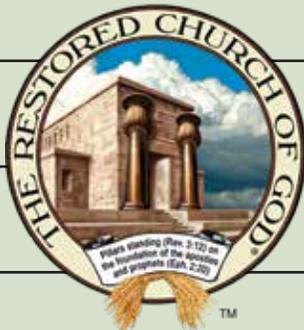


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# CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



Abraham, Isaac and Jacob



LEVEL 3  
LESSON 2

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**A**s we ended Lesson 1, we learned about a great man named Abram. Abram obeyed God and traveled for many years, following His instructions.

He knew that God never lies, but Abram sometimes became discouraged. Many years had passed since God promised that Abram's descendants would be like the dust on the ground, and Abram thought, "I don't even have children yet!"

But God told him, "Do not be scared, Abram. I will always protect you and keep My promise. You will have a son and your children will be like the stars in the sky!"

## **Sarai is Impatient**

Sarai, Abram's wife, also doubted God sometimes. She could not have children and worried that she and Abram never would. Her worry turned to impatience.

She decided to do something herself, instead of waiting for God.

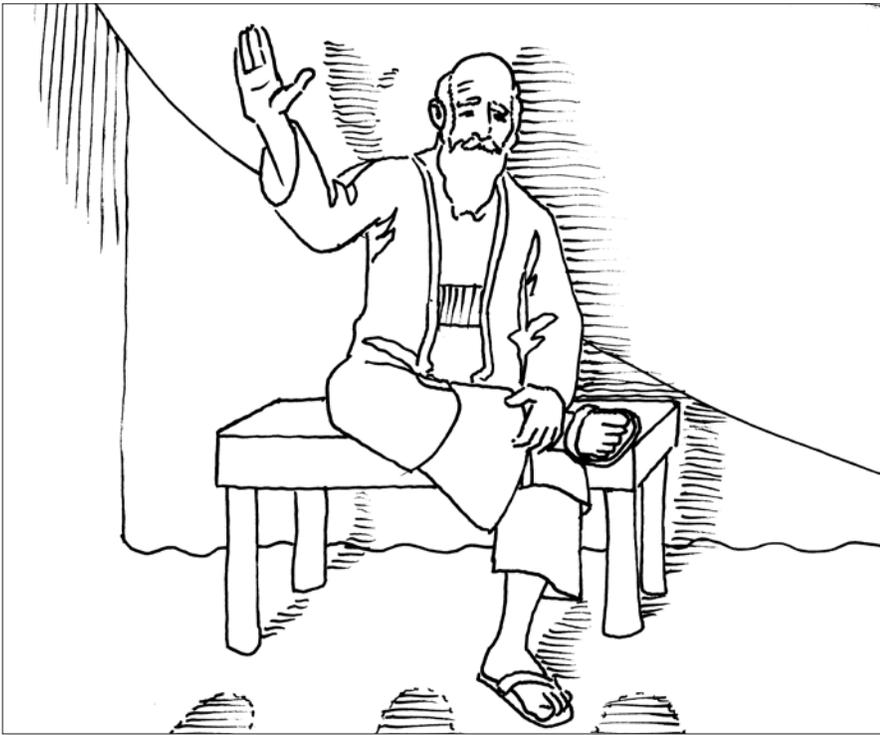
"Abram," she said, "Since I cannot have children, take my maid Hagar and make her your wife too. You can have a child with her to give you an heir." Abram let Sarai convince him that this was a good thing, when he knew better!

If God makes a promise, He will fulfill it. But we must develop faith, and that means believing and waiting for God to do what He promised.

So Abram married Hagar and she became pregnant. She gave birth to a son, Ishmael, not long after.

Fourteen years later, God promised Abram again. He said, "Your name will now be Abraham, meaning 'father of many nations.' Sarai's name will be Sarah, meaning 'princess,' and I will give you a son."

When Abraham heard this, he fell down laughing! This sounded



up to leave. Abraham walked with them toward the city of Sodom.

As they walked, the Lord said to Abraham, “I am troubled about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The people there sin more each day, so I will send My angels to see if it is as evil as it seems.”

impossible, since he would soon be 100 years old!

