

Year 1

Week 15

Abraham Obeys God

Scriptures: Genesis 22

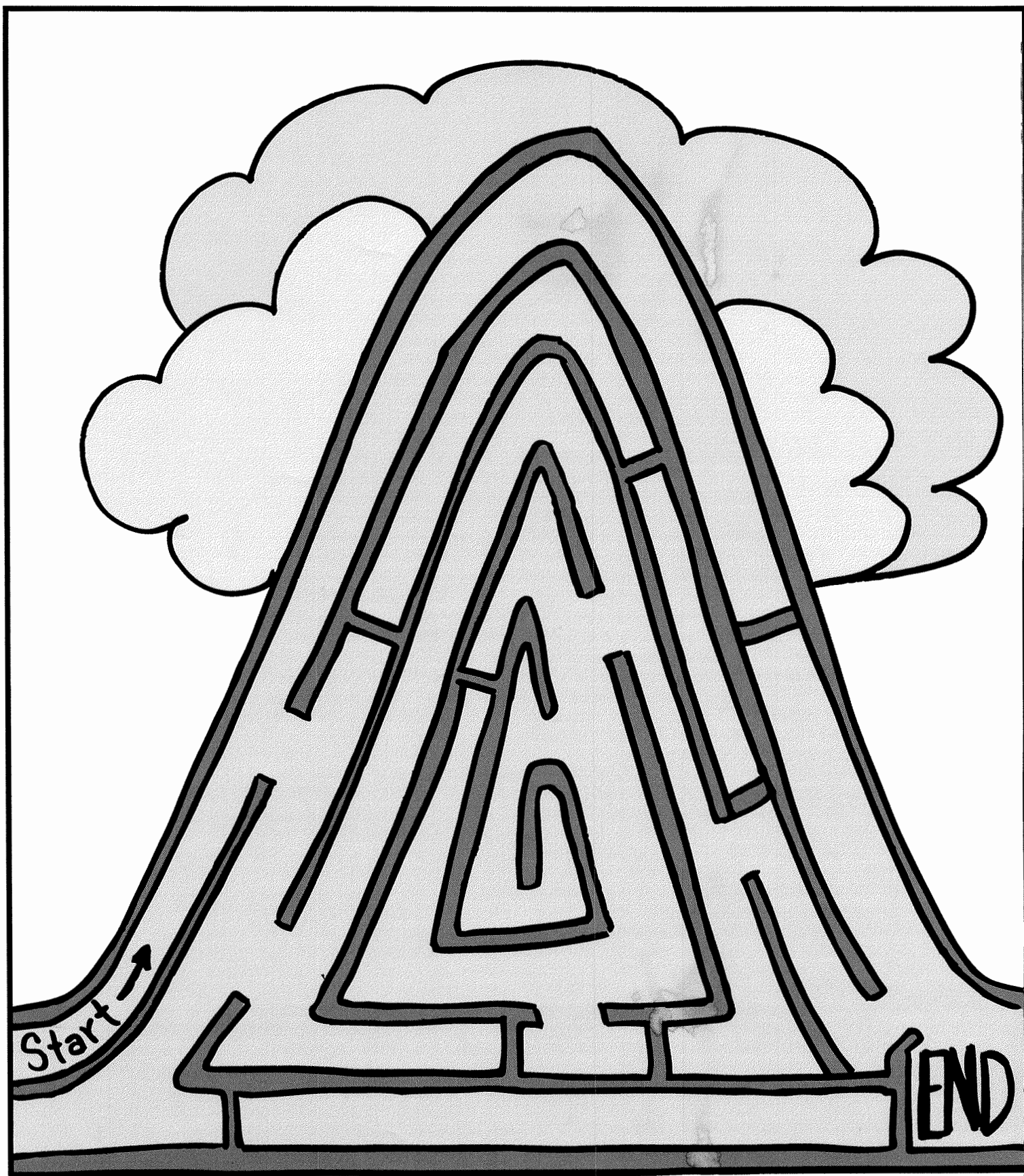
Key Verse: Gen. 22:18 “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

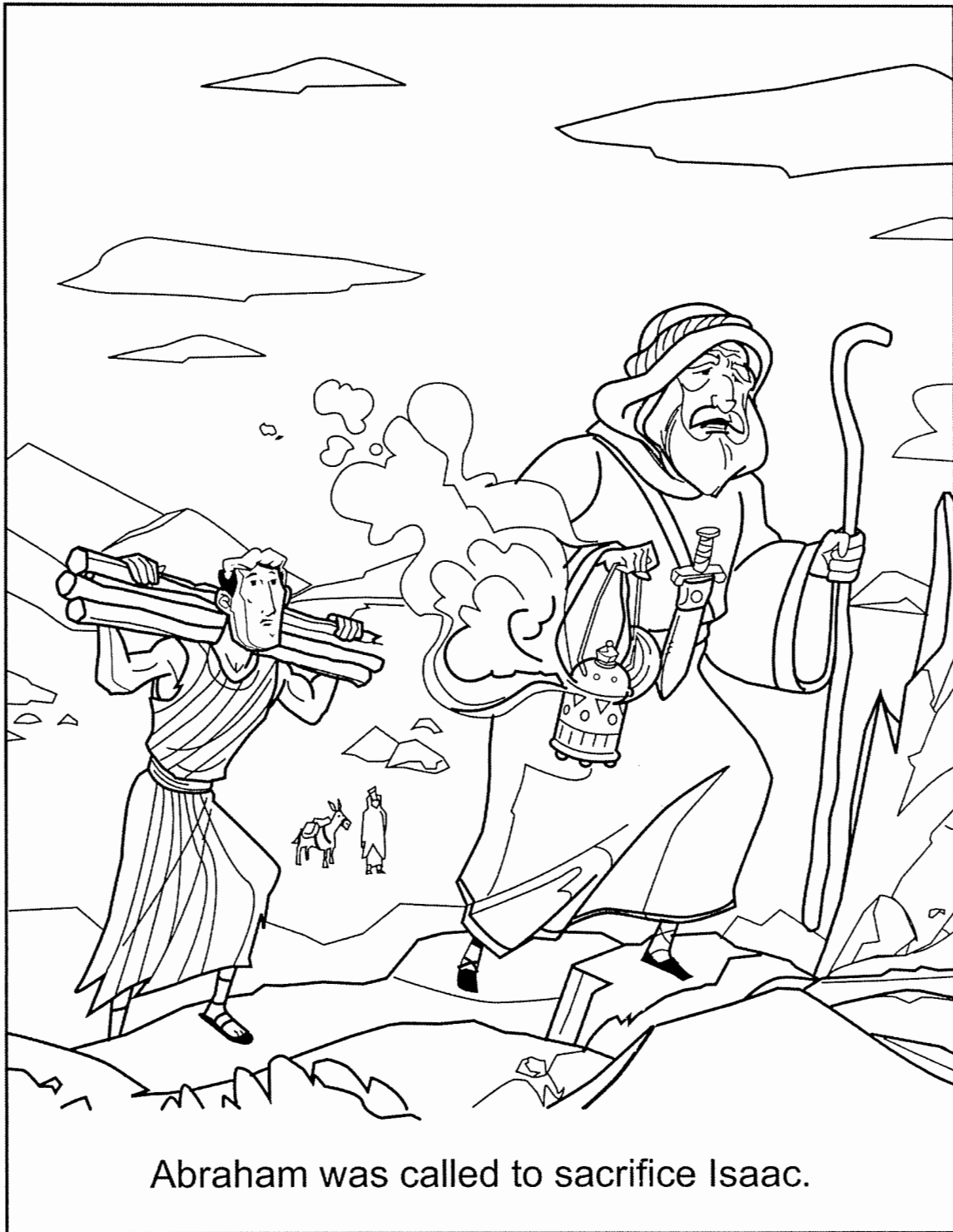
Key Points:

1. God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his only son.
2. Abraham was willing to give everything he had to serve the Lord, and was obedient to God.
3. Isaac was obedient to his father even though he questioned what they were about to do.
4. God will provide for those who trust Him.

Abraham and Isaac Mountain Maze

Follow the maze to see the route that Abraham took Isaac up to the mountain to sacrifice the lamb.



