



Milk and Honey Club



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- God keeps His promises (eg To Abraham and Sarah). God is bringing blessing to all the families of the earth through Jesus, His Son. (See Psalm 105:42). God's promises bring hope.
- Getting to Know and Trust God – Even when God asks us to do something hard, we should, like Abraham, trust that He'll look after us.

Materials Needed

- ☐ Bible(s) suitable for children
- ☐ Colouring pens/pencils, (alphabet) stencils
- ☐ (Optional) – Stickers (heart, stars, moon, sun), and different coloured glitter and glitter glue
- ☐ Pieces of cardboard to cut out and use as heart, sun, moon and star stencils
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Bible Booklet - God Tests Abraham's Love - Options to print as A5 or A4 booklet to colour or already coloured
- ☐ 'God's Love is the Biggest'
- ☐ Cut out letters L-O-V-E
- ☐ Creation Song Day 4

Topics:- Love and Sacrifice, Tests of Love



Prayer:- Thank God for...
Ask God to help you...
Ask God to help others by...



Bible Verses:-

Genesis chapter 22 verses 1-18,
John 3:16

Story: God Tests Abraham's Love

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Activities



1. Picture – 'God's Love is the Biggest'
Discuss why God's love is the biggest love (see questions below, **Part A**).
Draw 'heart' picture, with smaller hearts of people who care for us inside the big heart of God.
Use letter stencils to write 'God is Love'.
2. Story – God Tests Abraham's love – read and discuss booklet.
(see questions, **Part B**).
3. Creation song day 4. Make picture with writing and stickers / stencils of sun, moon and stars

Discussion Questions – Part A

1. Who can you think of that cares for you?
2. What do they do to show they care?
3. Do you think God cares for you? Why?
4. Who cares for you the most out of everyone?

Discussion Questions – Part B

1. Why did God tell Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his son?
2. Do you think it was easy for Abraham to do what God asked?
3. Why did Abraham obey God?
4. What did Abraham tell Isaac about the sacrifice for God?
5. What stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac with his knife?
6. What was sacrificed instead of Isaac, and what sacrifice did God make for all those who serve Him even today? (See John 3:16)
7. Have you ever given up something you like, or something you like doing, to help someone else?
8. What makes God's love bigger and better than anyone else's?
9. What promise did God repeat to Abraham because he'd obeyed Him?

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Extra Activities for Theme 9

Suggested Activities:



1. 'Hidden Love' game: Hide cut out letters L-O-V-E for child(ren) to find, with adult 'clues' if necessary. (eg 'you are getting warmer... / colder...').

When letters have been found, use them as a stencils to write
God is L-O-V-E.

2. Point out the signs of God's love around you, eg. on walks, point to nature / fruit and flowers, etc.
Talk about things the child(ren) have enjoyed this week and how they can help others to feel happy.
3. Read Genesis 22 verses 1-18, from the children's bible, or the 'God Tests Abraham' booklet. Take it in stages, with questions (eg from previous page) for recall.
Explain that when we trust God, He'll make everything good in the end for us!
Colour picture of Abraham and Isaac.
4. Practise creation song day 4 and practise writing words: Sun, moon, stars.
5. Discuss 'Day 4' questions about the seasons.
Find picture of each of the 4 seasons and stick them on a sheet of paper to show the complete year.

