

# Kids' Chronicle

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## The Lord will provide

"Father, I thought you'd been to this place before," the young boy said, his voice filled with disappointment. "There's nothing up here but a bunch of old rocks."

"Yes, I have been here. Only once in person when I was just your age," he replied, "but many more times in my memory ever since that day. There are some things that happen in your life that you never forget..."

The boy sat down and prepared to listen. Knowing his father, this was going to be a long story.

The first time I came, it was with your grandfather Abraham. After three days of travel, I was getting weary and I complained often — not unlike you. Your grandfather just kept saying, "We'll be there soon." He had been strangely silent during the entire journey. I could tell something was troubling him.

When we reached the foot of this mountain, he finally stopped and turned to our two servants and said, "Stay here. The boy and I will go up and worship God. We'll rejoin you later."

I was used to praying with my father. He had told me often how much he had prayed for a child. I wasn't born until he was almost 100 years old and my mother was 90! But years before, God had promised my father a child and many descendants.

On that day, as we continued up the mountain to make our sacrifice and pray to God, I suddenly realized that something was missing.

"Father, we have wood, but how can we make a sacrifice without a lamb for the burnt offering?"

"The Lord will provide," he told me and we went on.

I didn't understand how we would find a lamb up here in this deserted place, but I said nothing more. When we finally reached the top of the mountain, my father suddenly turned and hugged me. I was shocked to see tears streaming down his face.

"Father, what is wrong?"

"Isaac, I love you more than life itself," he said, "but not more than God. God must always have first place in our lives. I would give up my own life for you if I could..." His voice trailed off as he wept. I wasn't sure what was going to happen next.

You see, son, I had become so important to my father that sometimes he even forgot about God. God was testing grandfather to see if he was willing to give me up.

Suddenly, we both heard the bleating of a lamb. "Look, father, over there in the bushes. There is the animal for our sacrifice."

Yes, son, I have been here before. Here, in this place, I first understood



Illustrations by Kathy Welsh

what it means to trust our lives to God. We may not always understand why things happen to us. But if we keep faith and trust God, he'll always show us a way out of our troubles. Grandfather Abraham called this place: 'The Lord will Provide.'

That day, the young boy and his father offered their own sacrifice to God before they left. As they made their way back down the mountain, he said to his father, "Someday I'll bring my son up here and show him, too."

Read More About It: Genesis, Chapter 22:1-19.

## Q & A

1. Did God really expect Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac?
2. What is most important in your life?

## Essay Winner

Congratulations to Jesse DiLallo, age 10, a fifth grade student at A.J. Smith Elementary School. He is the winner of the \$50 Savings Bond for the best essay in the October Kids' Club contest. His essay is reprinted below.

October Essay Question: Abraham told Lot that God spoke to him in his daily life. How does God speak to us today?

God speaks to us at Sunday morning masses by the priest reading the scriptures in the Bible. Also, God speaks to us at a play or movie by having the main character say something that we can relate to.



## Abraham's Family Tree

God promised Abraham many descendants. Abraham's family tree can be found in Matthew Chapter 1. Use the clues listed below to name some of his famous relatives. Answers on page 10.

1. Father of 12 sons. \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 46)
2. Father of the wisest king of Israel. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 2)
3. Husband of the mother of God. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1)
4. Hid Joshua and Hebrew spies on her roof. \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 2)
5. Father of the second king of Israel. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 16)
6. Husband of Ruth. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 4)
7. Savior of the world. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1)



## Kids' Club

### Win a \$50.00 Savings Bond!!!

God not only tested Abraham, but provided a way out, too. Has God ever tested you? Did God provide a way out?

Write an answer of 100 or fewer words. Include your name, home address, telephone number, school and grade. The winner will earn a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The winner will be notified by phone; the essay will be printed in an upcoming edition of *Kids' Chronicle*. Send your entry to: Cindy Bassett, c/o Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Deadline for entries is November 26, 1992.



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## The Bible Times

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Jerusalem — King Solomon dedicated the Temple today at the official opening of this new center for Hebrew worship.

The Temple, situated on Mount Moriah, was originally planned by King David, Solomon's father. The project was never initiated because of lengthy wars during David's reign.

No expense was spared during the seven years it took to complete the building. The costly cyprus wood is imported and the interior walls are inlaid with pure gold and jewels.

Although this will be the first time that Hebrews have a permanent house of worship, King Solomon said that "the Temple is only intended to be a symbol for God. Even if we built it to cover the entire world, we could never approximate the greatness of God."

Before the king prayed at the altar, he told the huge crowd, "Here is the place where our forefather, Abraham, was tested to his very limit. Let us trust our lives to God as he did. Have faith that God will always provide for those who follow him."

Celebration activities are planned for 14 days at the Temple.

## King Solomon's Wisdom



"How does a person become wise?"

The first step is to trust and reverence God!"

Proverbs 1:7-8.

## Talking to God

Dear God,

Help me to trust you to show me the way out when I am being tested.

"I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.

They will call on my name and I will answer them;

I will say, 'They are my people,'

And they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

Zechariah 13:9.

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