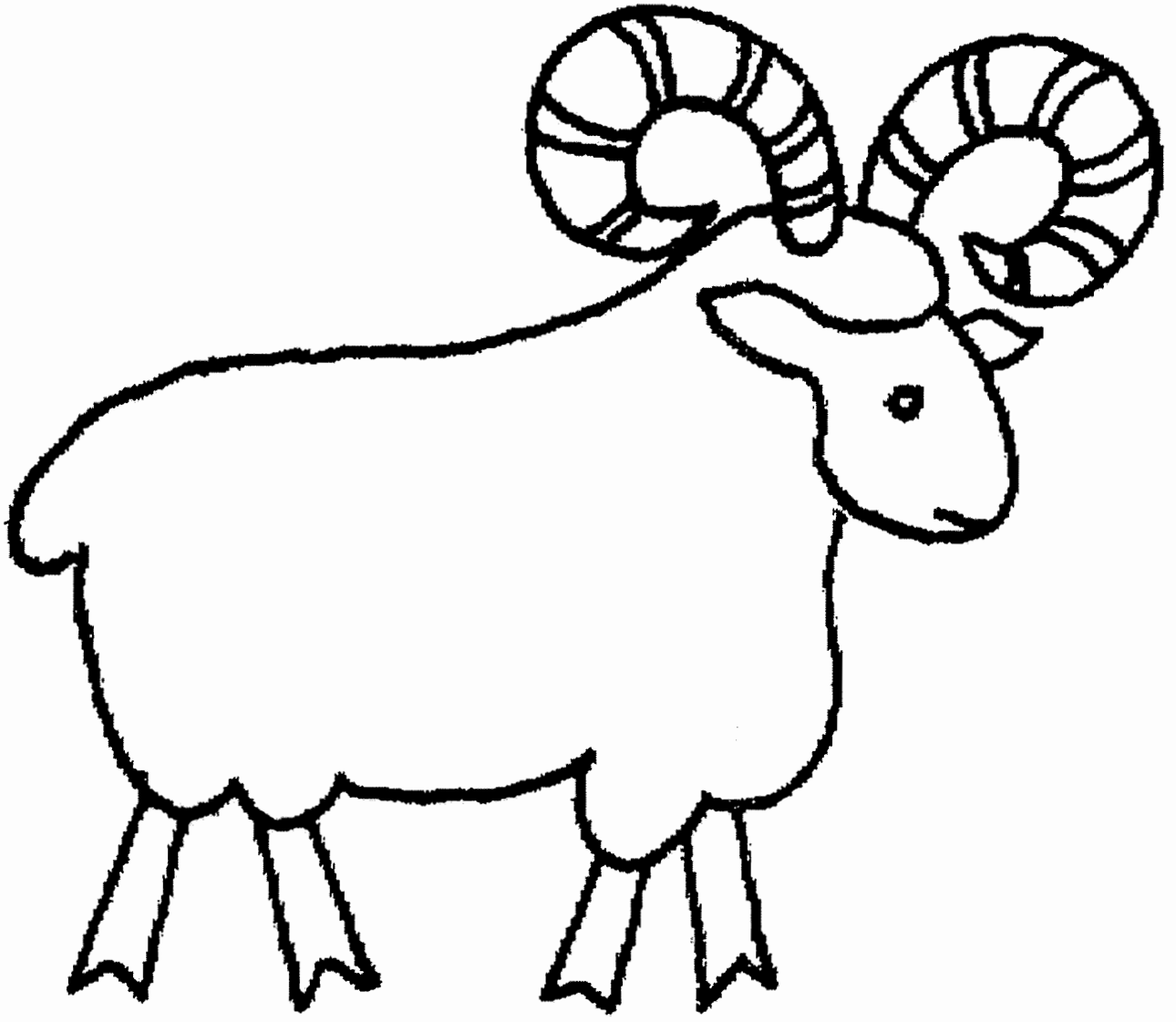


Abraham was called to sacrifice Isaac.

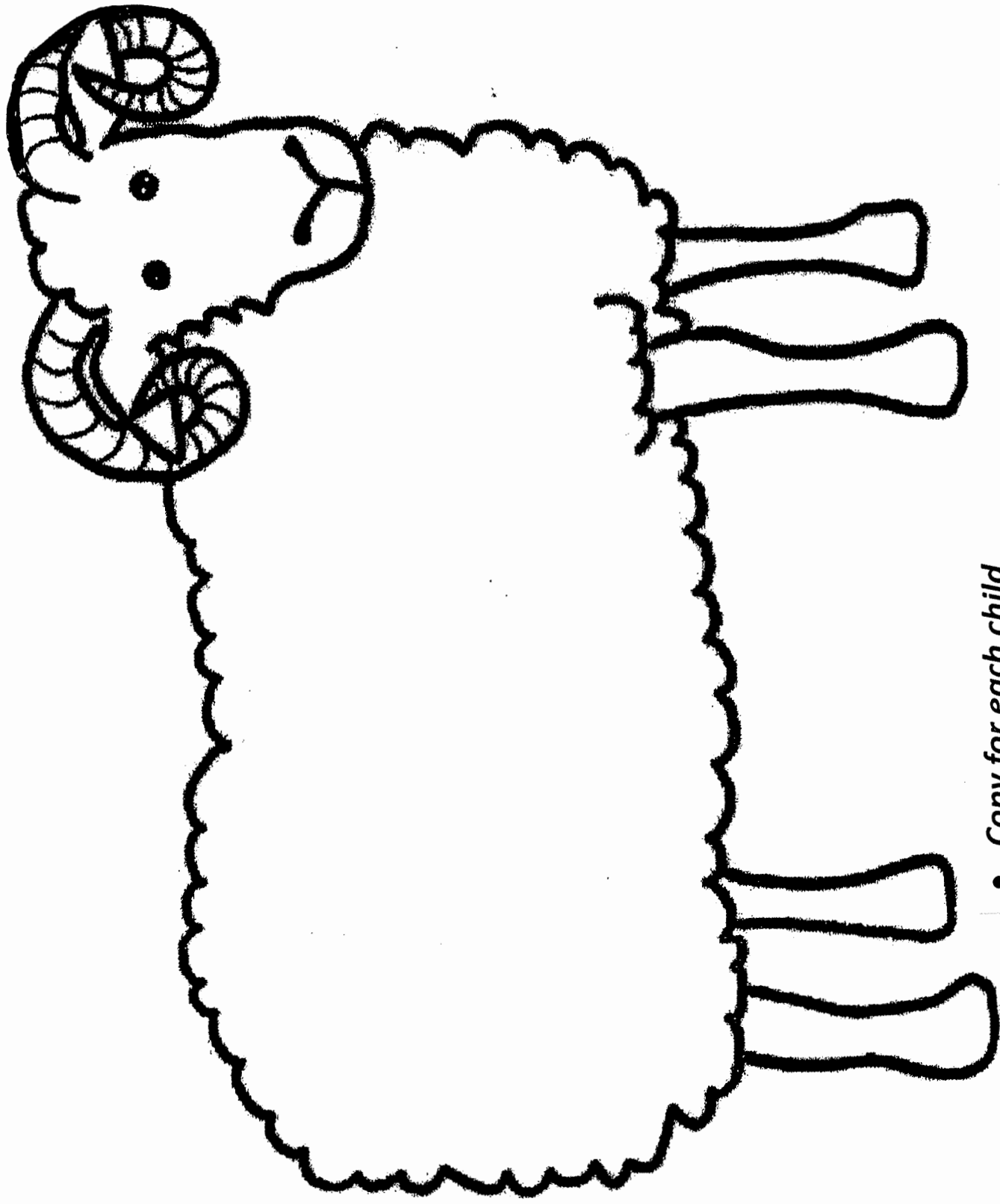








“The LORD
will provide.”
Genesis 22:14



- *Copy for each child*
- *Cut out, color and glue on cotton balls, pom poms or torn pieces of tissue paper for fur.*

For "Ram in the thicket" craft.

ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC

(GENESIS 22:1-18)



"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

GENESIS 22:13



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ABRAHAM

A TRUE TEST OF LOVE

MEMORY VERSE

We ought to obey God. ~ Acts 5:29

Genesis 22:1-18

INTRODUCTION God decided to test Abraham to see if Abraham loved his son Isaac more than God. God told Abraham to bring Isaac to a mountain and sacrifice (or kill) the boy. Abraham obeyed God by bringing Isaac to the mountain. Just when he was ready to sacrifice his son, an angel told Abraham, "Stop." Abraham sacrificed a sheep instead. This story shows us that Abraham loved God most of all.