But God said again, “Sarah will have a baby boy in one year and you will name him Isaac.”

### **Sodom and Gomorrah**

One hot day, Abraham was sitting by his tent door and saw three men walking toward him.

He jumped up and ran to meet them. He recognized the men as “The Word,” who would become Jesus Christ, and two angels.

Abraham bowed with respect and offered them food and drink. When the men finished eating, they stood

The angels set out for Sodom, while the Lord stayed with Abraham.

### **Abraham Talks with God**

As the angels left, Abraham remembered that his nephew, Lot, lived in Sodom.

He asked, “God, if 50 people in Sodom fear and obey You, would You destroy it?”

The Lord answered that He would spare the city if there were 50 righteous people.

This relieved Abraham, but he thought, “What if 50 is too high?”

Abraham said, “God, thank You for this great honor to talk to You.

But what if there are only 45 instead of 50?”

The Lord answered, “If I find 45, I will not destroy it.”

Abraham continued, “What if there are 40, or 30, or 20 found?” Each time, God agreed that He would spare the city.

Finally, Abraham decided to ask one more time. He did not want to anger God or be disrespectful, but he was worried about Lot and the others living in Sodom.

He asked one last time, “God, suppose there are only 10 in Sodom that obey you and follow your ways? Would you spare the city?”

God answered, “Yes, if there are 10 righteous, I will not destroy it.”

Then God left, and Abraham went back to his tent to wait and see what would happen.

### **Angels Visit Lot**

That evening, the angels arrived in Sodom and met Lot at the gate of the city.

“Welcome! Please stay at my home tonight and rest,” said Lot.

“No, thank you,” they replied. “We can sleep outside.”

But Lot insisted. He knew the men of Sodom could be evil at night. The angels agreed and came into his house for dinner.

As they got ready for bed, they heard yelling outside. Men of all ages circled Lot’s house and banged on his door. “We know you have two strangers with you, Lot! Bring them outside so we can hurt them!”

Lot tried to reason with the men, but they would not listen. “Get out of our way, Lot! You are a foreigner and cannot tell us how to live!” Then, they started pushing Lot against his front door.

The angels quickly opened the door and pulled him inside. Then, by a miracle, blindness instantly struck the men. But they still tried to knock down the door.

To see what the angels said next, turn to Genesis 19:12-13 and fill in the blanks.

“Then the men said to Lot, ‘Have you \_\_\_\_\_ here? Son-in-law, your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_, and whomever you have in the city—\_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ of this place!’

“For we will \_\_\_\_\_ this place, because the \_\_\_\_\_

against them has grown \_\_\_\_\_ before the face of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ it.”

Lot tried to warn his sons-in-law, but they laughed at him. They thought he was joking and refused to leave.

The next morning, the angels told Lot to leave Sodom immediately. God was going to destroy the city because of its wickedness.

But Lot and his family delayed. They did not want to leave their house and belongings behind. But God showed mercy and had His angels lead Lot, his wife, and his two daughters out of the city.

Outside the gates, the angels told Lot, “Escape to the mountains! God is going to destroy the cities because of their evil ways! Run and do not look back!”

As they ran, God caused fire to rain from the sky. It hit the city and burned everything, forming huge black clouds.

Lot’s wife could not resist the temptation. She wanted to see her home one last time and thought, “I



know God said I cannot look back, but a little peek will not hurt.”

But God always knows what is best for us. Lot’s wife should have thought about how blessed she was



to escape—not how sad she was to leave a home in an evil city. As she glanced back, Lot’s wife turned into a pillar of salt!

This was God’s reminder to always listen to Him and focus on the goal ahead—even when it is hard. As our eternal Father, He will always take care of us if we obey Him.

### **Sacrifice of Isaac**

Months later, just as God had promised, Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy. They named him Isaac.

