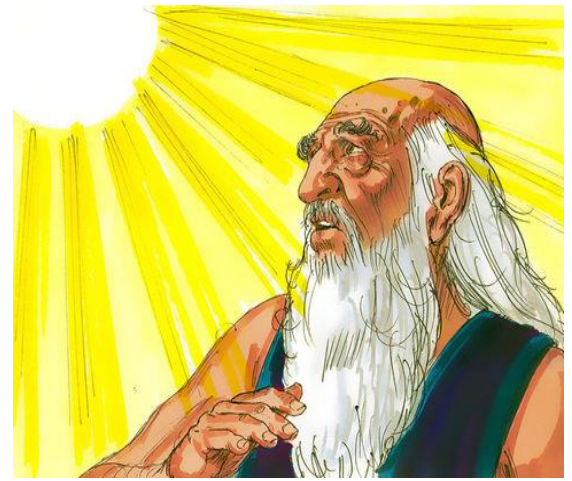


God's Promise to Abraham

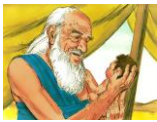
Abraham and his wife Sarah are very old. They have no children.

God promises Abraham, "All nations will be blessed through you. You and your wife Sarah will have a son. I will be your God and your children's God. Look at the stars and count them if you can – that's how many children you will have."



Abraham

Abraham believes God's promise. When Abraham is 100 years old and Sarah is 90 years old, God gives them a son. God keeps his promise.



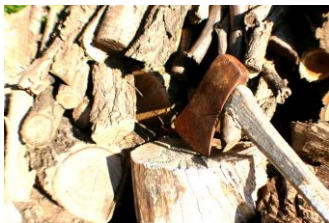
A son

One day God tests Abraham. God says, "Abraham!" Abraham answers, "Here I am."

Then God says, "Take your only son, the son you love. Go to the mountain. Kill him there."



mountain



cuts wood

Early in the morning Abraham gets up and cuts some wood.

He puts the wood on a donkey.



wood on the donkey

He takes his son and two servants and they go. They go to the mountain. They walk three days.

Then Abraham looks up and sees the mountain far away.



two servants wait

He says to the two servants, "Stay here and wait with the donkey."

My son and I will go up there and pray. Then we will come back to you."

Abraham takes the wood and gives it to his son to carry.

Abraham takes the knife and the fire. He and his son go together.



**His son takes the wood.
Abraham takes the knife and fire.**

The boy says to his father Abraham, "Father!"
Abraham answers, "Yes, my son."
The boy says, "We have the fire and the wood.
But where is the sheep we will kill for the Lord?"

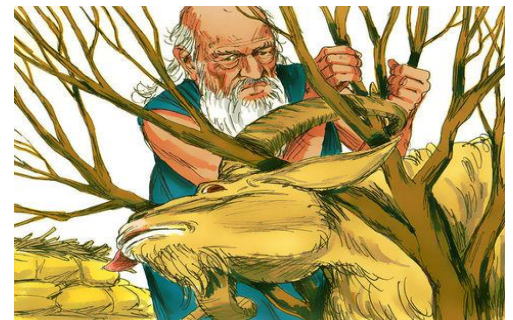
Abraham answers, "God will give the sheep to kill, my son."

So Abraham and his son go together. They come to the mountain. There, Abraham puts down the wood. Then he ties up his son and puts him on the wood. Then Abraham takes his knife and is ready to kill his son.

But God's angel calls to him and says, "Abraham! Abraham!"

Abraham answers, "Yes."

God says, "Don't kill your son or hurt him. Now I see you love God."



God gives a sheep.

Then Abraham looks up and sees a sheep. Its horns are stuck in a bush. So Abraham goes and takes the sheep and kills it and burns it for God. Abraham's son is safe.

God says to Abraham, "You did not keep back your son from me. Because you did this, I promise to bless you and give you many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They will be as many as the stars in the sky."