



The Very Big Test

Abraham trusts God with his son Isaac

♥ The Thing Abraham Loved Most



Abraham **loved** Isaac more than anything in the whole world. Isaac was the **special son** God had promised. They had waited SO long for him!

They played together. They laughed together. Isaac was Abraham's *greatest treasure*.

Then God spoke to Abraham. It was a **TEST**.

☀️ GOD SAYS:

"Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land I will show you."

Abraham felt his heart **shake**. But he also felt something else — he knew who God was.

And he chose to **trust**.

"After these things God tested Abraham." — Genesis 22:1

💡 Tiny Truth

Sometimes God asks hard things to show us what we truly believe. Tests are not to **hurt** us — they are to **grow** us!

🐫 The Morning Walk



The very next morning, Abraham and Isaac began their trip.

Isaac carried the **wood** on his back.

Abraham carried the **fire**.

They walked together. Side by side. Father and son.

Isaac looked up at Abraham with curious eyes:

🗣️ ISAAC ASKS:

"Dad? I see the wood and the fire. But... where is the lamb for the offering?"

🙏 ABRAHAM SAYS:

"God will provide for Himself the lamb, my son."

Abraham didn't know *how*. But he knew **WHO**.

🚶 Trust Walk!

Close your eyes. Let someone you **TRUST** gently guide you a few steps.

How did it feel? That's a tiny taste of trust!

Talk about: What makes it easy or hard to trust someone?

Up, Up, Up



They climbed. And climbed. And **CLIMBED**.
Over sharp rocks. Past scrubby bushes. Higher and higher.
Abraham's legs were tired. His **heart** was even more tired.
He didn't understand *why* God asked this.
But he knew **WHO** God was — faithful, true, and loving.
His feet kept moving because his **faith** was bigger than his fear.

"He took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son." — Genesis 22:6

The Hard Path

Everyone has hard paths to climb. What feels hard for YOU right now?
Draw a "mountain" and write your hard thing on it. Then draw a tiny "God provides" flag at the TOP!

The Altar



At the very top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar.
Isaac helped him stack the **stones**.
They arranged the wood together.
Abraham's hands shook.
But his **heart** trusted God completely.
He knew God had promised Isaac would grow up to have a big family.
And he believed that even here on this hard mountain...

...**God would make a way.** ★

Tiny Truth

Trusting God doesn't mean we feel **zero** fear. It means we trust Him **anyway**. That's called BRAVE faith!

👋 STOP!



And then...

Just when Abraham's heart felt heaviest...

HEAVEN burst open! ✨

🌟 GOD SAYS:

"ABRAHAM! ABRAHAM! Do not touch the boy! Now I know that you trust God with EVERYTHING!"

Abraham's eyes went wide.

His knees went weak.

His heart **exploded** with gratitude!

Isaac was **SAFE**. Completely safe. God never wanted to hurt him.

God wanted to see what was **inside Abraham's heart**:

Total, brave, beautiful TRUST!

*"Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him." —
Genesis 22:12*

🙌 Whew! Thank You!

Take a deep breath. Let it out slowly. Say: "PHEW!"

Sometimes stories have scary moments so we feel RELIEF when God saves the day!

🐏 The Ram!



Then Abraham heard it — a **RUSTLING** in the bushes!

He looked.

And there, caught in the thicket by its horns, was a **RAM**!

A beautiful, strong, perfect ram — *already there!*

God had provided the offering **all along**!

🙏 ABRAHAM SAYS:

"Jehovah Jireh! The LORD Will Provide!"

Abraham and Isaac hugged each other **tightly**.

They sacrificed the ram together.

They **worshipped God** on that mountain.

And they named that place:

"The Mountain Where God Sees and Provides" 🏔️

💡 Tiny Truth

God saw the need **before** Abraham did. He had a ram waiting in the bushes before Abraham even reached the mountain. God ALWAYS has a provision we can't see yet!

🌟 Why Did God Test Abraham?