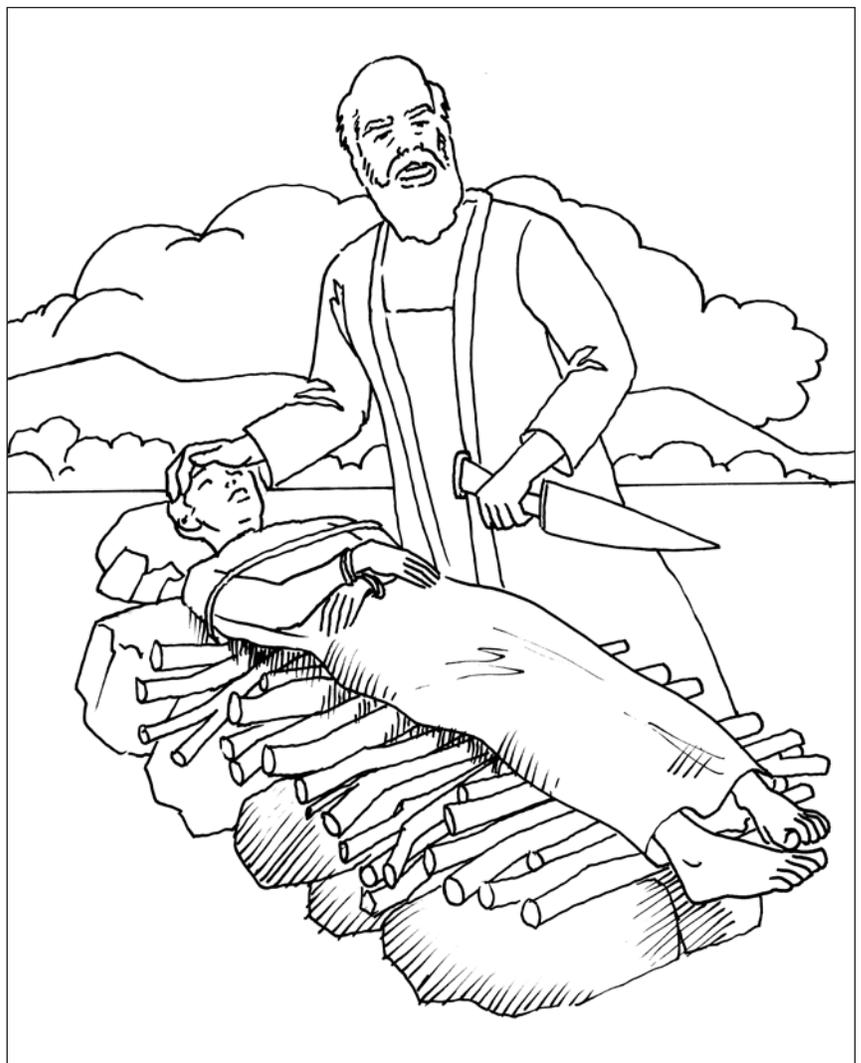
As Isaac grew up, Abraham was diligent in teaching him God’s ways. Abraham loved his son very much.

One day, God said to Abraham, “Take your son Isaac, whom you love, and go up into the mountains. When you get there, offer him as a sacrifice to Me.”

This was very hard for Abraham. He could not imagine killing his

son, but he knew that he must obey God. He did not argue or ask God why. He believed God would keep His promises and prepared for the trip. Like Abraham, we must always obey God—not just when it is easy. And sometimes, God will test us first before blessing us to see if we believe Him and love Him more than anything.

When they arrived at the mountain, Abraham told his servants,



“Isaac and I will go worship God. Stay here until we return.”

As they walked, Isaac said, “Father, we have everything but the lamb for the offering.” Abraham told him that God would provide the lamb. So they built the altar and got the wood ready.

Then Abraham took rope and tied Isaac to the altar. Isaac was scared, but he knew that his father loved him and would only follow God’s instructions.

As Abraham reached for his knife, God called to him from heaven.

Turn to Genesis 22:12 to see what God said.

“And He said, \_\_\_\_\_ lay your \_\_\_\_\_ on the lad, or do anything to him; for \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_, since you have not withheld your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_ son, from Me.”

Abraham looked up and suddenly saw a ram stuck in the bushes nearby. He took the ram and sacrificed it instead of Isaac to thank God for always providing our needs. After seeing Abraham’s faith, God renewed His promises to him again.

## Isaac Marries Rebekah

Years later, Abraham decided that Isaac needed a wife. He called to his most trusted servant and told him, “Go to my homeland and find a wife for my son—one who will follow you back here.”