Prayer Points



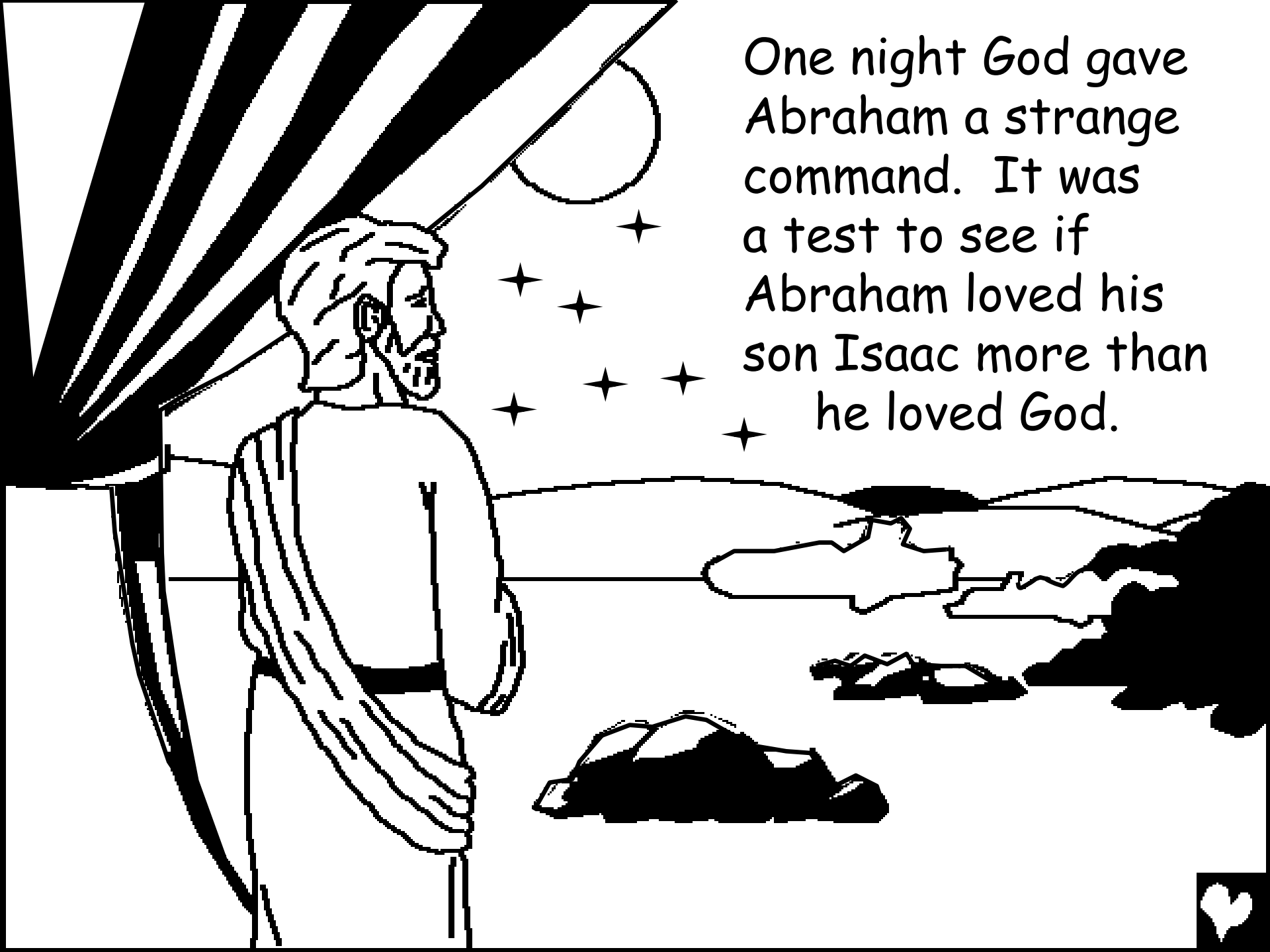
- Thank God for loving us so much that He gave us life and He gave His life for us, so that we can have the chance to live forever with Him.
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