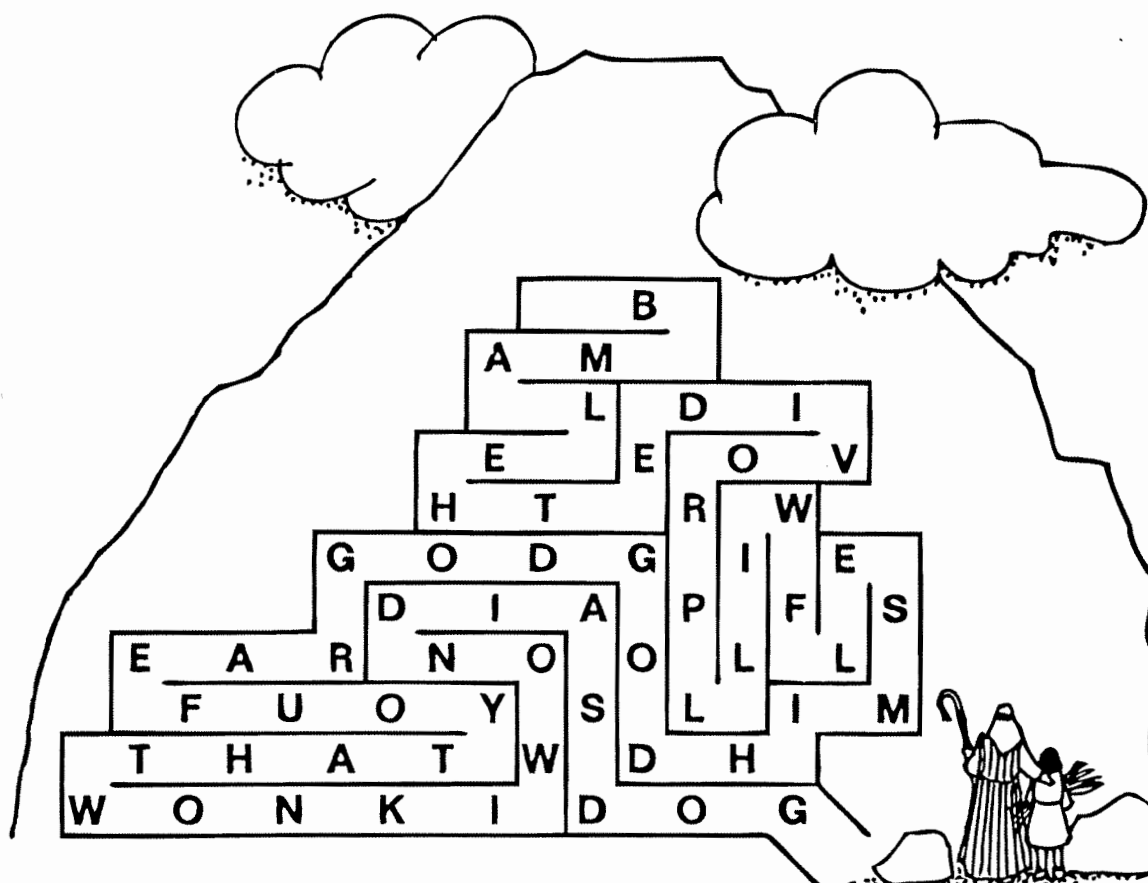
FIND THE SHEEP Help Abraham find the sheep in the bushes. Glue a piece of cotton on the sheep when you find it. Then color the picture. As you color, think of ways you can show God you love Him. Say, "Thank You, God, for giving me the Bible so that I can learn how to love You more."



FOR THE TEACHER Duplicate a picture for each child. Tell the story and help each child find the sheep (see page 95). Provide tiny bits of cotton and glue sticks. Help the children spread the glue and then add the cotton. Let them color the other hidden animals to match the bushes. Talk about the animals as the children find them.

Abraham and Isaac Worship on the Mountain

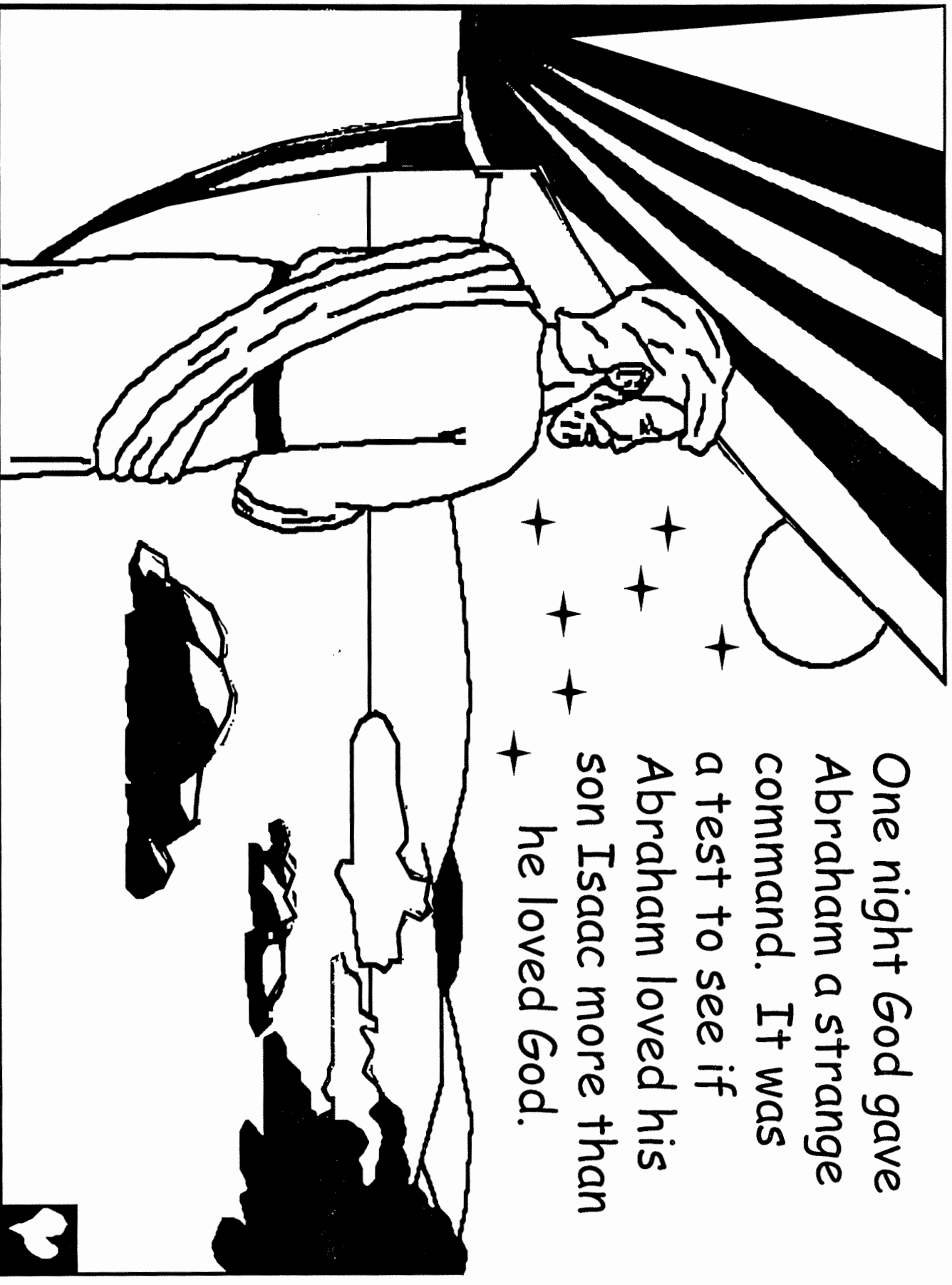
God told Abraham to go to a mountain and offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham obeyed, but God stopped him from hurting Isaac. Follow the maze up the mountain to find out why Isaac wasn't sacrificed.



