

Questions / Answers

1. Why did God test Abraham?
He wanted to see if Abraham loved Him more than anything else.
2. How did God tell Abraham to do?
He told him to take Isaac to the land of Moriah and sacrifice him.
3. What did Abraham believe God could do to keep His promises?
God could raise him from the dead if necessary.
4. What happened when Abraham was about to kill Isaac?
An angel told him to spare Isaac. He offered a ram instead.
5. How does this story point forward to Jesus?
Only son, 3 days dead or intended dead, Mount Moriah, carried wood/cross, ram/lamb, alive after 3 days
6. Why did Abraham not want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman?
Because they worshipped idols. He wanted a wife who loved God
7. How did Eliezer find the wife God had chosen for Isaac?
He prayed that the woman would give him and his camels a drink
8. What should we do before making important decisions in life?
Pray to God
9. Who was the woman God had chosen? What relation was she?
Rebekah. She was the grand-daughter of Abraham's brother.
10. Why did Isaac and Rebekah need to have a son?
To fulfil the promises God made to Abraham and Isaac.

Memory verses

Genesis 22:16—17 John 3:16

Discussion

Discuss what sort of wife Abraham wanted for his son, Isaac. What characteristics do you look for in a partner?

Writing

Describe how the story of Abraham going to sacrifice Isaac points forward to the sacrifice of Jesus. What parallels can you find?

CBM Senior Lessons

Lesson 8 Isaac



READING Genesis 22:1—19 and Genesis 24

LESSON

Isaac was Abraham's son. As he grew up he learned to love and obey God. Isaac believed that God's great promises would pass to him. He would live in the land of Canaan, which God had promised to Abraham, his father. His descendants would become a great nation and would live in that land. One of his descendants would bring happiness to all nations

Isaac grew up and became a young man. Abraham loved his only son very much. God used Isaac to test Abraham's faith and to see whether Abraham loved Him more than anything else. One day God told Abraham to take Isaac and go to the land of Moriah and offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Abraham trusted God. He knew that Isaac was the son that God had promised. He knew that he needed a son so that the promises could be fulfilled. But Abraham had faith that God would still keep His promises. Abraham believed that, if necessary, God would raise Isaac from the dead.

Abraham got up early the next morning. He took Isaac, two servants, some wood, the fire and a knife. They travelled for three days to get to the land of Moriah. When they arrived Abraham told his servants to wait, because he and Isaac were going up the mountain to worship God, then they would both come back. Abraham believed that God could raise Isaac from the dead.

Isaac carried the wood. He asked his father, "We have got the wood and the fire, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replied, "My son, God will provide a lamb."

When they got to the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar. He put the wood and Isaac on the altar. Abraham took the knife and was about to kill Isaac.



Then he heard an angel calling his name. The angel said, “Do not hurt the boy! Now I know that you love God, because you were willing to kill your only son. I will bless you.” Abraham was very relieved. He let Isaac go. Then Abraham looked round and saw a ram (male sheep) caught in a bush. Abraham offered the ram on the altar. God was very pleased that Abraham loved Him so much and He repeated the promises to Abraham.

The details of this story point forward to and parallel the sacrifice of Jesus:

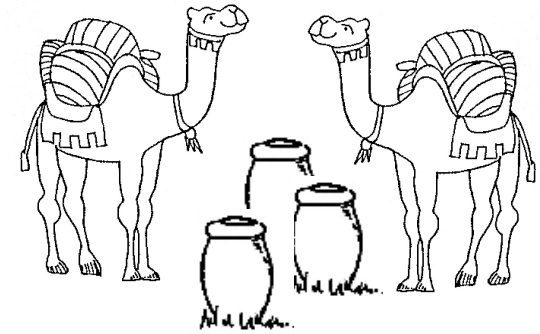
Isaac was the only son of Abraham	Jesus was the only Son of God
For 3 days Abraham intended to kill Isaac	For 3 days Jesus was dead in the tomb
Abraham went to Mount Moriah to sacrifice Isaac	Jesus was killed on Mount Moriah outside Jerusalem
Isaac carried the wood	Jesus carried his cross
Abraham offered a ram to God	Jesus was the lamb of God who died
After 3 days journey towards death Isaac went home alive	After 3 days in the tomb Jesus was alive again

Abraham knew it was very important that the heir to the promises of God should marry a woman who loved God. The Canaanite people lived in the land, where Abraham was living. The Canaanites worshipped idols. Therefore, Abraham did not want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman.

So Abraham called his servant, Eliezer. Abraham told Eliezer to travel to Haran and choose a wife for Isaac. Abraham knew that his relatives lived there and that they worshipped God. He told Eliezer that God would help him choose the right woman. Eliezer promised to do his best. He took gifts for the woman and began the long journey to Haran.

Early one evening Eliezer arrived at Haran. He saw the well outside the city wall. He knew the young women from the city would soon come to fetch water. Eliezer prayed to God and asked God to help him choose the right woman. Eliezer prayed to God, “If a woman offers to give my camels a drink, she will be the wife that You have chosen for Isaac”

A young woman came to the well. Eliezer asked for a drink. The woman gave him a drink and also offered to give his camels a drink. Eliezer asked her name. The woman’s name was Rebekah. She was the grand-daughter of Abraham’s brother, Nahor. Then Eliezer knew that God had helped him. Eliezer gave Rebekah a golden earring and golden bracelets. Eliezer asked if he could stay with her family that night.



Eliezer went to meet Rebekah’s family. Eliezer told her family why he had come to Haran. Rebekah’s father, and her brother, Laban, agreed to let her marry Isaac, if it was what Rebekah wanted to do.

The next morning they asked Rebekah if she was ready to go with Eliezer. She said, “I will go.” Rebekah and Eliezer began the long journey to the land of Israel where Abraham was living.

One evening, after they had been travelling for many days, Rebekah saw a man walking in the fields. The man looked up, he saw the camels coming, and came to meet them. Rebekah asked who the man was. Eliezer told her that the man was Isaac, then Rebekah put on her veil.

Rebekah lived in Sarah’s tent, until she married Isaac. Isaac loved Rebekah. She was a godly and faithful woman. God had chosen her to be Isaac’s wife.

God promised Isaac that his descendant would become a great nation. Therefore Isaac needed to have a son to fulfil the promises. After many years Isaac and Rebekah had two sons, Jacob and Esau.

Abraham wanted Isaac to have a good wife. He wanted him to have a wife who believed in God, because she would help Isaac to be faithful. It would have been difficult for Isaac to worship God, if his wife wanted to worship idols. A wife who believes in God will support and help her husband. Abraham gave us a good example when he found a godly wife for Isaac. When we look for a wife (or husband) we should look for one who believes in God; a partner who will help us to love God.