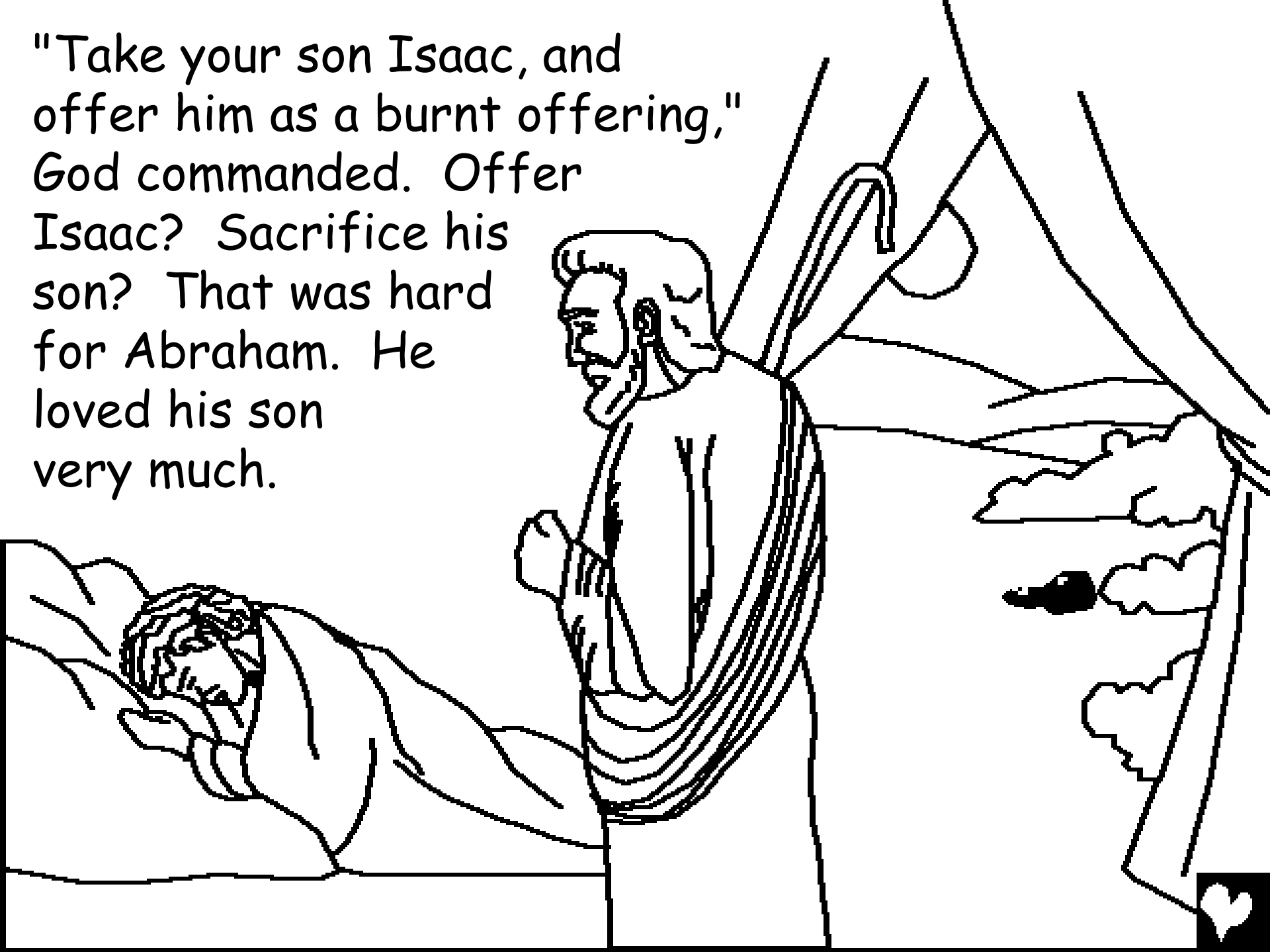
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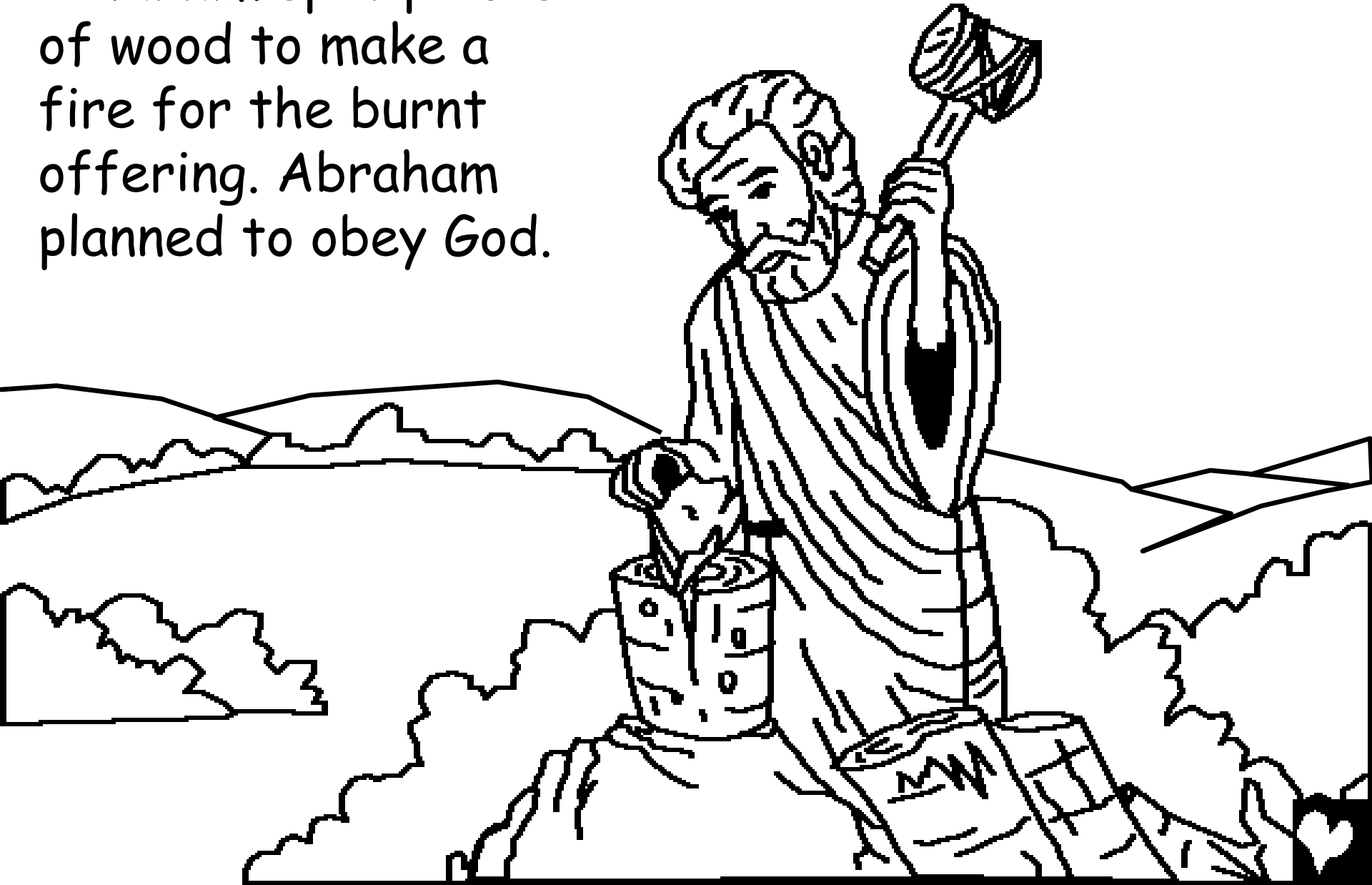
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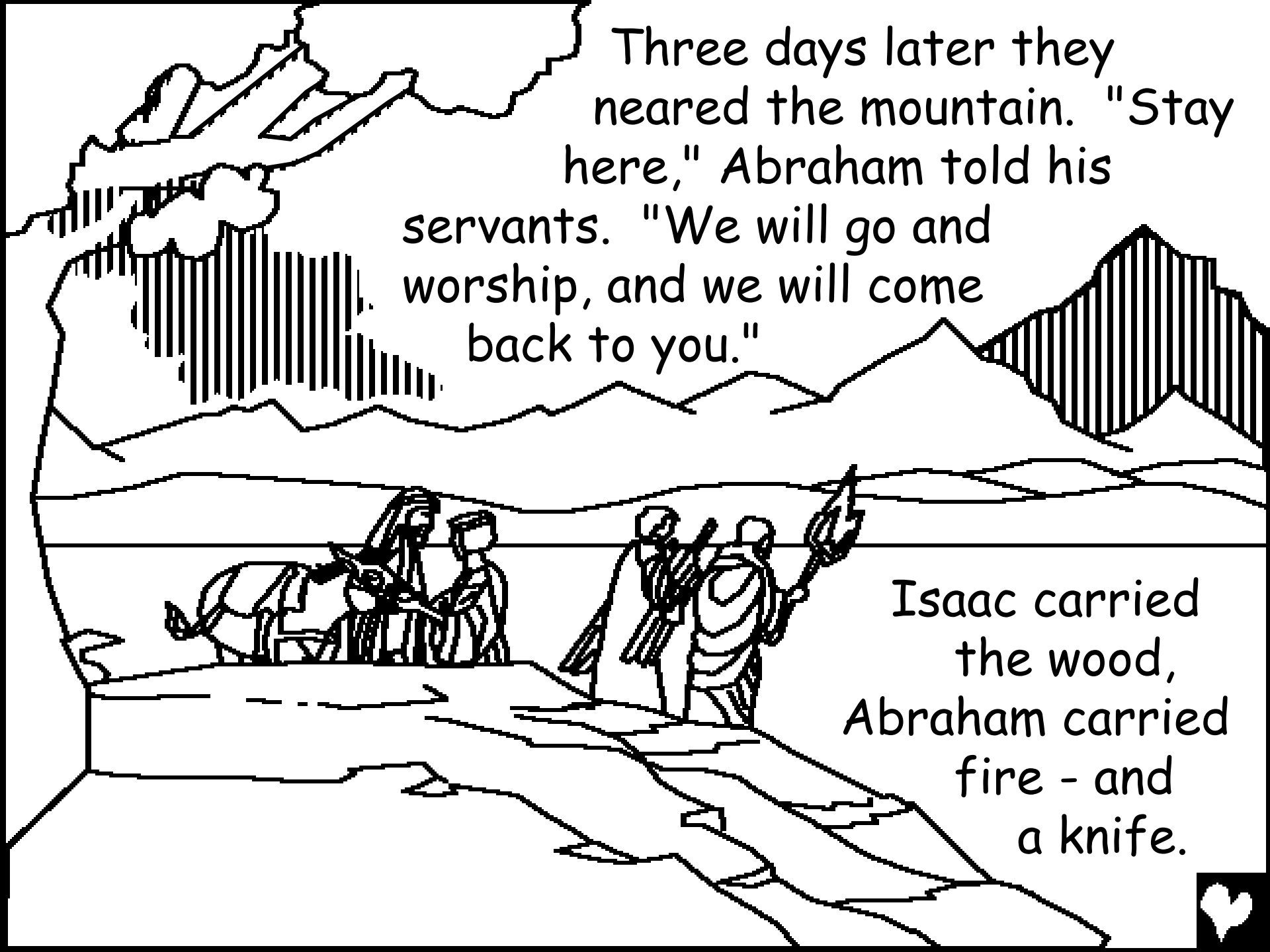