The servant took many camels to carry everything and left. One evening, he brought his camels near a well. He knew that the women of the city would come to the well to fetch water.

Then the servant prayed and asked God to make clear who should be Isaac’s wife. He asked that the woman God chose would give him a drink of water, and offer water for his camels also.

Before the servant finished praying, a pretty and sweet young woman named Rebekah came along. He ran to meet her and asked if he could drink from her pitcher. She gave him a drink and offered to give his camels water as well.

The servant knew this might be the young woman God intended Isaac to marry. So he gave her a gold ring and two gold bracelets and

asked if he could stay at her family's home that night. Rebekah ran home to get permission.

When she showed her brother, Laban, the jewelry she had received, he came to meet Abraham's servant as well. He said, "Please, come inside. We have dinner ready and straw for your camels."

Abraham's servant came inside, but he did not eat. First, he had to tell them of his task. He explained who he was and why he had come.

When he finished, Rebekah's father and Laban saw that it was

God's will for Rebekah to marry Isaac. They asked Rebekah and she agreed to return immediately and become Isaac's wife.

## Esau and Jacob

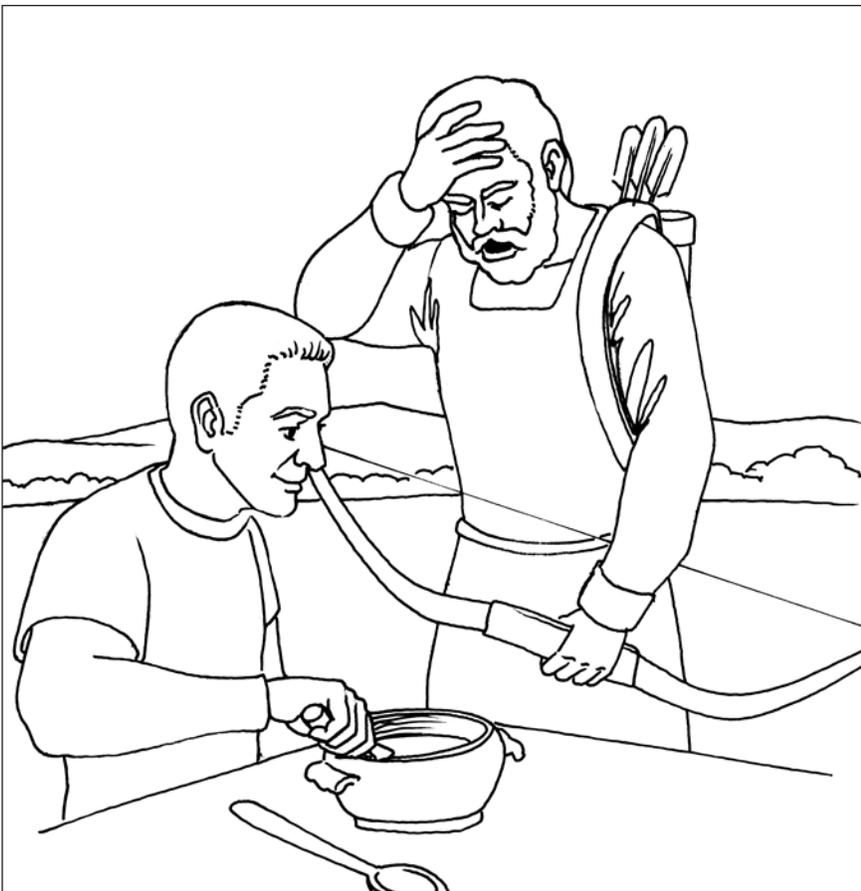
After Isaac and Rebekah had been married for some time, Rebekah became pregnant. She soon had twins and named them Esau and Jacob.

Esau was born first and had reddish skin and hair all over his body. He was a very good hunter and liked

to roam the land. Isaac especially enjoyed the meat Esau cooked for him.

Jacob was born second and had fair, smooth skin. He was gentle and mild-mannered and liked to tend sheep near home. Rebekah enjoyed spending time with her younger son Jacob.

One day, Jacob was making soup as Esau came in from hunting. Esau was so tired that he could barely stand.



