Story Point: Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God’s plan.

God kept His promise to give Abraham a son. Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old when their son, Isaac, was born. One day, God tested Abraham. God wanted to make sure that Abraham loved God most of all.

“Take your son Isaac to the mountain and give him to Me as a sacrifice,” God said.

Abraham obeyed God. He got up early the next day and left with Isaac, two servants, and a donkey carrying supplies. Abraham asked his servants to stay with the donkey, and he and Isaac went up the mountain with the supplies for the sacrifice.

Isaac saw something was missing. “My father,” he said, “where is the lamb for the offering?”

Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb.”

When they got to the place God had directed them, Abraham built an altar. Just as Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, the angel of the Lord called out, “Abraham, Abraham!” Abraham stopped.

The angel of the Lord said, “Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me.”

Abraham looked up and saw a ram trapped by its horns in the bushes. He offered to God the ram instead of Isaac.

Christ Connection: Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. God provided a ram instead. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him.
EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

• Write how each of the following words is related to the Bible story.

  Abraham –

  Isaac –

  sacrifice –

  ram –

• Why did God test Abraham?

• How did God provide for Abraham? How did He provide for us?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

• How did Abraham show that he had faith in God?

• Why do you think God sometimes tests us or asks us to do hard things?

• God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. How did God provide a substitute for us?
APPLY the Story

• Find Galatians 3:29 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for the ways in which He has provided for you.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- James 2:21-24
- Hebrews 11:17-19
- Galatians 4:28
- 1 John 2:3
- John 1:29
- Matthew 6:33