

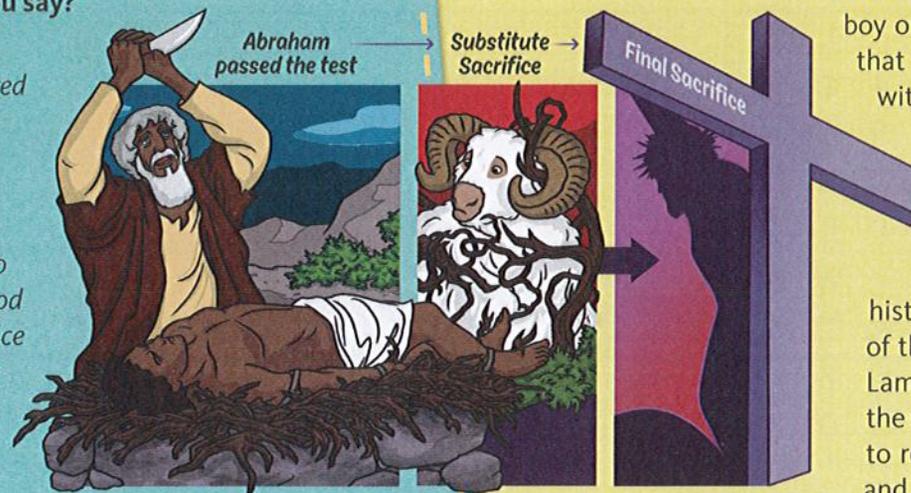
What You Heard *In the Word*

- Abraham obeyed God's command to offer his promised son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.
- Before Abraham could kill Isaac on the altar, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. In the same way, God has provided Jesus Christ as a substitute for us.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose you are talking after church one day, and your friend says, "I really don't get how Abraham and Isaac have anything to do with Jesus. It seems so unrelated." **What would you say?**

It's true that Abraham lived long before Jesus—in fact, he lived almost 2,000 years before Jesus. But the Bible is one historical account that is always leading us to Jesus. For example, when God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, we know that it was a foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross for sinners. God stopped Abraham and provided a ram, a male sheep, in Isaac's place. In the same way, God provided the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to take the punishment for sin of everyone who would one day trust and believe in Him.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Genesis 22 records one of the most moving accounts in the Old Testament. God tested the faith of Abraham: "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you" (Genesis 22:2). How heartbreaking this must have been! Yet Abraham, demonstrating his complete confidence in God, on the very next morning, saddled his donkey, took his son, his servants, and the wood for the burnt offering, and began his journey (Genesis 22:3).

On the mountaintop the moment came: Isaac lay on the altar built by his own father, and Abraham stretched out his hand to present to God the ultimate act of obedience—the death of this promised son (Genesis 22:9–10). Then the angel of the Lord called, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me" (Genesis 22:12). Abraham had passed the test, and God provided a ram for the sacrifice in place of Isaac (Genesis 22:13).

How blessed we are to see in this historical account a clear foreshadowing of the perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He alone is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing (Revelation 5:12)! He is the only one able to offer hope and forgiveness for eternity to all who will sincerely repent of their sins and turn to Him in total trust and obedience.

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