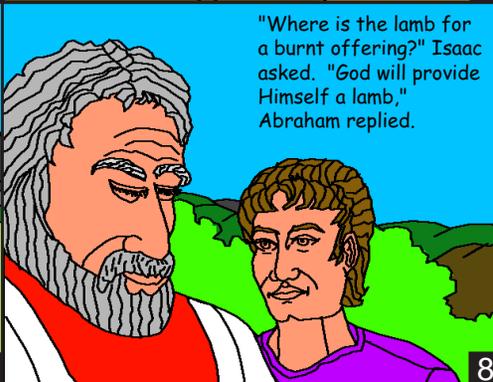
"We will go and worship, and we will come back to you."

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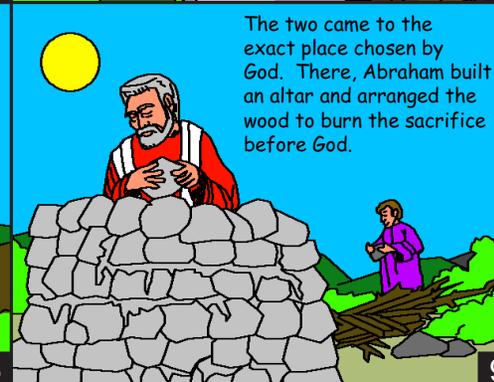
Isaac carried the wood, Abraham carried fire - and a knife.

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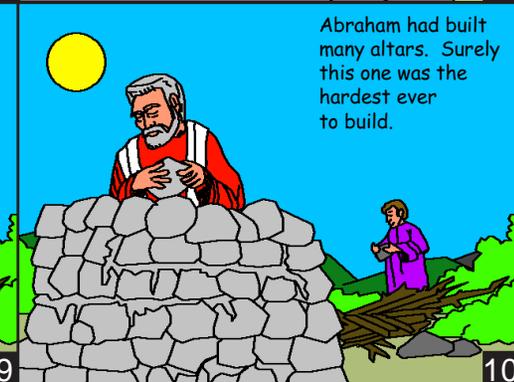
"Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Isaac asked. "God will provide Himself a lamb," Abraham replied.

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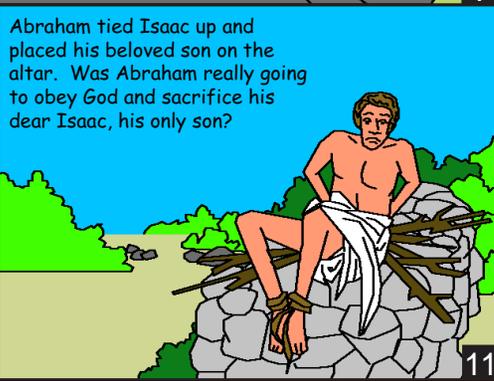
The two came to the exact place chosen by God. There, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood to burn the sacrifice before God.

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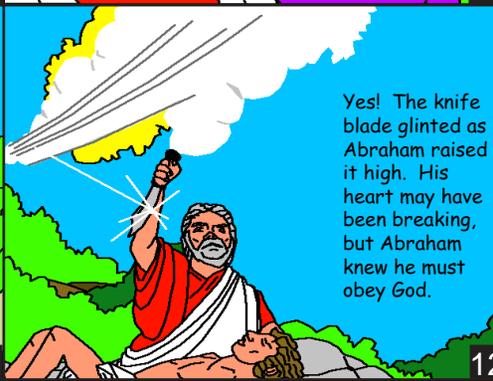
Abraham had built many altars. Surely this one was the hardest ever to build.

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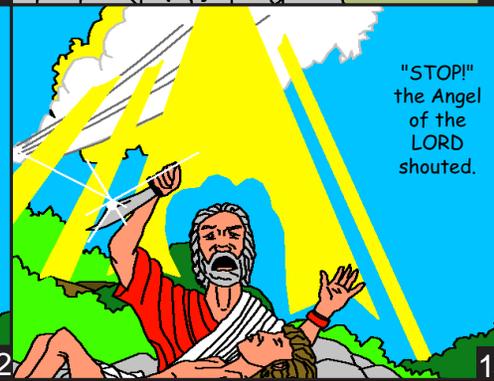
Abraham tied Isaac up and placed his beloved son on the altar. Was Abraham really going to obey God and sacrifice his dear Isaac, his only son?

