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Bible Lessons



Abraham

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Ten generations after the Flood, Noah had died and people had once again rejected God. They embraced false gods introduced by Nimrod and Semiramis. So God chose a man named Abram to be the father of a new nation. While the rest of the nations continued rebelling against Him, God said He would work with this special nation.

When Abram was 70 years old, God spoke to him. He told him to leave his home and journey to the wilderness of Canaan. This was a hard thing to do, but God gave Abram a thrilling promise. "Abram," God said, "if you obey my voice and leave your homeland, you shall become a great nation, and I will bless everyone on Earth because of you!"

Abram obeyed God.

He left his friends, his home and many other things behind in the city of Ur and journeyed to the city of Haran. He took with him his wife, Sarai; his nephew, Lot; hundreds of servants; and herds of cattle, goats and sheep.

After a long stopover in Haran, where his father died, Abram continued his journey and arrived in Canaan. Canaan was a good land with soil and weather that could produce fruits and vegetables and could feed animals, but it also had wild tribes of people living in it.

As the years went by, Abram became a very rich man. He had so many cattle, goats and sheep that there was not enough room for

his herds and his nephew's herds to graze together. But Abram was not greedy, so he allowed Lot to choose which part of the country he wanted to live in. Lot chose to graze his animals in the rich Jordan Valley.

After Lot and his servants left, God again spoke to Abram. God promised Abram that He would give him all the land he could see in every direction from where he was standing.

Years later, God spoke to Abram once again. He changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many nations." God also changed Sarai's name to Sarah, which means "princess." God repeated His promise that Abraham and Sarah would have a son, and He told them to name this son Isaac.

Abraham and Sarah were past the age of having children, but God still kept the promise that He made to them. When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90, Sarah gave birth to a son. This was a miracle! Abraham and Sarah were overjoyed at God fulfilling His promise. They named the baby boy Isaac, as God had commanded.

God richly blessed Abraham for his obedience and faithfulness. But God needed to test Abraham's faith and obedience even more. He told Abraham, "Sacrifice Isaac, your only son, as a burnt offering."

This was perhaps the hardest possible thing for Abraham to do. But he trusted God. God had promised that he would be the father of many descendants, and that those descendants would come from Isaac. Abraham knew that even if he obeyed God and killed Isaac, God would keep His promise somehow—even if He had to bring Isaac back to life.

Abraham left early the next morning to obey God's command. Along with Isaac, two servants and a mule carrying wood to make an altar, Abraham traveled to the place God told him to go. When they arrived, Abraham bound Isaac and laid him on the altar. He

drew his knife and prepared to kill Isaac as quickly and painlessly as possible.

“Abraham, Abraham!” a voice rang out. It was an angel speaking a message from God. “Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham dropped the knife and cried tears of joy and relief and thankfulness to God. Now God knew that Abraham would believe Him and obey Him no matter what. This was the man He could use to begin His special nation!

God wants all of us to learn to obey Him, whatever He asks of us, as Abraham was willing to do.



