SUPERBOOK – ABRAHAM & ISAAC (The Test) – Episode #102

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SYNOPSIS: Chris has never been this excited. His birthday gift is a Holo-9, the ultimate holographic gaming system! It's so popular that there aren't enough to go around for all the kids who want one... such as the sick boy at the local hospital -- even the hospital is unable to pull strings to get him one. Chris feels a twinge of guilt... but it takes SUPERBOOK'S ministrations to turn him around. The kids journey to meet Abraham and his beloved son, Isaac, whom he was willing to sacrifice because it's what God wanted. Abraham puts God first in his life, above everything else. This has a profound effect on Chris, who returns home to donate his coveted

Holo-9 to the little boy at the hospital. He sacrifices what is important to him and does it because he knows it's what God is asking him to do.

TAKE-AWAY: Put God first above all else.

CAST:

GOD

ABRAHAM

BABY ISAAC (NOISES)

ISAAC

CHRIS

CMDR KRAZNO

STORE SALESMAN

JOY

PHOEBE

PROF QUANTUM

GIZMO

DEBBIE

SUPERBOOK

JESUS

SARAH

LITTLE BOY (MAKES NOISES)

GOD 01:00:14 Abraham...

(NLT GENESIS 15:5)

GOD 01:00:17 Look up into the sky...

GOD 01:00:19 ...and count the stars if you can.

GOD 01:00:23 That’s how many descendants you will have!

ABRAHAM

(CEV GENESIS 17:17) 01:00:27 I am almost 100 years old. How can I become a father?

GOD 01:00:32 Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you.

(NLT GENESIS 17:19)

GOD 01:00:37 You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him....

GOD 01:00:41 ...and his descendants as an everlasting covenant.

ABRAHAM (OS) 01:00:45 This night I give you this burnt offering, my Lord, my God.

BABY ISAAC 01:00:58 (Baby cooing sounds)

ABRAHAM 01:01:02 That's right Isaac, one step at a time.

ABRAHAM 01:01:06 Throw it with all your might, son.

ABRAHAM 01:01:10 (SLIGHT LAUGH) What a strong young man. Thank you, son.

GOD

(CEV GENESIS 22:2) 01:01:15 Abraham, go get Isaac your only son. The one you dearly love. Take him to the land of Moriah...

GOD 01:01:23 ...and I will show you a mountain where you must sacrifice him to me on the fires of an altar.

ABRAHAM 01:01:30 You...You wish me to make an offering...of my son, Isaac?

FADE OUT.

01:01:56 (SUPERBOOK SONG)

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

CHRIS 01:03:13 (GRUNTING SOUND) I'm the most fearless bounty hunter in the galaxy!

CHRIS 01:03:29 I’ve got ‘em on the run now, Joy!

CHRIS 01:03:31 (effort sound)

CHRIS 01:03:32 (landing effort)

CMDR KRAZNO 01:03:36 I am Commander Krazno of Dark Shadow Warriors.

CHRIS 01:03:40 Yeah? What are you takin' for that by the way?

CHRIS 01:03:43 (through efforts)) why not try a couple of THESE…

01:03:47 ... AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING!

CHRIS 01:03:55 Wow! Virtual Bender’s Holo-9 is beyond awesome!!

SALESMAN 01:03:58 Yes. And it's sold out everywhere. - But you can bet here at Wow Mart we have the lowest price in town!

01:04:05 (lower) If we ever get any more in stock.

CHRIS 01:04:07 I've begged and pleaded for my mom and dad to get me one of these!

JOY 01:04:10 Of all the things you could want in the world, Chris, do you realize you want something that isn't even real...

01:04:15 (she taps on his game helmet)

01:04:16 It's a "hollow" helmet...

CHRIS 01:04:27 What's that?

JOY 01:04:29 You mean that sound like a big machine about to explode?

JOY 01:04:32 Sure, let's walk toward it.

CHRIS/JOY 01:04:43 (gasp of astonishment)

PHOEBE/

PROF QUANTUM 01:04:45 Surpriiiise!!

CHRIS 01:04:47 WHOA! How did you get one??

PROF QUANTUM 01:04:49 I called in a favor from a fellow inventor at Virtual Bender.

CHRIS 01:04:52 Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!! Oh, I just don't KNOW how to thank you!!

JOY 01:04:56 I'd say you're doing pretty well.

GIZMO 01:04:58 (over-enthusiastically) Hi, Chris! Speaking of games... I have been uploading some cool new games myself!

GIZMO 01:05:06 What has this thing got that I do not have, Chris?

CHRIS 01:05:09 Oh... just Mega-Ultra-Combat 9, Interplanetary Zombie Quest, Armored Ninja Smackdown, Bionic Rock Band Revolt...