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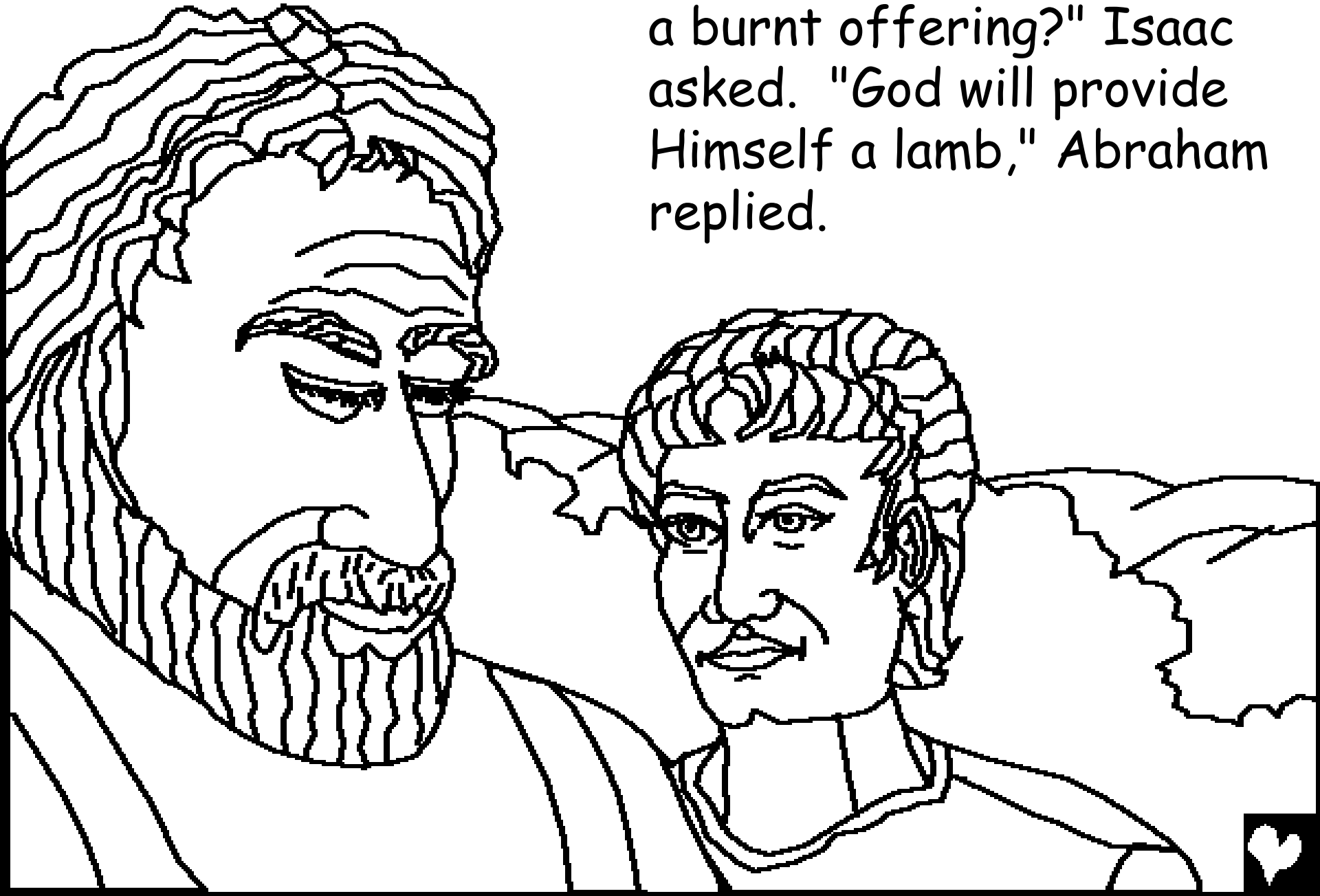