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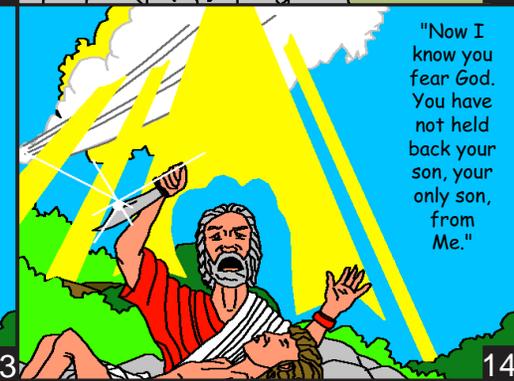
Yes! The knife blade glinted as Abraham raised it high. His heart may have been breaking, but Abraham knew he must obey God.

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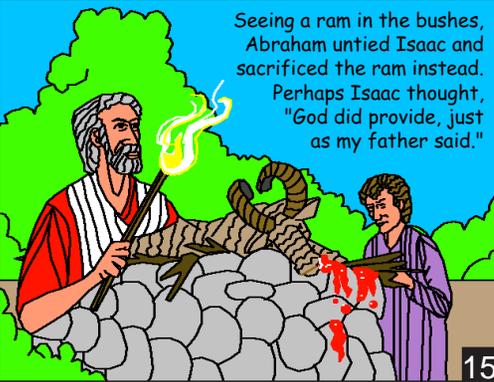
"STOP!" the Angel of the LORD shouted.

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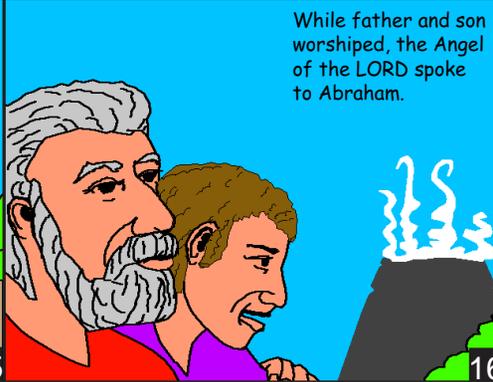
"Now I know you fear God. You have not held back your son, your only son, from Me."

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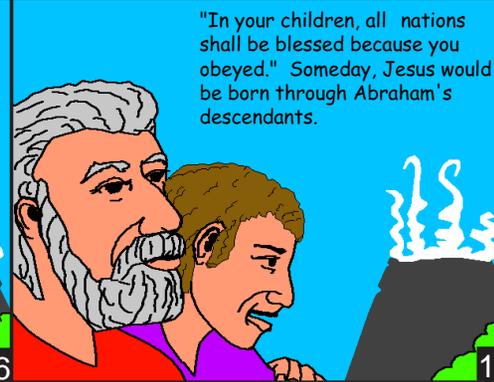
Seeing a ram in the bushes, Abraham untied Isaac and sacrificed the ram instead. Perhaps Isaac thought, "God did provide, just as my father said."

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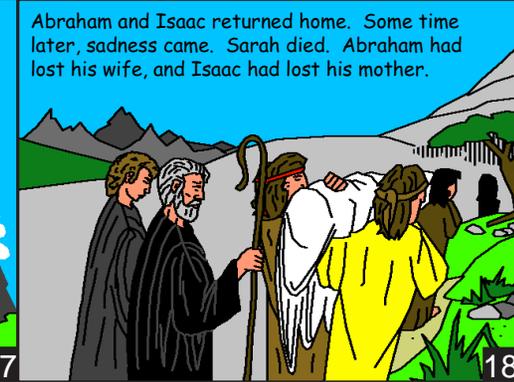
While father and son worshiped, the Angel of the LORD spoke to Abraham.

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"In your children, all nations shall be blessed because you obeyed." Someday, Jesus would be born through Abraham's descendants.

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Abraham and Isaac returned home. Some time later, sadness came. Sarah died, and Isaac had lost his mother.

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