Did God want to hurt Isaac? **NEVER!**
 God loves His children. He never, ever wants to hurt them.
 But God **DID** want the whole world to see what was inside
 Abraham's heart:

Brave, beautiful, total TRUST.

When Abraham passed the test, God said something amazing:

🌟 GOD SAYS:

"I will bless you **FOREVER!** Your family will bless **ALL** the nations
 of the earth!"

Abraham's faith became a **light** for everyone who would ever
 hear this story.

"By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD..." — Genesis 22:16

💡 Tiny Truth

God never tests us to be **mean**. He tests us to make our faith
stronger and to show others how wonderful He is!

🐑 The Real Lamb



Many, many years later, God did something even **MORE** amazing.
 Remember — Abraham did **NOT** have to give up Isaac.
 But God **DID** give up His own Son, **Jesus**.
 Jesus is God's **TRUE** Lamb — the one who takes away all the bad
 things in the world.
 Because He loves **US** that much.

*"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us
 all..." — Romans 8:32*

When we trust God with our hardest things...
 He doesn't just **see** our need.
 He **PROVIDES**.

🌟 The Provision Secret

God always provides what we need. Sometimes it's a **ram** in the
 bushes. Sometimes it's a **friend's hug**. And for our biggest need
 — He gave us **Jesus**.

📝 What Has God Provided for YOU?

Draw or write a list:

- Food when you were hungry? 🍎
- Family who loves you? 👨‍👩‍👧
- Jesus to rescue your heart? ✝️

Put it where you can see it when you feel worried!

**Ram Horn Trumpet**

1. Roll a piece of thick paper into a cone shape (like an ice cream cone).
2. Wrap it with brown yarn or paint it brown/cream to look like a ram's horn.
3. Add spiraled pipe cleaners or a curled paper strip for the horn shape.
4. Decorate with gold glitter or sequins.
5. Write on the side: "Jehovah Jireh — God Provides!"
6. Hold the small end to your lips and blow: "TOOT TOOT! God makes a way!"

**Mountain of Provision Stones**

1. Find 5-7 small rocks or stones outside.
2. Write one word on each: "GOD" "SEES" "MY" "NEED" "AND" "PROVIDES".
3. Stack them into a little altar like Abraham's.
4. Place a small paper ram (cut from white paper) sitting on top!
5. Glue cotton ball "clouds" behind it so it looks like heaven is watching.

Memory Verse Song (Tune: "Baa Baa Black Sheep"):

*"God provides the ram, God provides the way,
When the test is hard, trust and obey!
Jehovah Jireh, sees our need,
Gives His Son for you and me!"*

**Family Discussion Time**

1. Why do you think God tested Abraham? Was God being mean or making Abraham's faith stronger for others to see?
2. Abraham trusted God BEFORE he saw the ram. Can you trust God before you see the answer to your prayer?
3. What does "Jehovah Jireh" mean? ("The LORD Will Provide") What has God provided for YOU this week?
4. God did NOT make Abraham sacrifice Isaac. But God DID give Jesus for us. How does that show God's love is even bigger than Abraham's?
5. When you face something hard or scary, how does remembering "God provides" help your heart?
6. Read Romans 8:32 together. How does knowing God "did not spare His own Son" help us trust Him with our smaller needs too?

Story #6 of the Biblical Adventure Series. Faith-building visual storytelling for family discipleship.

Next Story Preview: Isaac and Rebekah — When God Writes Love Stories (Genesis 24)

When the Test is Biggest, God's Provision is Nearest!

You don't see the ram yet.
But He's already in the bushes.
You don't see the way out yet.
But He already knows it.

Trust Him.

He is *Jehovah Jireh*. 🐑

📖 Next in this Series:

Isaac and Rebekah

When God writes love stories — from a kind heart at the well.

Story #7 Coming Soon

Scripture quotations from the ESV® Bible.
Story #6 | Ages 4–10 | © Biblical Adventure Series