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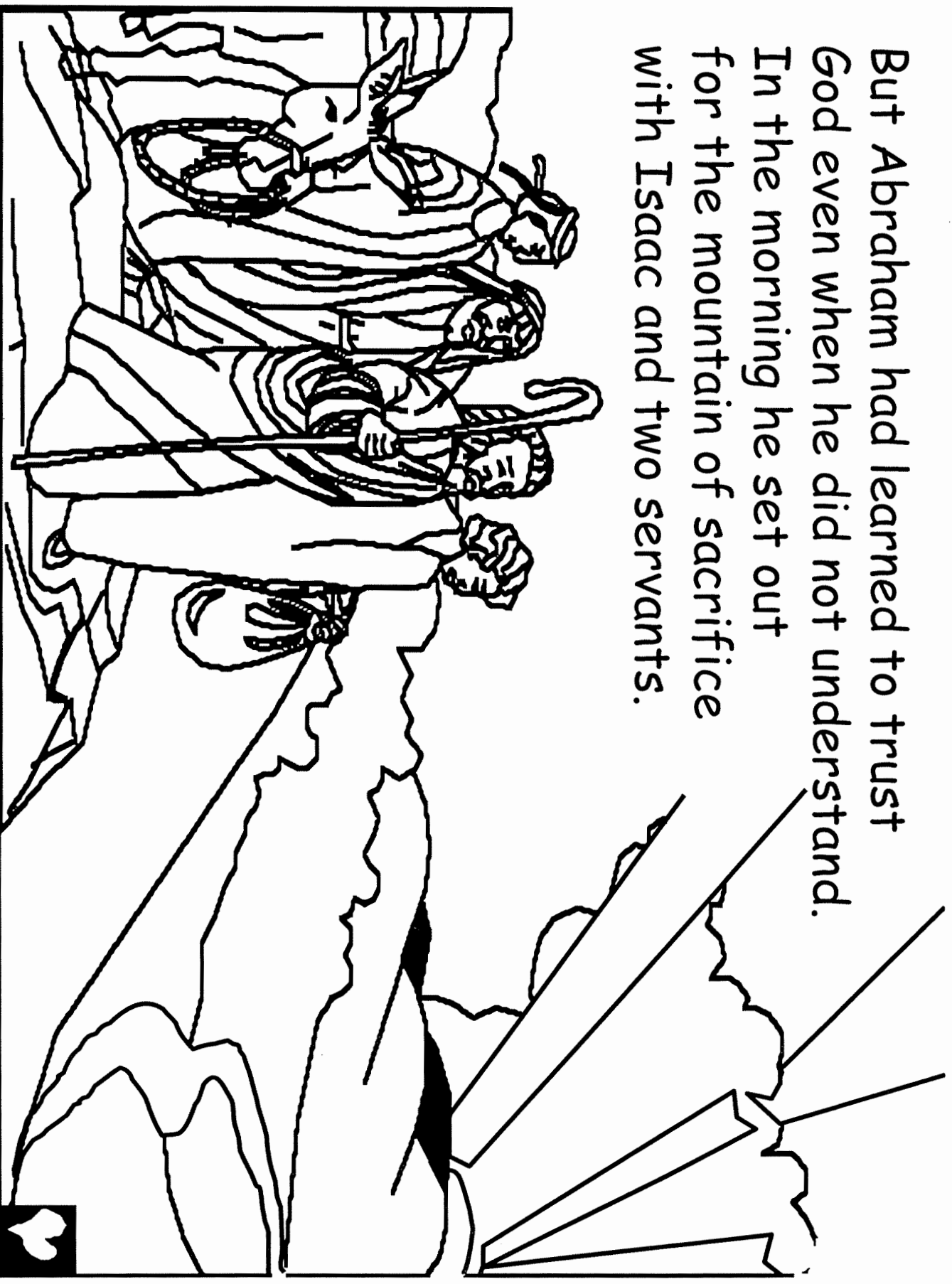
One night God gave
Abraham a strange
command. It was
a test to see if
Abraham loved his
son Isaac more than
he loved God.



"Take your son Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering," God commanded. Offer Isaac? Sacrifice his son? That was hard for Abraham. He loved his son very much.

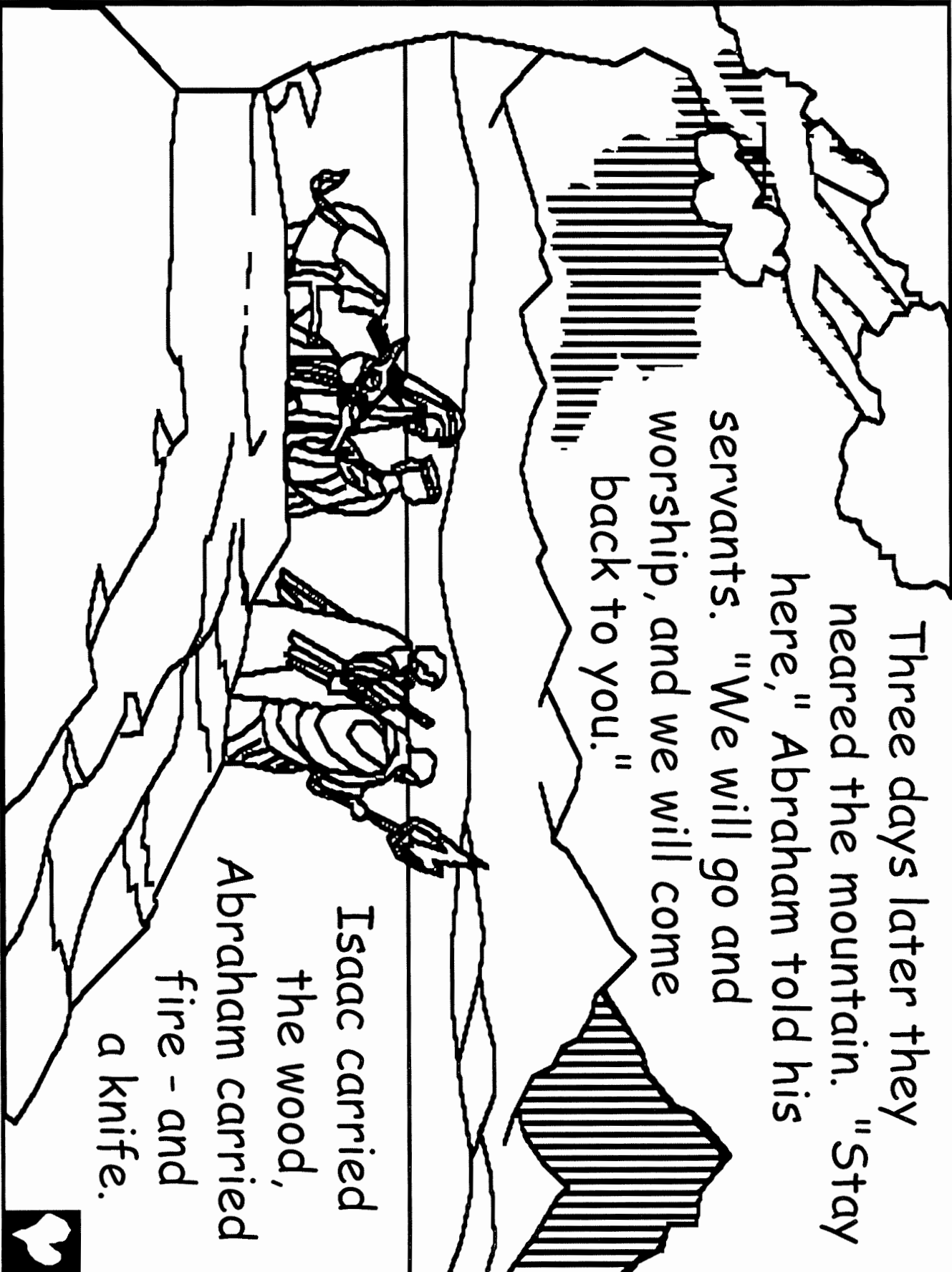


But Abraham had learned to trust
God even when he did not understand.
In the morning he set out
for the mountain of sacrifice
with Isaac and two servants.



Before leaving,
Abraham split pieces
of wood to make a
fire for the burnt
offering. Abraham
planned to obey God.