GIZMO 01:05:14 Oh... those.

PHOEBE 01:05:20 Hi, Debbie! What's up?

DEBBIE 01:05:21 Hi Phoebe, umm... listen...

(drops voice down)

01:05:23 I've got a really sick boy here in the unit...

DEBBIE (OS) 01:05:26 …and more than anything else he’s wished for one of those fancy new Holo-9 things.

DEBBIE 01:05:29 Oh, the hospital's done everything to grant his wish but the games are impossible to get anywhere. Do I remember you saying Crispin knew someone at Virtual Bender?

PHOEBE 01:05:37 Oh, I'm sorry, Debbie, my husband already called in a favor with a friend to get a Holo-9 for Chris.

DEBBIE 01:05:43 Oh... Well, it was worth a try. Thanks, Phoebe. - (upbeat) - I'm sure I'll think of something else to boost his spirits.

PROF QUANTUM 01:05:53 Enjoy the game, son.

JOY 01:06:00 What's the matter, Chris?

CHRIS 01:06:01 I don't know... this game is my dream come true and somehow I don't really feel the way I thought I would.

CHRIS/JOY 01:06:10 Superbook!

GIZMO O.C. 01:06:23 Ohhhh-oh-ho-ho!! Uh, Chris, I know how much you care about your Holo-9...

GIZMO 01:06:29 ... and so I will stay here and guard it because I am certain you would not want anything to...

GIZMO 01:06:32 …Okay! Not gooooo-ohh-ohhh-ood-!!!

SUPERBOOK 01:06:38 When we are being tested... is when we learn the most about our relationship with God.

CHRIS/JOY/GIZMO 01:06:51 (FALLING SOUNDS)

CHRIS 01:06:55 Giz, where are we?

GIZMO 01:07:00 According to my Geo-Sensors we are somewhere in the hills outside ancient Hebron.

CHRIS 01:07:05 Huhhh, and thousands of years away from my new Holo-9. Man, what a time for a Superbook trip.

ABRAHAM (O.C.) 01:07:11 (quiet sobbing)

JOY 01:07:12 Shhh... Guys, do you hear that?

ABRAHAM 01:07:15 (sob - trying to stop) - Oh, my son. My son.

JOY 01:07:26 (whispering) I wonder what’s the matter with that man?

CHRIS 01:07:29 He seems really sad about something.

(ABRAHAM CRYING)

JOY 01:07:33 I wish there was something we could do.

GIZMO 01:07:35 Perhaps his son is sick. I wonder if there is a doctor nearby.

43K CHRIS 01:07:40 It’s Superbook!

43L JOY 01:07:41 Why so soon?!

CHRIS 01:08:00 Joy! Giz! We gotta get these animals back!

GIZMO 01:08:03 I am on it, Chris!

CHRIS 01:08:13 Come on!

01:08:25 Move along. Nothing to see here. Back to your grazing!

GIZMO 01:08:34 (whistling for dogs) (happy whistling)

JOY: 01:08:41 Giz, where are we now?

GIZMO 01:08:43 How odd. According to my chronometer, Superbook has sent us backwards in time by a little more than one day.

CHRIS 01:08:50 You mean we're only one day before we saw that man crying near the tent?

GIZMO 01:08:53 That is correct. And by my calculations...

<LOUD BRAYING SOUND>

ISAAC (O.C.) 01:09:06 Don't make any sudden moves.

ISAAC 01:09:08 This donkey has a kick like lightning. (jumping effort)

ISAAC 01:09:12 (landing effort)

ISAAC 01:09:14 But I have the powers of a heavenly warrior. Uh... you might want to run away now.

ISAAC 01:09:26 Now, that was faster than I expected.

ISAAC 01:09:31 Whoa-ho-ho-ho-ho... Cannot catch me!... Ha-ha! You’re going to have to run faster than that! – Whoo-hoo-hoo!! I’ll go high... you go low!

ISAAC 01:09:40 (Jumping effort)

01:09:42 (LAUGHS) Works every time.

ISAAC 01:09:46 "And so the fearless warrior takes yet another prisoner in his quest for victory!"

CHRIS 01:09:51 There is definitely something about this guy I really like.

CHRIS 01:09:56 Whoa! Nice job.

ISAAC 01:09:58 Thank you, my new friends. - I am Isaac. And you seem to be expert shepherds.

CHRIS 01:10:03 We... uh...

ABRAHAM (O.C.) 01:10:05 Isaac!

ISAAC 01:10:06 (Calling out) Father!

ABRAHAM/ISAAC 01:10:08 (hugging sounds)

ABRAHAM 01:10:10 My beloved son.

JOY 01:10:12 Whoa... That’s the man we saw crying outside the tent.

