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## Bible Study:



Read Genesis 21:1-8; 22:1-19. The first-born holds much significance in scripture, and of course Abraham's first-born holds extra significance because of the circumstances of his birth. Yet, when told to give up his first-born son, Abraham obeys, simply with the knowledge in his heart that "God will provide." Contemplate the importance we have in trusting everything, including our most cherished, prized, precious possessions to God. God desires that we cherish Him more.

## The gospel in the story:



God's provision of a substitutionary sacrifice for Abraham points to a larger promise made to Adam. The heart of the Abrahamic Covenant is God's promise to provide salvation from sin for all people. God did so through the substitutionary sacrifice of His son, Jesus for the world. (John 3:16). Abraham's willingness to give up his own son for the sake of obeying God, demonstrated that he trusted God with everything, even the life of his only son. Abraham knew he could trust God because God promises He is trustworthy.

## Application

### Head: What did we learn?

- Q: Who is Isaac? A: Abraham and Sarah's son  
Q: Did Isaac have any brothers or sisters? A: He had a half-brother, Ishmael, but Isaac was the only son of Sarah and Abraham  
Q: What did God ask of Abraham? A: To sacrifice Isaac as an offering  
Q: What was Abraham's response? A: Abraham obeyed  
Q: What did Abraham tell Isaac when Isaac asked "where is the lamb for sacrifice?" A: God will provide  
Q: How did God provide the sacrifice? A: A ram that was caught in a bush  
Q: Did God want Abraham to kill his only son? A: No, God wanted to prove to all the world that He can and will *provide* to accomplish His ways

### Heart : Memory verse

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### Hands: How does this affect the way I live my life?

Everything belongs to God, even our most cherished possessions. God wants us to understand that and cherish Him more than anything, and have faith that He will provide.

### Home: How does this affect my household?

This story is about understanding that God desires to be head of the household. Abraham's willingness to obey God, demonstrated that he understood this simple fact.

### Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

Abraham's obedience didn't earn God's favor, it **displayed** God's favor to the world for all times. In the time of Abraham, people tried to earn favor with their gods by sacrificing (even humans). The same is true in this day and age, where many believe they can or have earned God's favor. This story illustrates how God sees our efforts. We don't do things to earn God's favor, we do things to display God's favor to our neighbors. Can they see that in our lives? That is the gospel coming to life!