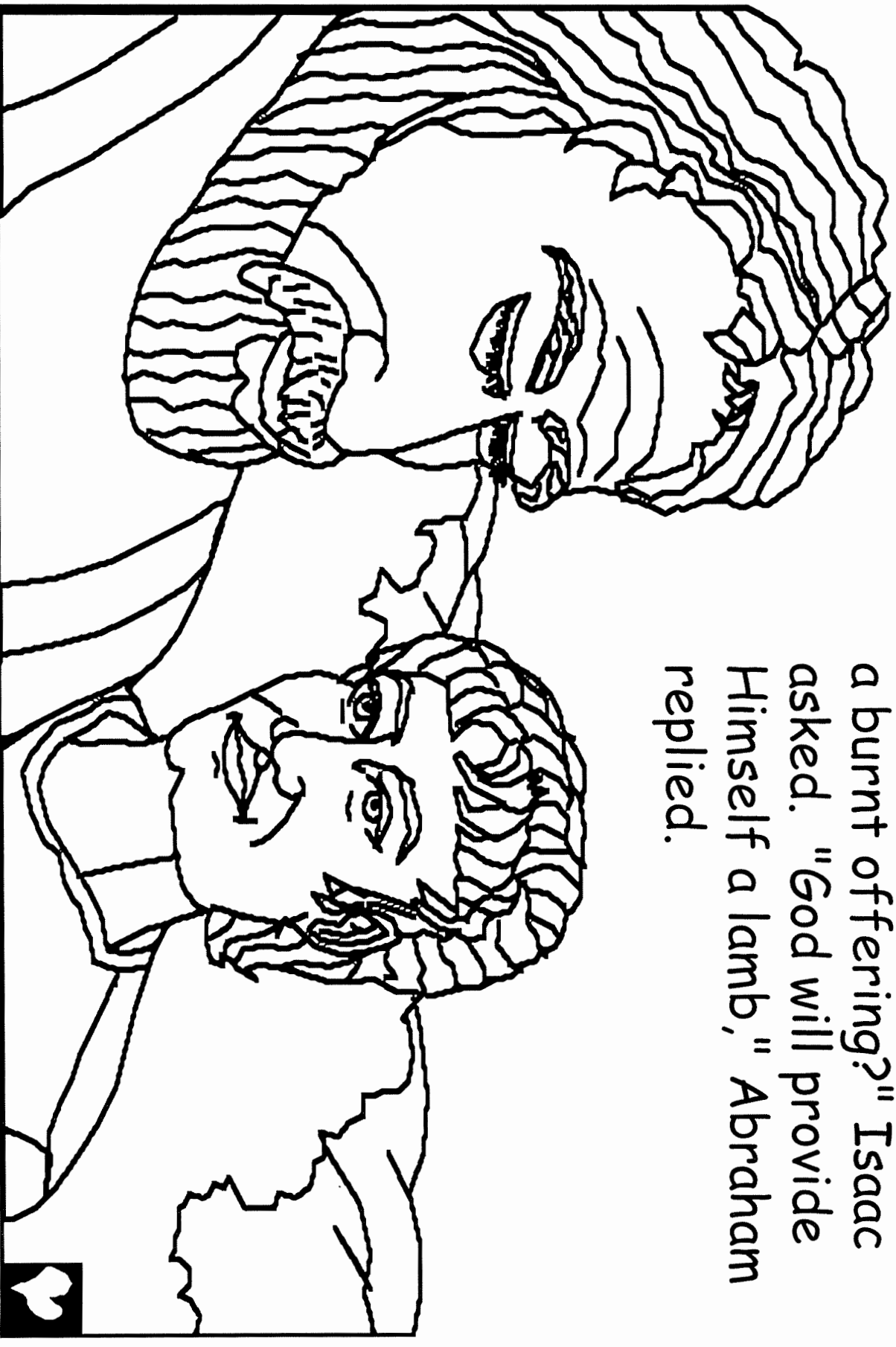


Three days later they
neared the mountain. "Stay
here," Abraham told his
servants. "We will go and
worship, and we will come
back to you."

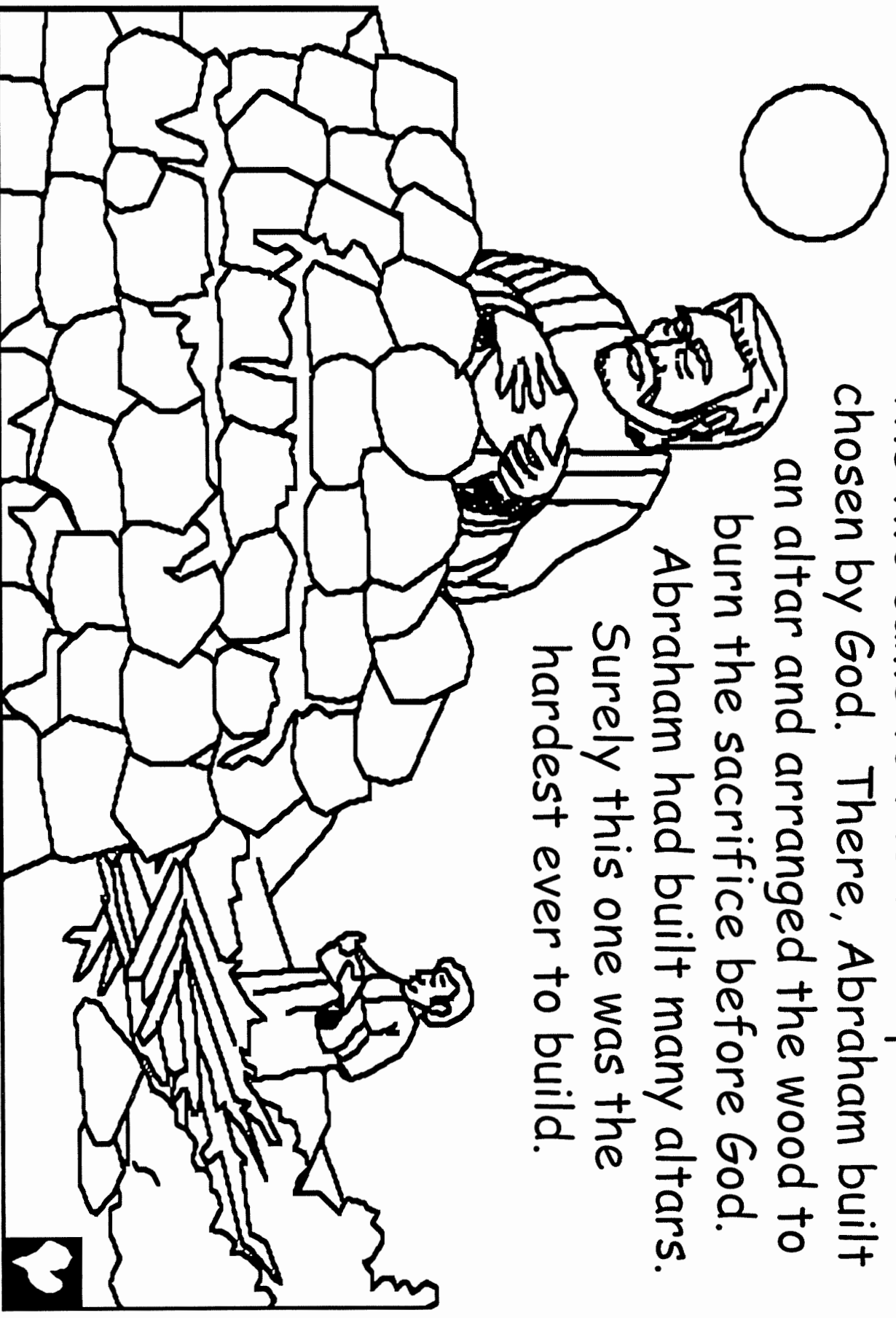
Isaac carried
the wood,
Abraham carried
fire - and
a knife.



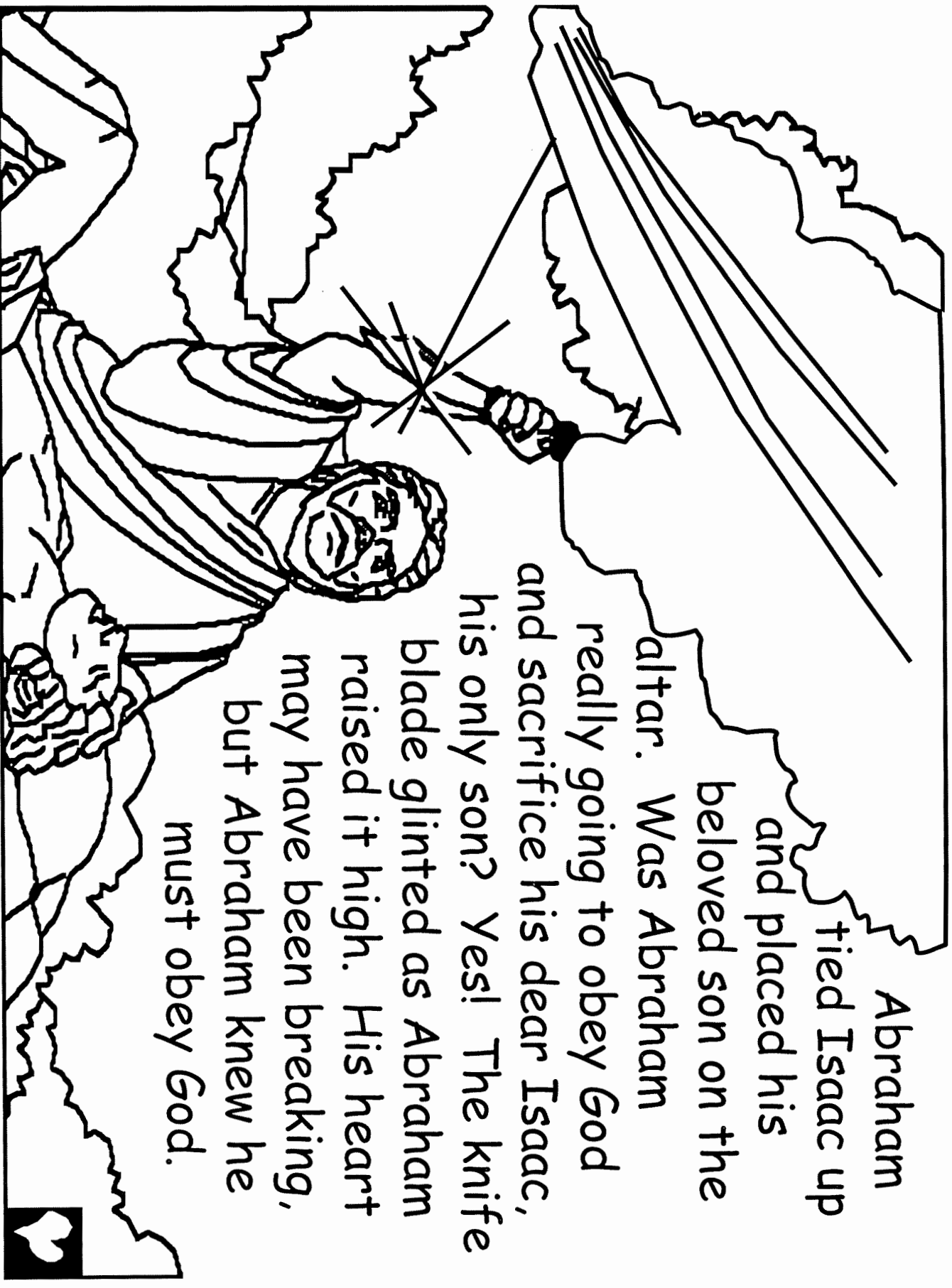
"Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Isaac asked. "God will provide Himself a lamb," Abraham replied.



