

GOD'S GRAND STORY: ISAAC, GOD'S PROMISE

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 22:15-18



Memory Verse

⁷ Isaac said, "Father, we have the coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" "My son," Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb." The two of them walked on, and ⁸ Genesis 22:7-8

CASEY'S DAY

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Put yourself in Isaac's shoes. Your eyes shoot open. Today's the day! You have been so excited to finally be able to go with your dad when he makes his sacrifice to God. You run over to your dad and help him pack; he seems different—maybe even sad. You can't remember him being like this before other sacrifices, but you don't think much of it. As the journey begins, you and your dad talk about everything you see.

Then it hits you: there isn't an animal for the sacrifice.

You quickly tell your dad. He stares at you for a bit, sighs deeply, and confidently says, "The Lord will provide." You continue to talk as you walk up the mountain, but you can't shake the feeling that something is different.

Finally, you reach the top of the mountain and begin stacking rocks on top of each other to build the altar. Your dad takes the wood from you and lays it on top of the stones. He then asks you to lay on top of the wood. You get on the wood. He raises the knife and then drops it beside the altar. He hugs you. "Dad, look! The Lord provided!" you say as you point to the ram.

Abraham trusted that God would provide, even when it looked challenging. Waiting for God's timing is not always easy, but Jesus tells us we do not need to worry because our heavenly Father will provide for us (<u>Matthew 6:25-34</u>). Today, let's continue to pray and believe in God's promises to us.

Prayer

Dear God, help me have faith that you will provide for my needs like you did for Abraham. Thank you for the many ways that you have been with me. Thank you that I can trust your promises. Amen.

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