JOY (O.C.) 01:10:16 Do you think Isaac is the son he was so worried about?

GIZMO 01:10:19 Remember, Superbook has moved us backward in time, so whatever is going to make him so sad, has probably not even happened yet.

JOY: 01:10:42 Isaac, what is that?

ISAAC (O.C.) 01:10:45 It is called an abacus...

ISAAC 01:10:46 My father gave it to me as a gift...

ISAAC 01:10:48 ...and told me to try and count all the stars in the sky.

JOY (EXISTING) 01:10:52 Cool. A computer before computers were invented.

ISAAC (EXISTING) 01:10:56 Com-pu-ter?

JOY (EXISTING) 01:10:58 Ah... never mind.

CHRIS 01:11:00 Isaac, why does your father want you to know how many stars are in the sky?

ISAAC 01:11:04 Because, before I was born, God told him that his children and their children, for generations to come, would one day number more than all the stars above.

ABRAHAM 01:11:14 And that was not the only time God spoke about you, my son.

ABRAHAM 01:11:18 For years, Sarah and I waited…but God’s promise that we would have a son was taking much longer than we expected. Then, one day...

ABRAHAM 01:11:32 My Lord.

JESUS 01:11:34 I will return to you according to the time of life.

(NKJV GENESIS 18:10)

JESUS (O.C.) 01:11:37 ...and Sarah your wife shall have a son.

JESUS 01:11:42 Why did Sarah laugh?

(CEV GENESIS 18:13)

JESUS 01:11:44 Does she doubt that she can have a child in her old age?

JESUS (O.C.) 01:11:48 I am the LORD! There is

(CEV GENESIS 18:14) nothing too difficult for me.

JESUS 01:11:53 I will come back next year at

(CEV GENESIS 18:14) the time I promised, and Sarah will already have a son.

SARAH

(NKJV GENESIS 18:15) 01:12:00 I... I did not laugh.

JESUS 01:12:04 You did laugh.

(NLT GENESIS 18:15)

ISAAC 01:12:13 And that is why God named me Isaac.

ABRAHAM 01:12:16 For Isaac means laughter.

(a beat) 01:12:19 Now, come. It is time for us to eat.

ISAAC 01:12:22 Here, Joy. Why don’t you use my abacus to keep count of the sheep tomorrow.

JOY 01:12:26 Cool.

CHRIS (whispering) 01:12:35 It’s so hard to believe...

GIZMO(whispering) 01:12:37 What is hard to believe, Chris?

CHRIS (whispering) 01:12:39 That something’s about to happen that will make Abraham so sad.

JOY (whispering) 01:12:42 Yeah. And there’s nothing we can do because we don’t know what it is.

CHRIS 01:12:54 (Grunting noise when he throws the stone)

01:12:56 All right! Look at how far my stone skipped!

GIZMO 01:12:58 I think I will go and get a little sun. (Humming)

ISAAC (O.C.) 01:13:09 Follow me! I'll show you where the best skipping stones can be found!

ISAAC 01:13:13 They're here! But we must dig for them.

GIZMO (OS) 01:13:17 Ohhh! Sand! Ahhh! Nooo!

CHRIS 01:13:21 These are perfect. Come on!

GIZMO 01:13:31 Uh-oh. That does not sound good. Perhaps I had Better run some internal diagnostics.

GIZMO 01:13:37 (WINDING DOWN NOISE - SNORING)

GOD

(CEV GENESIS 22:2) 01:13:47 Abraham, go get Isaac, your only son, the one you dearly love! Take him to the land of Moriah...

GOD

(CEV GENESIS 22:2) 01:13:55 ...and I will show you a mountain where you must sacrifice him to me on the fires of an altar.

ABRAHAM 01:14:16 Isaac.

01:14:22 I need you to come with me.

ISAAC 01:14:26 Where? (yawn) Can my new friends come along? I will wake them.

ABRAHAM 01:14:33 Your friends cannot join us. This is a special request from God. You and I must go alone.

ISAAC 01:14:54 Good morning, Chris.

CHRIS 01:14:55 Isaac, where you going so early?

ISAAC 01:14:58 I am accompanying my father. We are going up the mountain to make a burnt offering to God. I believe it will be one of our finest lambs.

JOY 01:15:15 This abacus is so cool. Hey, guys, where's Isaac?

CHRIS 01:15:20 Oh, he said he was going with his father to make a burnt offering to God. It was going to be one of the lambs.

JOY 01:15:25 But...all the lambs are accounted for. That's weird. Shouldn't we be one short?

JOY 01:15:31 Gizmo! What IS the matter with you?

GIZMO 01:15:34 (Odd sounds)

CHRIS 01:15:36 He's been acting weird since his sunbath yesterday.

