

Reader Script/ABRAHAM AND ISAAC, BIBLE AS LITERATURE

1/NARRATOR: Today we have a story about Abraham.

Here he comes now--just look at him! With his shoulders sagging and head down, he looks like a man with a GIANT-SIZED problem.

2/NARRATOR:
(knowingly) This story also concerns Abraham's son Isaac. I think both Abraham and his wife Sarah spoil Isaac, don't you think so?

1/NARRATOR:
(agreeing) Yes, but you must remember that Isaac is a *special* child. He was born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90--well past the age when she should have been able to have a baby.

3/ABRAHAM *(sadly)*: Isaac, come sit with me. I have some news.

4/NARRATOR: I think Abraham has BAD news!

3/ABRAHAM *(slowly)*: God talked to me last night.

5/ISAAC *(excited)*: Really?

3/ABRAHAM *(gently)*: You know, sometimes God asks us to do difficult things, but I *believe* and *trust* in God and I will *obey* Him.

5/ISAAC *(curiously)*: What did He ask you to do?

1/NARRATOR: Abraham isn't joking about being asked to do something difficult!

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- 3/ABRAHAM:** God told me to go to the land of Moriah to a special mountain. He wants me to burn a sacrifice there, and YOU are to go with me.
- 2/NARRATOR:** I don't know what Abraham is telling Isaac, but I *don't* think he is telling Isaac EVERYTHING God said.
- 4/NARRATOR:** You see, God had told Abraham that ISAAC was to be the sacrifice.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Abraham just said he would *obey* God. I guess he means to do it!
- 3/ABRAHAM (*firmly*):** I have to chop wood and get the donkeys ready.
- 5/ISAAC (*excitedly*):** Are we going alone?
- 3/ABRAHAM (*kindly*):** We will take two men with us for the journey, but they will not attend the sacrifice. Go get ready.
- 2/NARRATOR (*amazed*):** Abraham looks as if his heart is *breaking*! HOW can he face killing his only son!
- 4/NARRATOR:** Do you remember when Isaac was born?
- 1/NARRATOR:** DO I? WHAT A SHOCK! We need to hear this story from Abraham himself.