

Story 29: God Saved Isaac

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 22:4-19

Words to Know

provide – to give something that is needed

altar – a small raised structure used as a resting place for animals being killed as an offering to God

hurt – to do something bad to someone else

Questions

1. Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?
2. Do you think Isaac was worried or scared?
3. Why was Abraham willing to kill Isaac? (see Hebrews 11:17-19)
4. Who provided the animal for a sacrifice?
5. What did God know about Abraham after this test?

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