The two came to the exact place
chosen by God. There, Abraham built
an altar and arranged the wood to
burn the sacrifice before God.
Abraham had built many altars.
Surely this one was the
hardest ever to build.

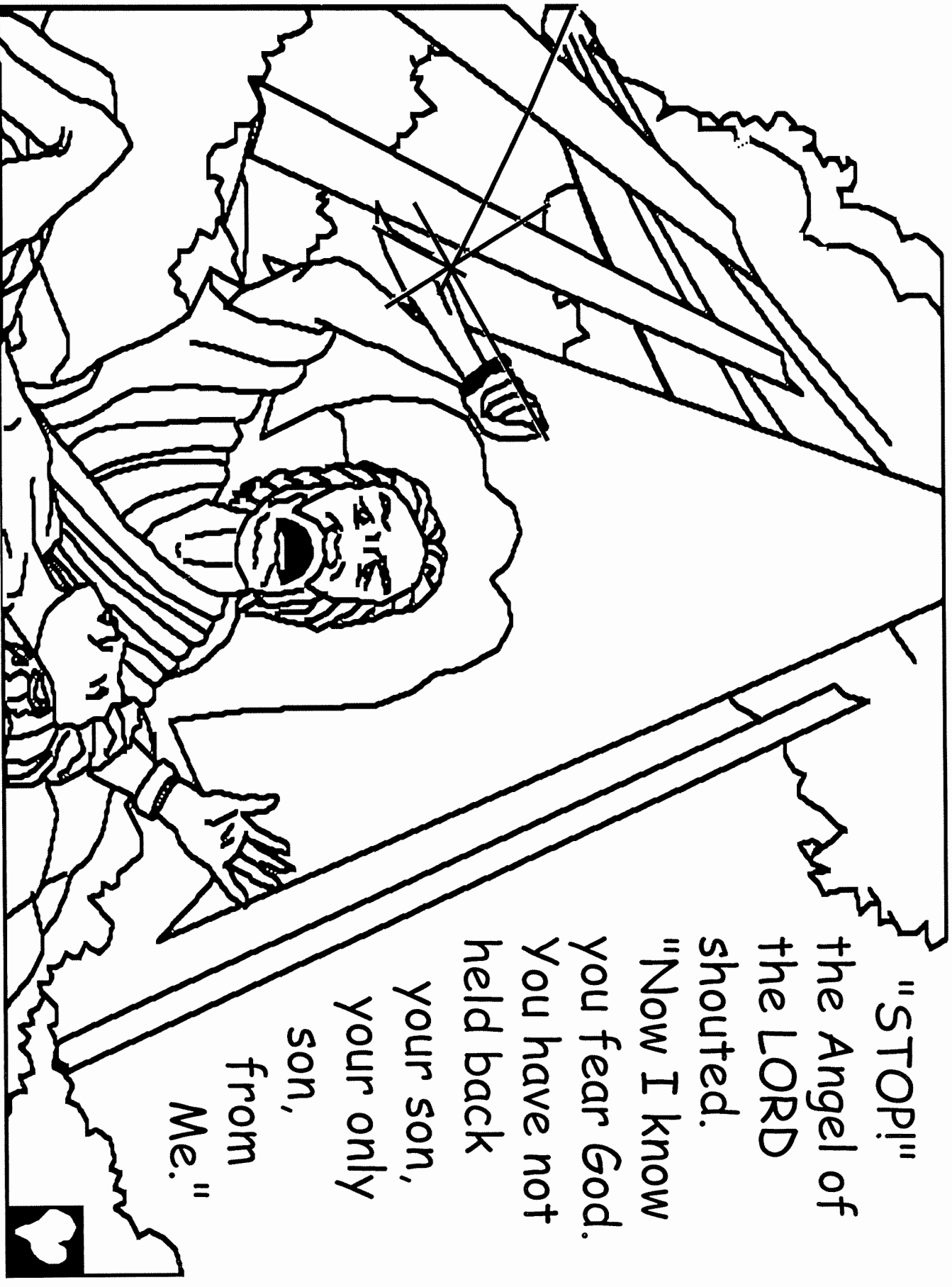


Abraham
tied Isaac up
and placed his
beloved son on the
altar. Was Abraham
really going to obey God
and sacrifice his dear Isaac,
his only son? Yes! The knife
blade glinted as Abraham
raised it high. His heart
may have been breaking,
but Abraham knew he
must obey God.

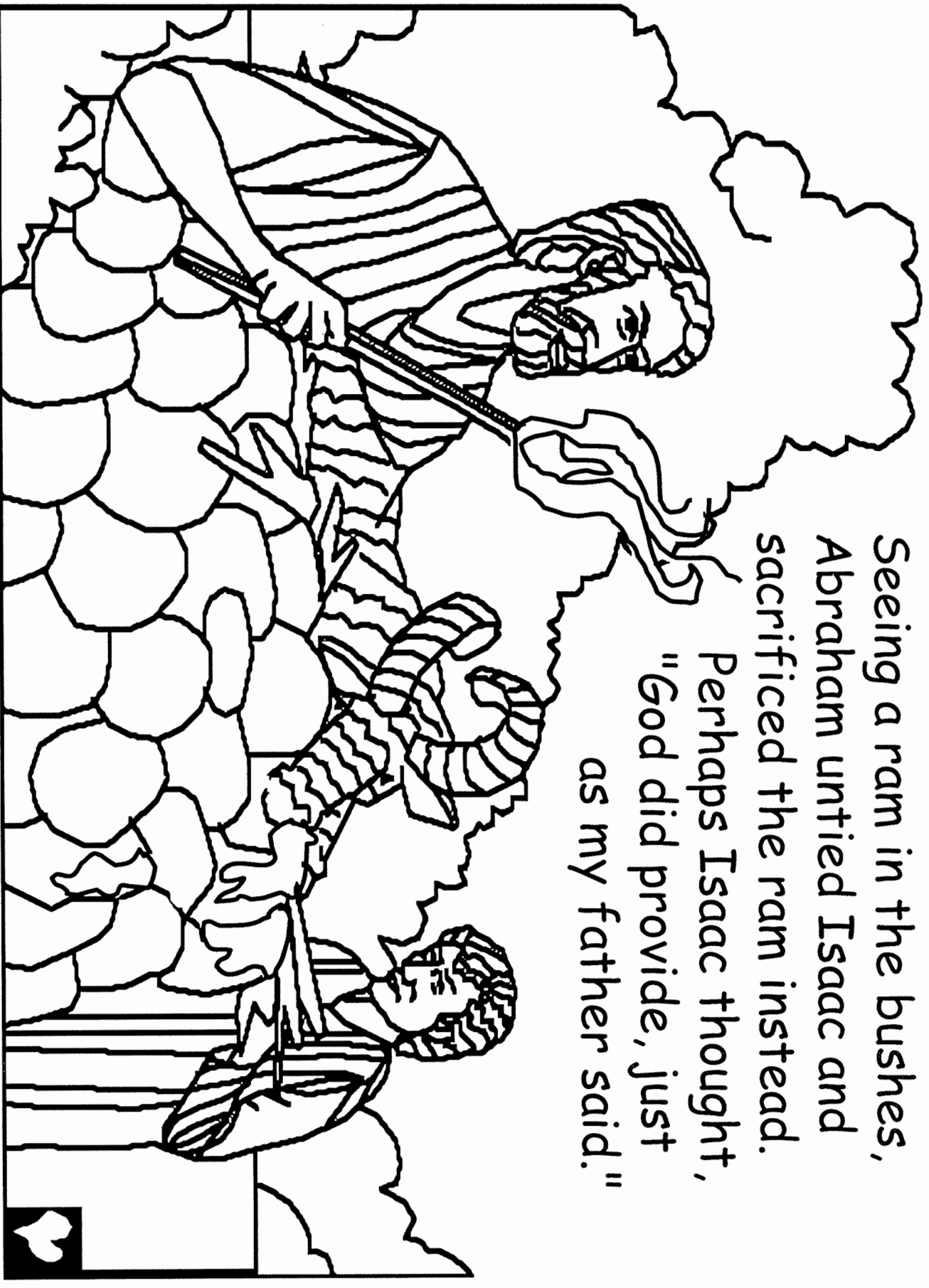


"STOP!"
the Angel of
the LORD
shouted.