He asked Jacob, “Please can I have some of your soup? I am about to faint.”

This gave Jacob an idea. When Rebekah was pregnant, God made her a promise. He told her, “Your two sons will be two nations, but the older will serve the younger.”

Jacob thought this was his chance! Instead of faithfully waiting for God, he tried to solve things himself.

“If you want some soup, Esau, you have to give me your birthright,” he said.

The birthright was a special gift given to the oldest son. It was very important, and Esau should have cared for it. But he only thought of his growling belly.

He told Jacob, “What good is a birthright if I starve?” So he sold his birthright to Jacob.

After he ate his soup, Esau continued home. But now that his stomach was full, he regretted his decision.

### **Jacob Tricks Isaac**

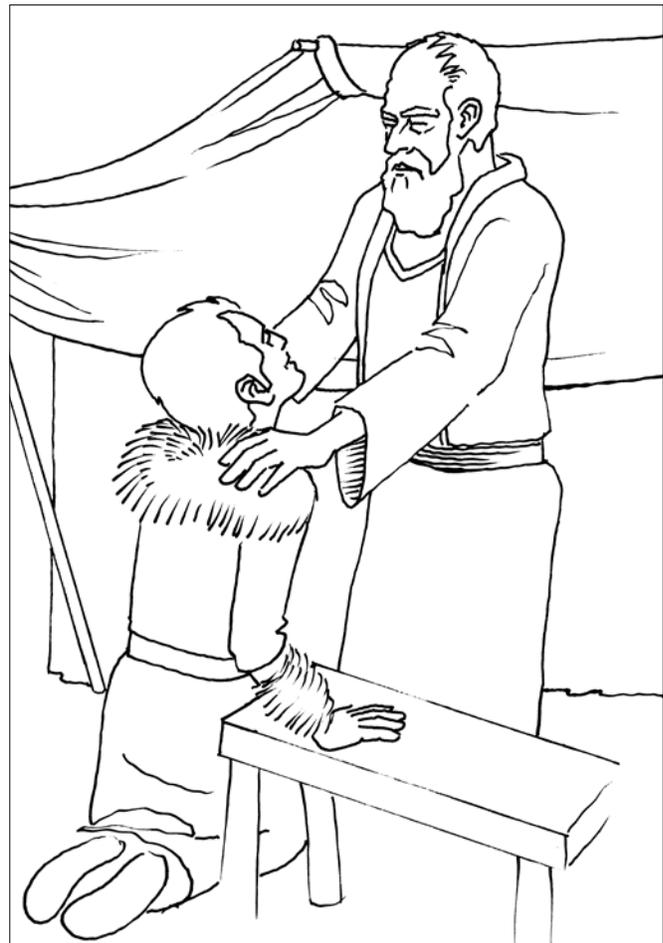
Time passed and Isaac called Esau to him. He did not know about the deal Esau and Jacob had made.

He said, “Esau, I am getting old and my eyes cannot see well anymore. Hunt some game and prepare it the way that I like, and I will bless you before I die.”

Rebekah was listening nearby and when Esau left, she ran to get Jacob.

“Now is your chance, Jacob,” she said. “Bring me the best two baby goats from our flock.”

“I will cook the meat the way your father likes it and dress you in Esau’s clothes. Then we will tie the goatskins on your arms. Your father





will think you are Esau and give you the birthright blessing.”

Jacob quickly followed her instructions and brought the meat to Isaac. Isaac was unsure at first because he could not see well and it sounded like Jacob’s voice.

“Are you really my son Esau?” Isaac asked. “I am,” Jacob lied.

Still, Isaac was not sure. He called Jacob over to feel his skin and smell his clothes. Finally, he was convinced it must be Esau, so he blessed him.

“May God give you much and cause others to serve you. Those that curse you will be cursed and those that bless you will be blessed!”

As Isaac finished, Jacob left and Esau returned from hunting. When

he entered his father’s tent, both he and Isaac realized that Jacob had tricked them!

“Jacob deceitfully took your blessing,” Isaac said. “What can I do?”

“Bless me too,” Esau cried.