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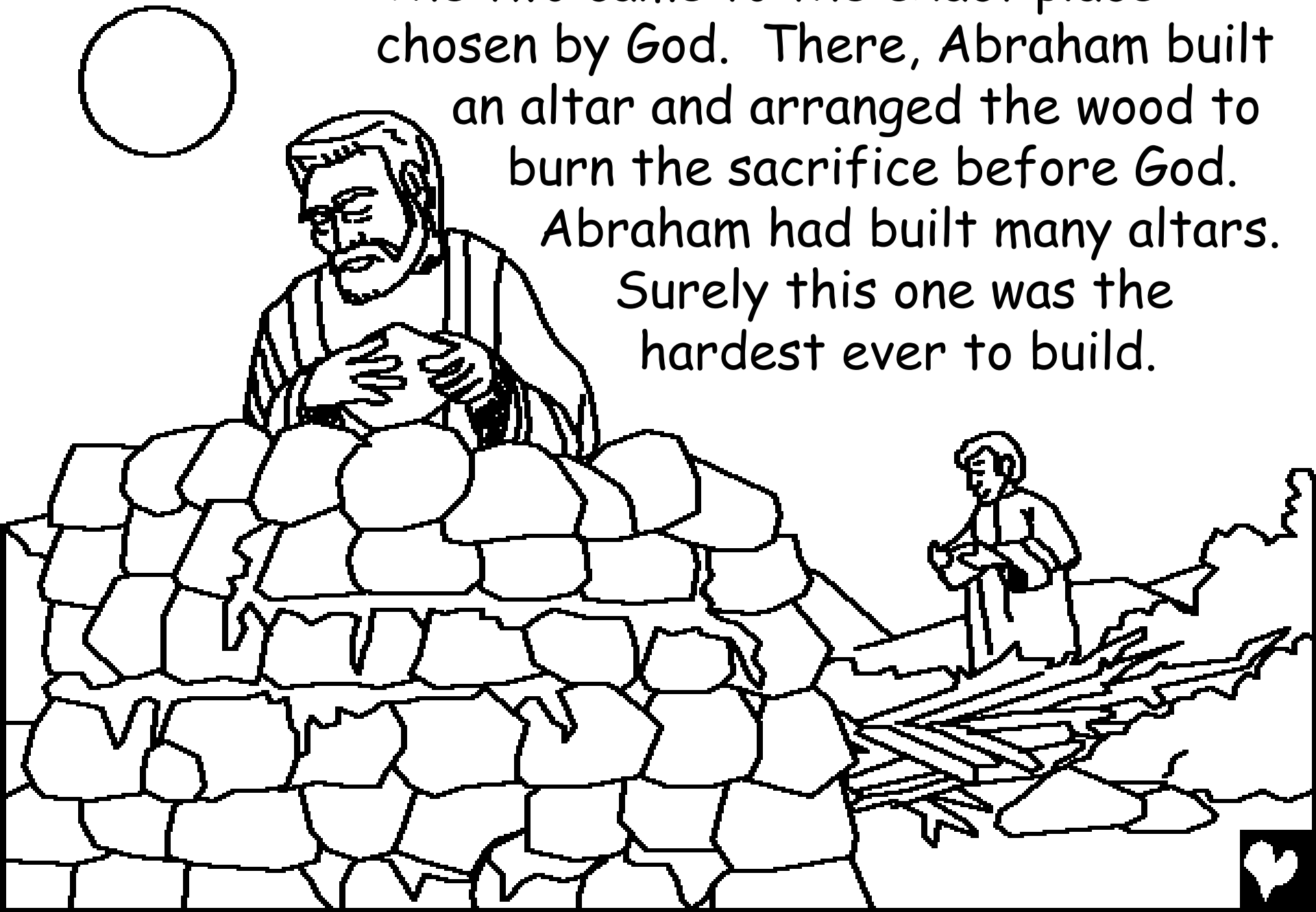
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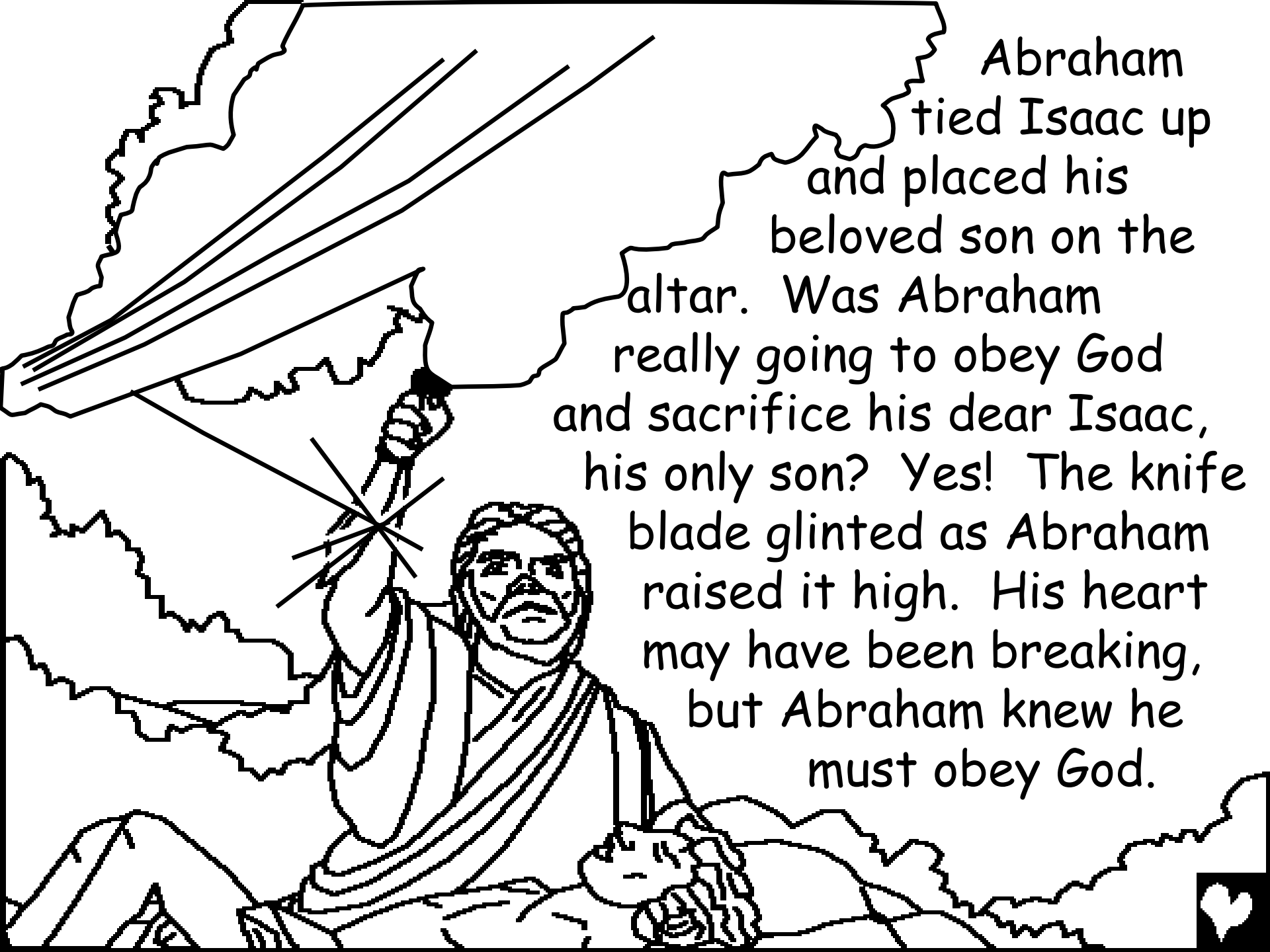
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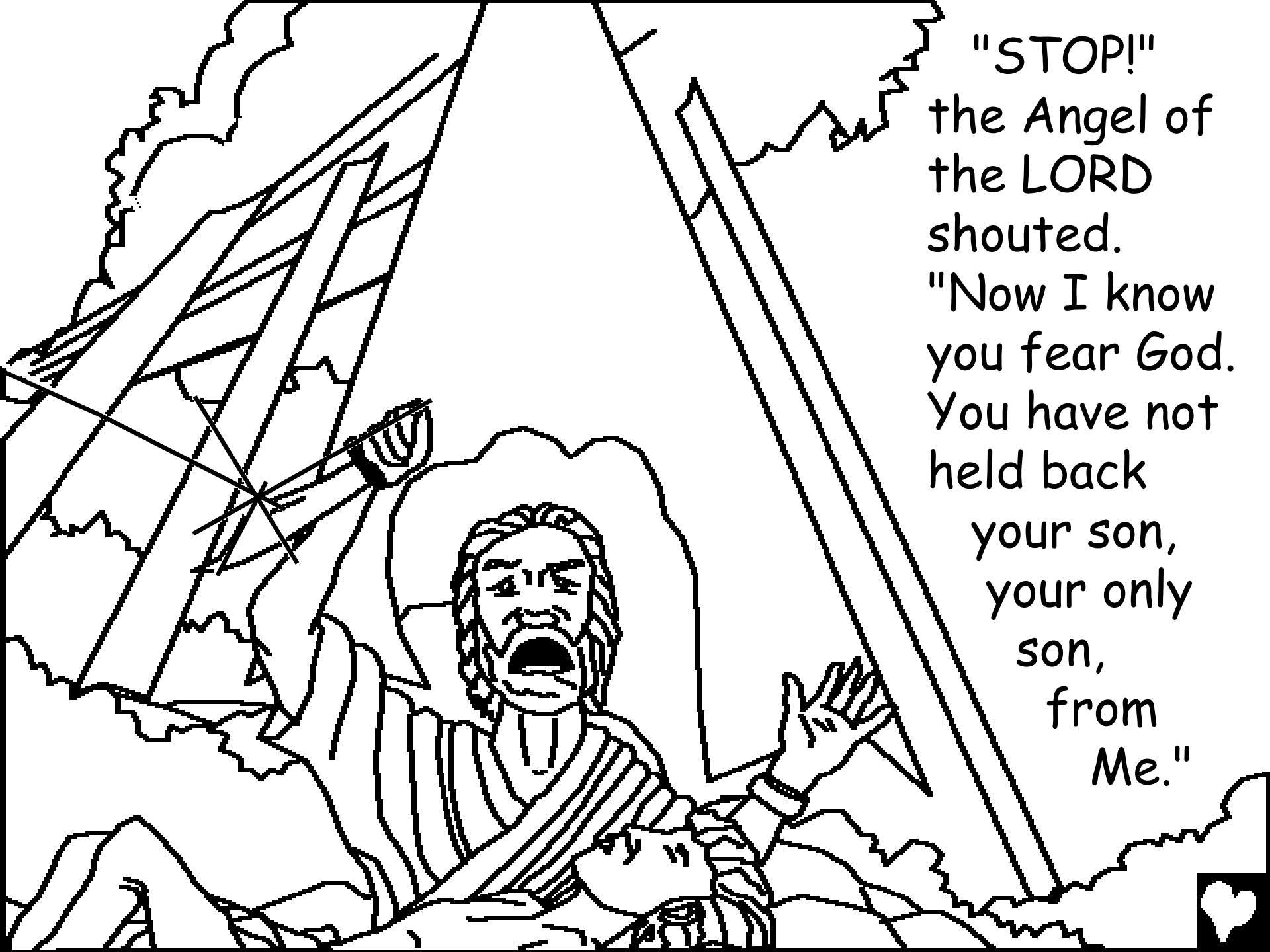