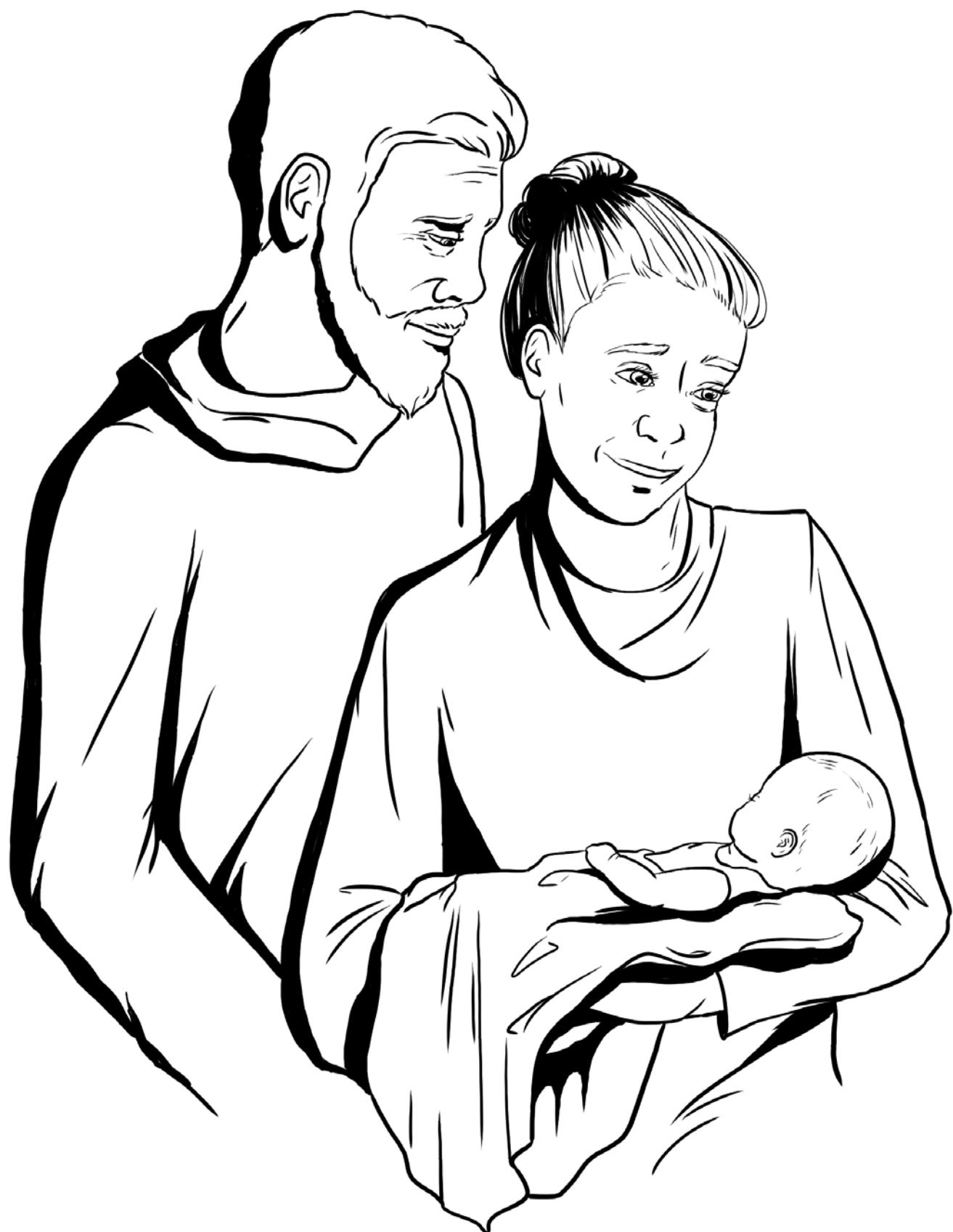
Abram leaves for Haran.



Abram and Lot part ways.



Sarah laughs.



Abaraham, Sarah and Isaac



Abraham and Isaac climb up the mountain.



Abraham prepares to sacrifice Isaac.



After God stops Abraham from sacrificing Isaac, they find a ram caught in a bush so they can still give God a sacrifice.

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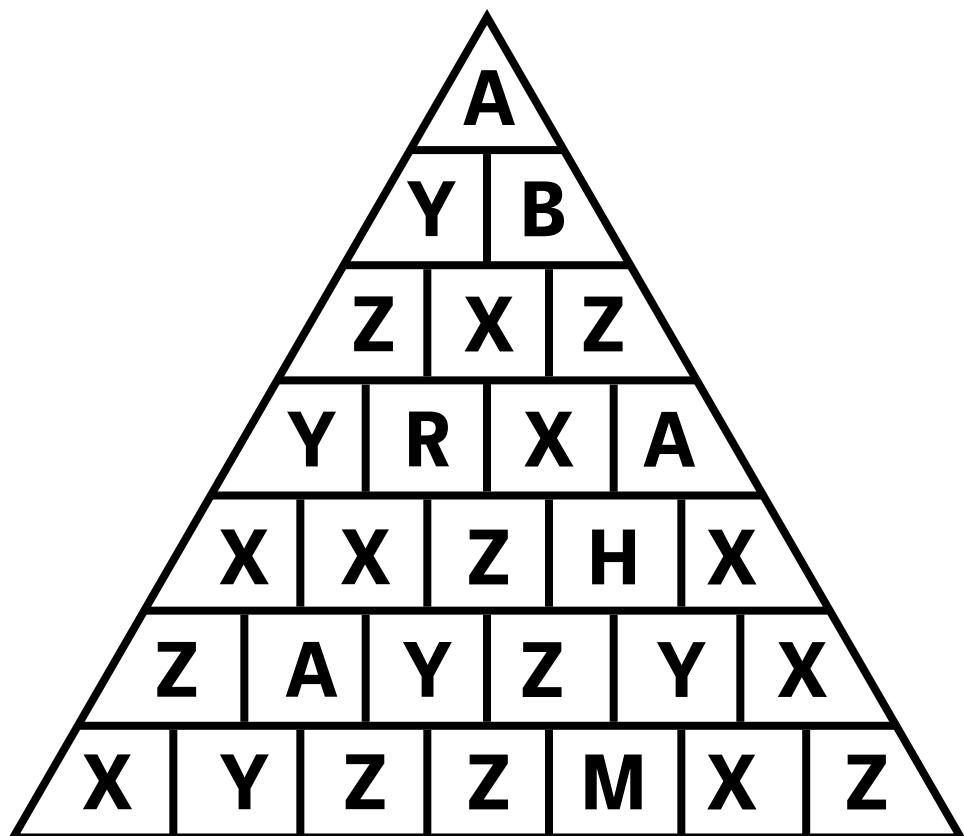
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