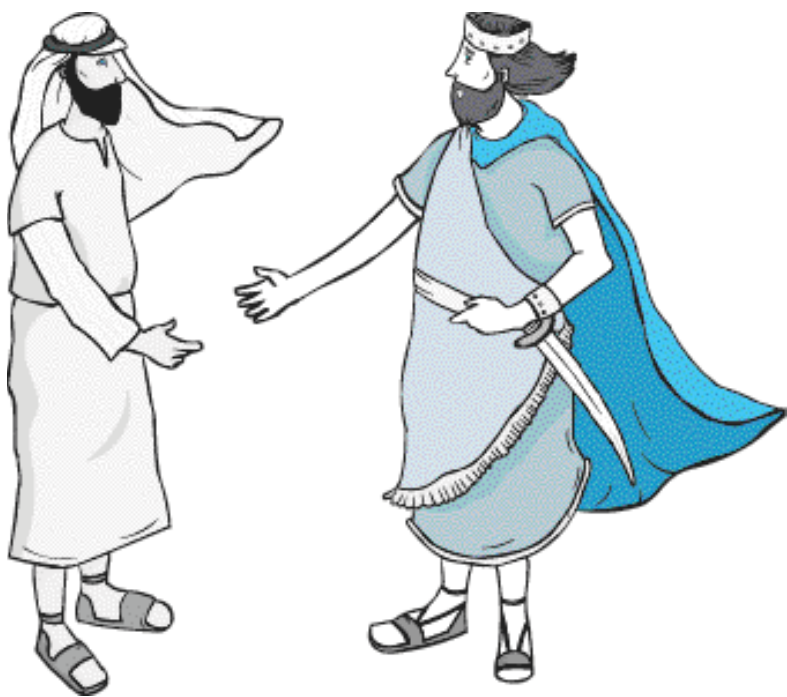


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The Secret of the
Shepherd Boy



Abraham offers Isaac

Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-19



God wanted to test Abraham's faith in Him and His promise.

GOD: "Abraham! Go to Mount Moriah and offer your son Isaac as a sacrifice to Me."

ABRAHAM: "Yes, God!"

Abraham got up early the next morning and got ready to depart.

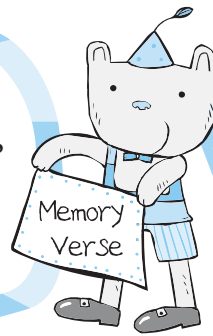
He immediately left with his son Isaac to Mount Moriah in obedience to God's words. Isaac carried the firewood for the offering on his shoulder.

ISAAC: "Father! Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

ABRAHAM: "God will provide the lamb."

When they reached the mountain, Abraham built an altar and placed the wood on the top. Then, he bound his son, Isaac, and placed him on the wood on the altar.

For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.
James 2:26



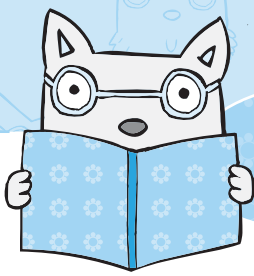
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Abraham lifted the knife to kill Isaac to give him as a sacrifice to God.
But right at that moment, God stopped him.

GOD: "Abraham, Abraham! Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him;
for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your
only son, from Me."

Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in a thicket by its horns.
He offered it up for a burnt offering to the Lord.
God was exceedingly happy for Abraham's faith.
He blessed Abraham greatly and promised Jesus to be among his descendants.





Today's Study

Abraham Obeys God.

1. Isaac was Abraham's only son, the most beloved. How would Abraham have felt when he was told to offer him up as a sacrifice?

2. How did Abraham react when God commanded him to give Isaac as a sacrifice? Circle the correct answers.

No, never!



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Lord! I will discuss the matter with my wife and let you know afterwards.



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He thought about it for a long time and ran away after three days.



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He left early for the sacrifice the day after God's commandment.



Abraham loved and trusted God more than he loved his own son, Isaac. This is the reason he was able to obey as God commanded.



Today's Lesson

Obey God

? Look at the two children in the illustrations below and answer the following questions.

Obeying parents is one of the ways to obey God.



Yes, just as mom told me, I should cut down my time playing computer games and read the Bible more instead.



Mom always says the same thing I'm tired of hearing her.



Evangelize to Your Friends



Let's go to church together next Sunday.



I don't like you!



? Between these two, who is obeying God?



How about me? Obedience is listening to God's Words!

Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? (James 2:22)

Parable



The Reward of Obedience - The Story of King Soon

A long time ago in China, King Soon convened his servants and gave them a commandment:

"I am going to give each one of you a mesh bag. Go to the well and bring me a bag full of water."

However, most of the servants didn't even try to fill the bag with water because it was obvious that even if they tried pouring water into the mesh bag, the water would spill out through the holes. One servant, however, went to the well and drew water out from the well all day. Although the water kept dripping out from the bag, he didn't stop because of the command of the king. Finally, the water in the well was all drawn up and the bucket hit the bottom of the well. The servant went into the well and looked. There was a big piece of gold at the bottom of the well! The servant brought the piece of gold to the king. The king said,

"Great Job! You're the only one who obeyed my words. That piece of gold is what I prepared for him who obeyed my words. You may keep the gold!"

True obedience is obeying not only when you understand what you're doing but even when you cannot understand. At the end of all your efforts, there will be a reward!