The two came to the exact place
chosen by God. There, Abraham built
an altar and arranged the wood to
burn the sacrifice before God.
Abraham had built many altars.
Surely this one was the
hardest ever to build.



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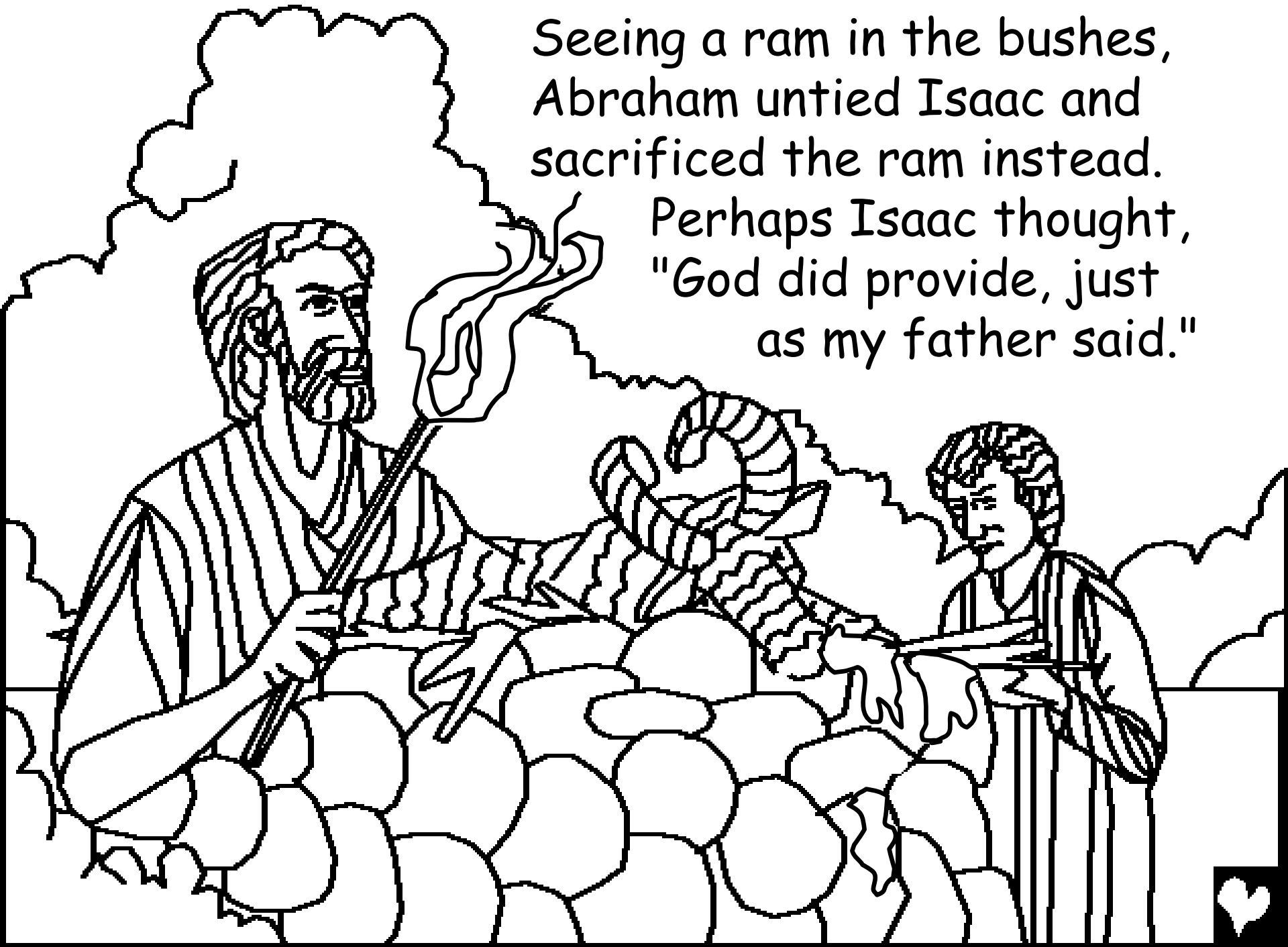




