

## Abraham's faith is tested

When Abraham was 100 years old, his wife Sarah had a baby boy, just as God had promised. They called him Isaac.

Some years later, God tested Abraham's faith by telling him to do a very hard thing. Abraham was to take Isaac to the land of Moria and sacrifice him there on top of a mountain that the Lord would show him.

Abraham obeyed God, and early the next morning he saddled his donkey and set off with Isaac and two servants. On the third day, when Abraham came near to the place, he said to his servants, "Stay here while I and the boy go and worship. Then we will come back."

While they were walking together, Isaac said to his father, "We have fire and wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide a lamb."

When they reached the place that God showed him, Abraham built an altar and stacked the wood on top. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar. As Abraham reached for his knife, the angel of the Lord called to him; "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not harm the boy. Now I know that you honor and obey God."

When Abraham looked up he saw a ram caught in a bush by its horns, so he took it and sacrificed the ram to God. So the ram took the place of his son, and Abraham called the place 'The Lord will provide.'