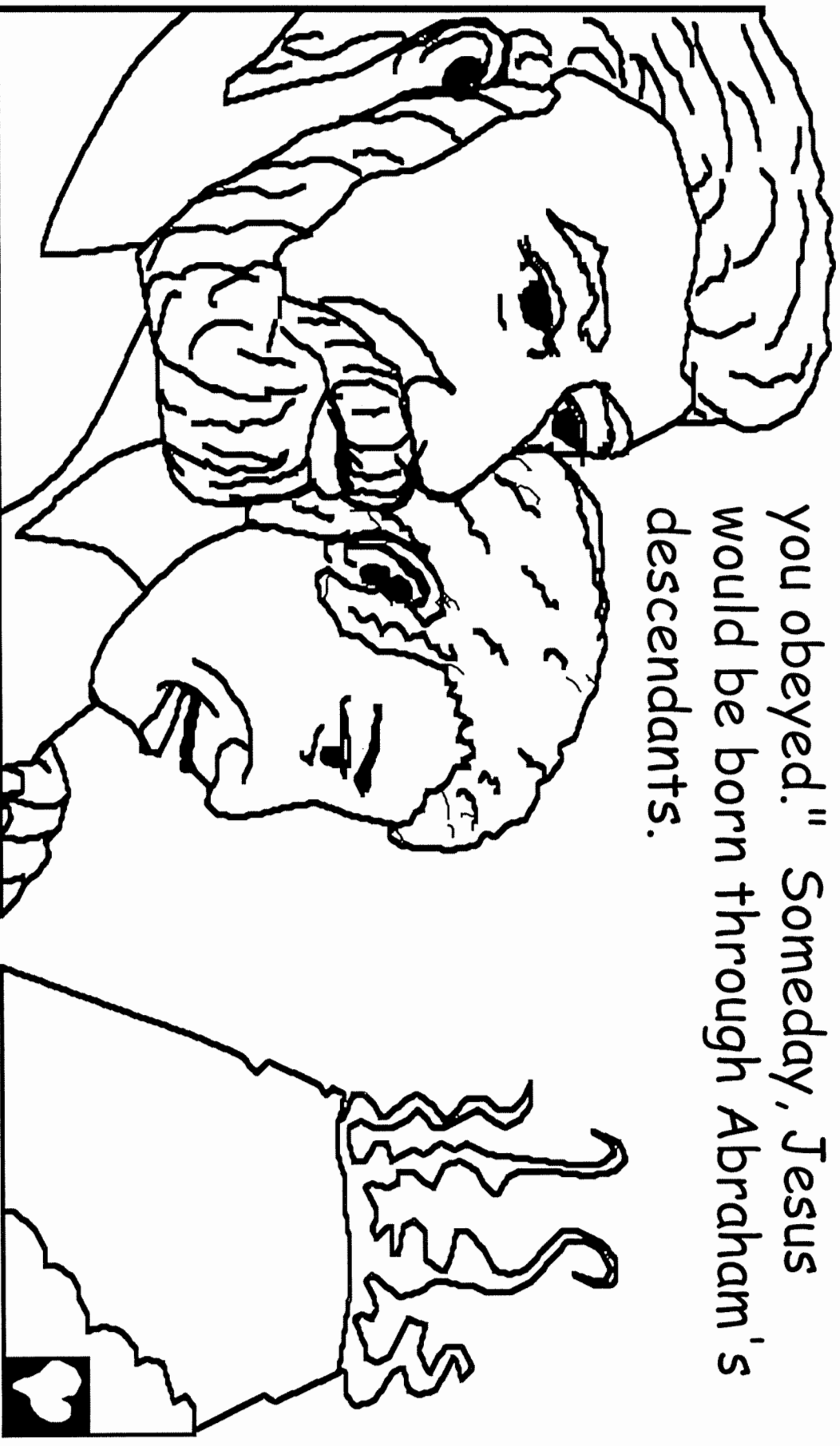
"Now I know
you fear God.
You have not
held back
your son,
your only
son,
from
Me."



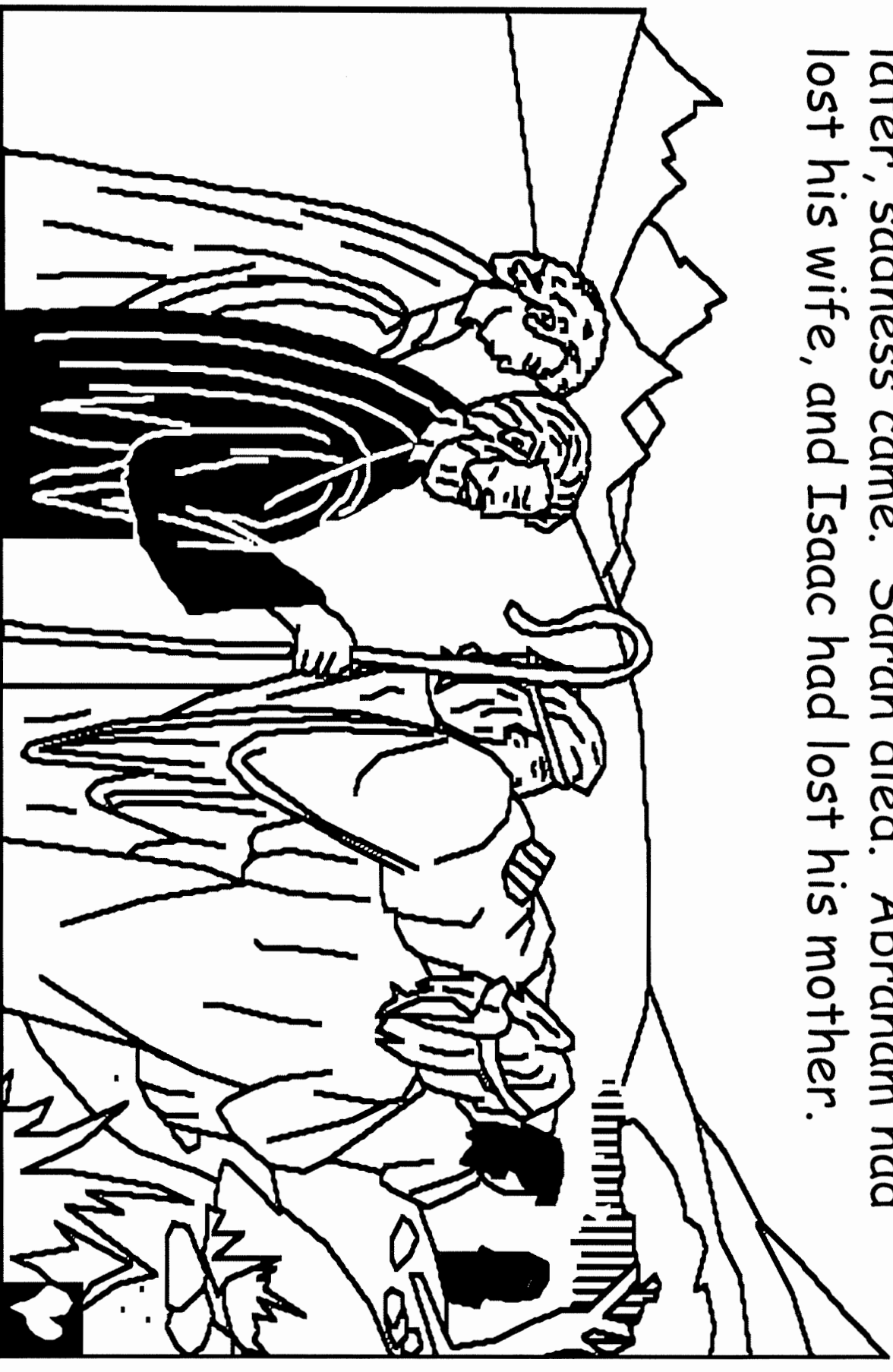
Seeing a ram in the bushes,
Abraham untied Isaac and
sacrificed the ram instead.
Perhaps Isaac thought,
"God did provide, just
as my father said."