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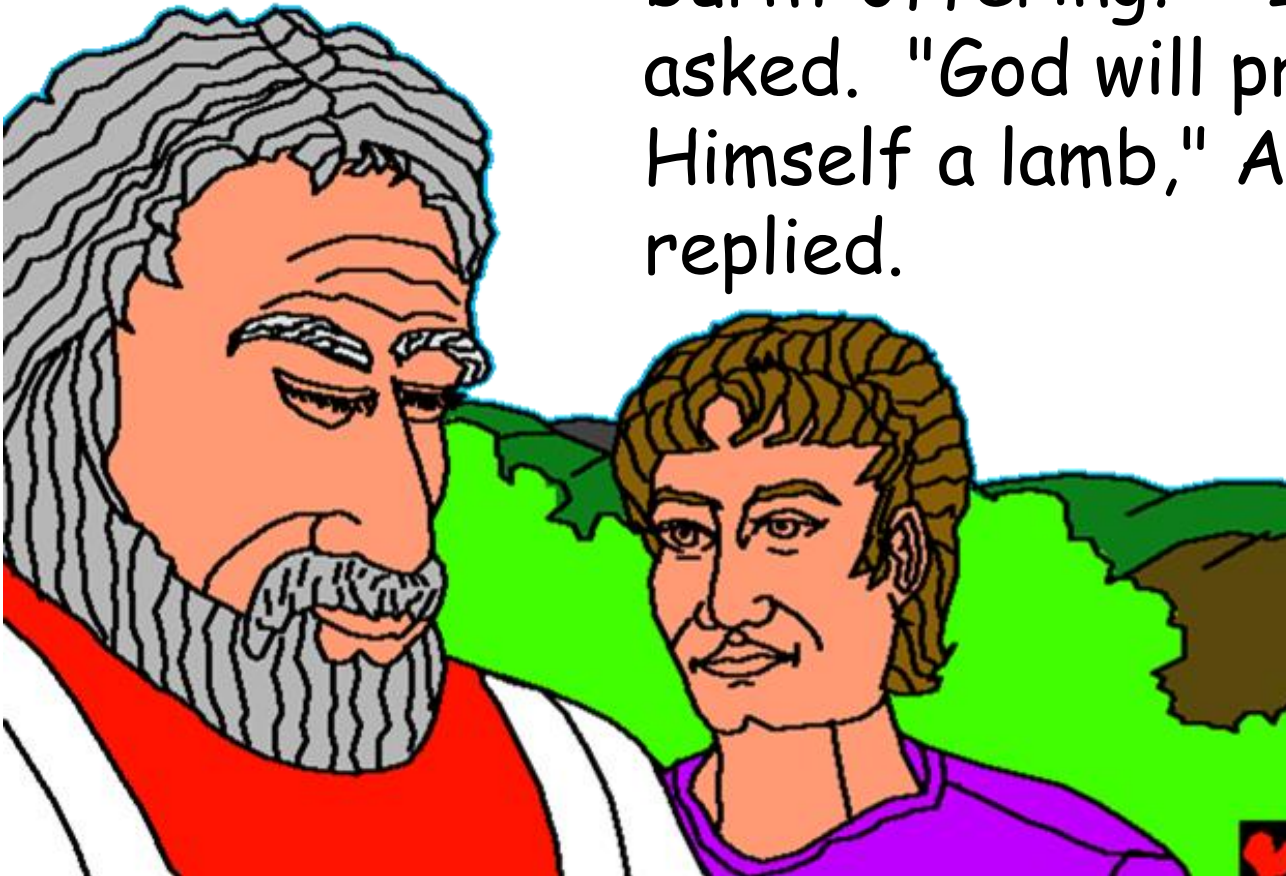