But the best blessing was gone. So Isaac said, “You will live far from good land and acquire things through war. Your people will serve your brother’s until eventually they will break free.”

Esau’s blessing only made him angrier and jealous of Jacob. He hated Jacob so much that he wanted to kill him.

Rebekah learned of Esau’s plan and warned Jacob. She told him to go live with his Uncle Laban until Esau’s hate subsided. Isaac agreed and told Jacob to find a wife there also.

## **Jacob’s Dream**

One night, as Jacob fell asleep, he began to dream. He saw a ladder or staircase reaching all the way to heaven, with angels climbing up and down it. Then, he heard God’s voice speaking to him.

“I am the God of Abraham and Isaac. This land is yours, and you

and your family will be blessed and protected.”

When Jacob awoke, he took the stone he had used for a pillow, poured oil on it and made it a special pillar. He thanked God and vowed to always obey Him and tithe to Him.

### **Jacob Marries**

When Jacob arrived, Laban was very happy to see him. After a month, he offered to pay Jacob.

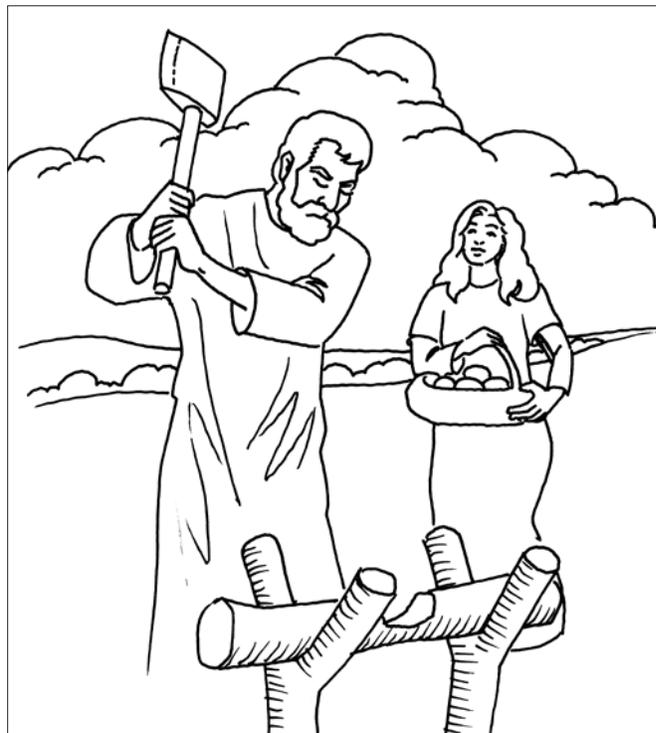
“What can I give you for all the hard work you do?” Laban asked.

Jacob thought a little while. Laban had two daughters, Leah and Rachel. Rachel was very pretty and Jacob loved her.

“Laban,” Jacob asked, “if I serve you for seven years, may I marry Rachel?”

Laban thought for a moment and agreed.

Seven years passed quickly and the wedding was at hand. The bride wore a veil so Jacob could not see her face. Afterwards, Jacob lifted the veil and realized he had been fooled! He had married Rachel’s older sister, Leah, instead.



“Why did you do this, Laban? You promised I could marry Rachel,” he said.

“It is our custom for the older daughter to marry first,” Laban replied. “If you agree to work another seven years for me, then you can marry Rachel too, a week from today.”

Jacob was disappointed, but he loved Rachel so much that he agreed to work seven more years. Afterwards, they were married within a week and he and his family left Laban’s home.

In Lesson 3, we will learn about Jacob’s sons and see how God’s promises to Abraham started to unfold.

**BIBLE MEMORY:** Books of the Old Testament

## Word Scramble

**Directions:** Unscramble the words and write them on the lines below. Then draw lines to match them to the question that they answer.

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O N F E U R E T

- Who is the “father of many nations”?
- What kind of people did the angels have to find in Sodom to prevent God from destroying the city?
- What were angels climbing in Jacob’s dream?
- How many total years did Jacob work to marry Rachel?
- What did Esau sell to Jacob?
- Whom did God save from Sodom along with his family?
- God commanded Abraham to do this to Isaac.
- What do we build when we believe and wait for God?