

## LESSON 5

### GOD TESTS ABRAHAM'S FAITH

Genesis 22:1-19

Abraham and Sarah his wife had one son, Isaac. God wanted to see how much Abraham loved Him, so He told Abraham to take Isaac to a special mountain to offer him. So Abraham trusted God and took Isaac and some wood for the fire and a knife and went to the place where God had told him to go. Abraham built an altar there and put the wood on it. Then he laid Isaac, whom he loved very much, on the wood.

Abraham took the knife in his hand, ready to kill Isaac, as God had told him, when suddenly an angel called Abraham, and said, "Don't harm the boy, for now I know that you fear God, because you did what He asked you to do."

Abraham looked behind him and there was a ram, a father sheep, in the bushes, and Abraham took it and offered it instead of his son Isaac.

### ACTIVITY

Cover the ram with cotton wool. Spread paste on the ground area and sprinkle with dry grass clippings or coconut mixed with a little green colouring. Use material for Abram and Isaac's clothes. Crumple balls of brown crepe paper for the stones of the altar.

### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Act out the story using a sandtray, with peg or pipe cleaner figures, pebbles for the altar and pieces of bush. Make a ram using a ball of cotton wool, with four toothpicks stuck into it for legs. Shape the cotton wool for a face, and use a marking pen to draw it on.

Make a ram (use sheep pattern at the back of this book, and add horns).

If possible, use small rocks to build an altar. Otherwise, shoeboxes will do. Collect sticks, and place them on the altar to be the wood. Use an appropriately dressed doll and tie its arms and legs together to be Isaac. Put it on the altar and act out the story.

God provided a ram for Abraham to offer  
instead of Isaac.