JOY 01:15:42 What is that?

CHRIS 01:15:44 Wow! It's one of his auto record archives. Gizmo logs everything going on in a fifty yard radius, 24/7!

GOD

(CEV GENESIS 22:2) 01:15:51 Abraham, go get Isaac, your only son, the one you dearly love! Take him to the land of Moriah and I will show you a mountain where you must sacrifice him to me on the fires of an altar.

JOY 01:16:07 Why would God ask that?

CHRIS 01:16:10 Come on! We've got to help Isaac!

CHRIS 01:16:24 Okay, which way now?

GIZMO 01:16:35 Uh... that way?

GIZMO 01:16:42 Maybe... this way.

ISAAC

(NLT GENESIS 22:7) 01:16:58 Father? We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?

ABRAHAM

(NKJV GENESIS 22:8) 01:17:05 (deep breath)

01:17:08 My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.

ABRAHAM 01:17:24 Lord, give me strength as I do what you ask of me this day.

GIZMO 01:17:39 Okay... maybe not.

CHRIS 01:17:42 Okay, here’s what we’re going to do. Which way should we go now, Gizmo?

GIZMO 01:17:47 Uh... that way?

CHRIS 01:17:49 And that's why we're going *this* way.

JOY: (SLIGHT LAUGH)

GIZMO 01:17:52 Now that is a good plan.

ISAAC 01:18:22 (tentatively) Father?

ABRAHAM 01:18:38 (deep breath) My son. God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering.

JOY (O.S.) 01:19:23 (Breathless) Oh, no! We should have taken the other path! Let's go back!

CHRIS 01:19:27 There isn't time! (SHOUTING) Abraham, stop!

CHRIS/JOY/GIZMO 01:19:31 (SHOUTING) Heyyy!/Over here!/Hello/ Abraham/Stop!/Abraham and Isaac, over here/Stop!

CHRIS/JOY/GIZMO (ad lib shouting to Abraham and Isaac)

JOY 01:19:39 He can't hear us this far away!

GIZMO 01:19:41 If they can't hear *us*, at least we can see *them*.

ANGEL OF THE LORD/

(JESUS’ VOICE)

(CEV GENESIS 22:11-12) 01:20:19 Abraham! Abraham! Do not lay a hand on the boy! Do not hurt him in any way…

ANGEL OF THE LORD/

(JESUS’S VOICE)

(CEV GENESIS 22:12) 01:20:31 …for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.

CHRIS 01:20:42 (WHISPERING) Is that God speaking to Abraham?

ABRAHAM 01:20:58 Oh, my son! My son!

ISAAC 01:21:02 Father!

ABRAHAM 01:21:07 Isaac, get the ram and we will offer it for the burnt offering. The Lord has provided.

ANGEL OF THE LORD/

(JESUS’ VOICE)

(NLT GENESIS 22:18) 01:21:15 Through your descendants, all the nations on earth will be blessed – all because you have obeyed me.

CHRIS 01:21:28 God was never going to let anything happen to Isaac.

JOY 01:21:31 What?

CHRIS 01:21:32 (low - reverent - awed) The sacrifice was always going to be that ram. Don't you see, Joy?

JOY 01:21:36 You mean... it was all a test?

CHRIS 01:21:39 God wanted to know if Abraham would give up the one thing he loved most in this world for Him.

JOY 01:21:44 But…his son? Wow... I can’t even imagine having to make a decision that hard in my life.

CHRIS 01:21:52 Yeah. I’ve never been tested like that. But you know, maybe I’m being tested in a smaller way right now.

DEBBIE 01:22:12 Hello?

CHRIS 01:22:14 Hi, Mrs. Sweetman, it’s Chris Quantum...

LITTLE BOY 01:22:23 (gasp and laughs excitedly)

DEBBIE 01:22:30 Chris, I can't thank you enough for this. You've done a wonderful thing here.

CHRIS 01:22:36 Well... thanks!... it feels pretty good.

DEBBIE 01:22:40 Oh, I almost forgot!

DEBBIE 01:22:42 Now, it's not a “sure thing” but the latest Holo-9 systems are arriving at the mall around midnight and...

DEBBIE 01:22:47 ...I just happen to have stood in line all morning for a raffle wristband. This is yours now.

CHRIS 01:22:53 I’m in the running for a game unit! I can’t believe it!

CHRIS 01:22:57 Ohh, It's going to be so fun for us to camp out at the mall all night! And I’ve heard the new Holo-9s come bundled with twice as many games!

GIZMO 01:23:04 Twice as many games?? Uh…say, did I mention that I have installed the latest version of Guitar Star?

FADE OUT

END OF SHOW