While father and son worshiped, the Angel of the LORD spoke to Abraham. "In your children, all nations shall be blessed because you obeyed." Someday, Jesus would be born through Abraham's descendants.

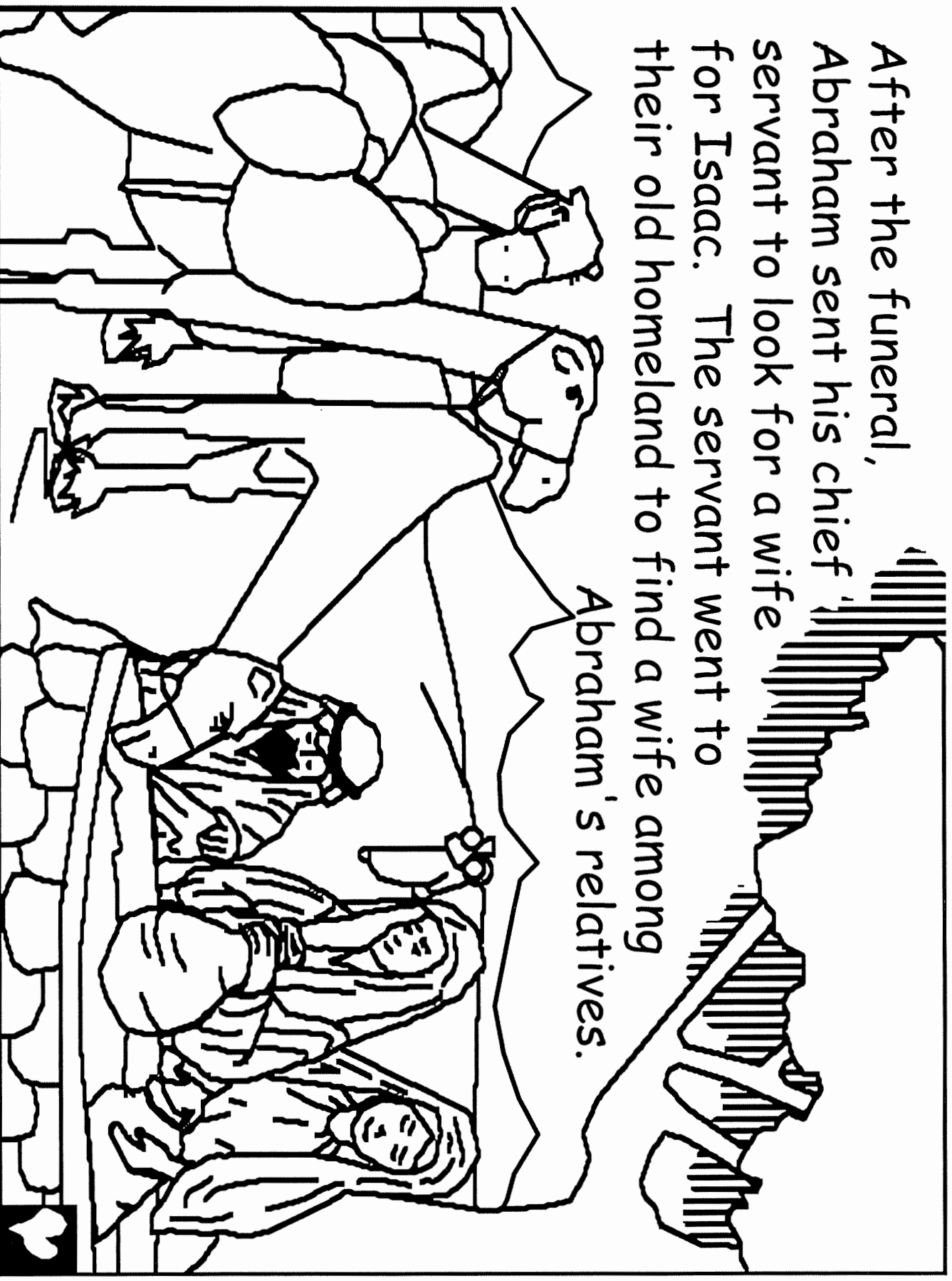


Abraham and Isaac returned home. Some time later, sadness came. Sarah died. Abraham had lost his wife, and Isaac had lost his mother.

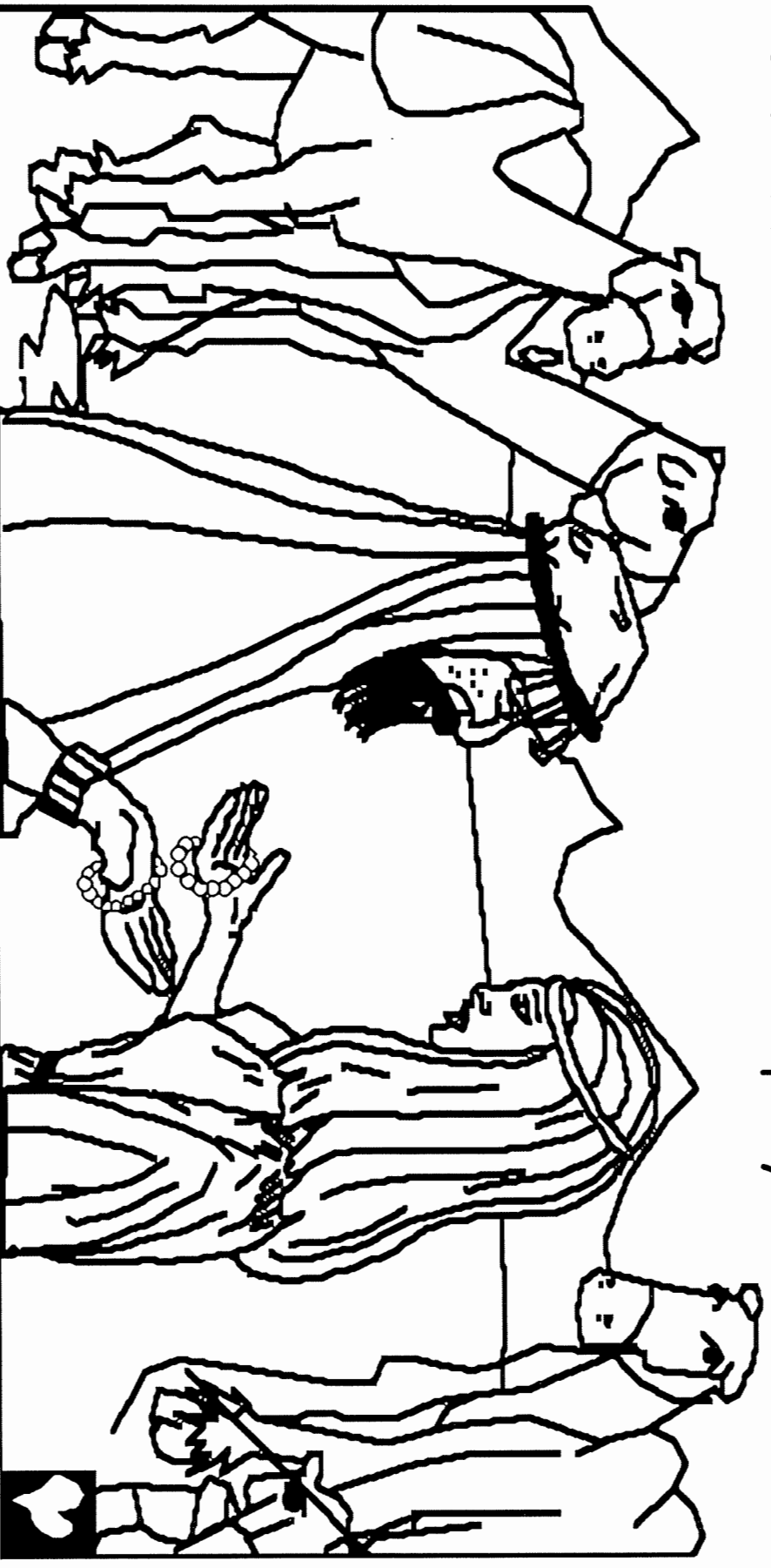


After the funeral,
Abraham sent his chief
servant to look for a wife
for Isaac. The servant went to
their old homeland to find a wife among
their old relatives.

Abraham's relatives.



The servant asked God for a sign. "Let the girl who offers water for my camels be the right one for Isaac." Immediately Rebekah offered to give them water. She was one of Abraham's relatives. The servant knew God had answered his prayer.



Stop!

Abraham was going to follow God's command and offer his son, Isaac, as a burnt offering. Write the letter that comes after the letter given to see what an angel of the Lord said to Abraham. Read the story in Genesis 22:1-13.

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