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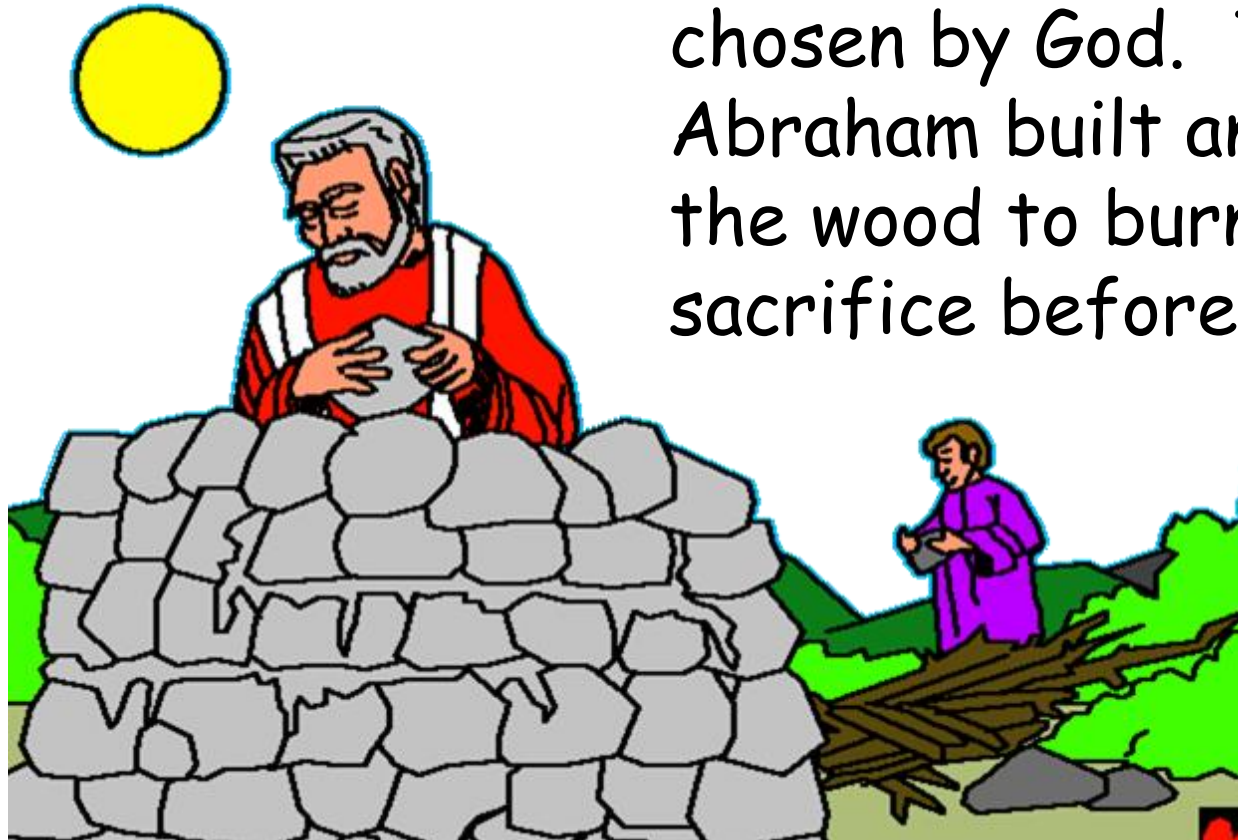
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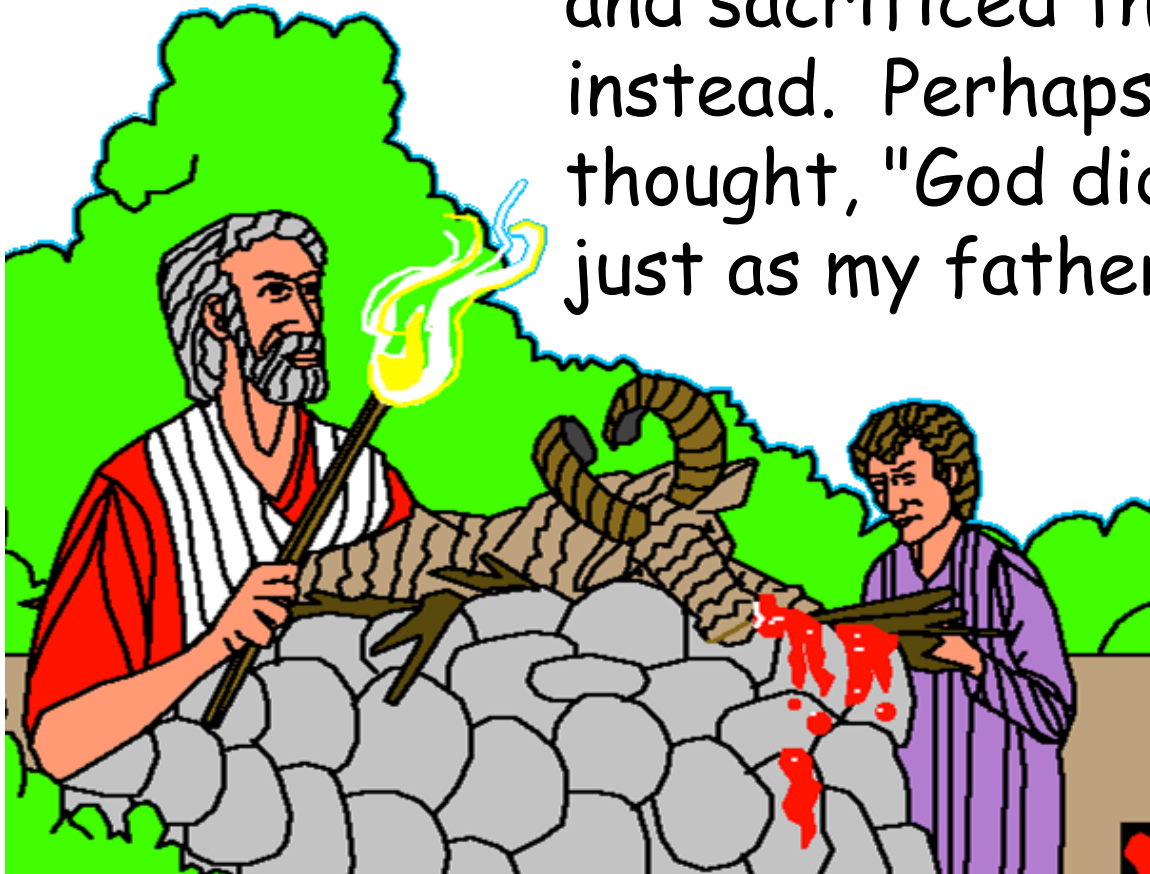
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