

## Story 28: God Tested Abraham

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 22:1-3

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### Words to Know

**sacrifice** – the offering of something precious to another, especially God

**descendants** – people born into your family after you

**trust** – to put confidence in someone or something; believe he or it is dependable

### Questions

1. Why did God want Abraham to be strong?
2. How did God help Abraham grow stronger?
3. What was the hardest thing God asked Abraham to do? Was God being cruel?
4. What were some reasons Abraham did not **want** to obey God?
5. Why do you think Abraham decided he must obey God? (Also read Hebrews 11:17-19.)

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