

# Abraham Becomes God's Friend

GENESIS 12:1-9; 18:1-19; 22:1-18

ABRAHAM AND SARAH\* WERE WORSHIPPERS OF JEHOVAH IN THE CITY OF UR. JEHOVAH SPOKE TO ABRAHAM.

GO TO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU, AND I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A GREAT NATION.



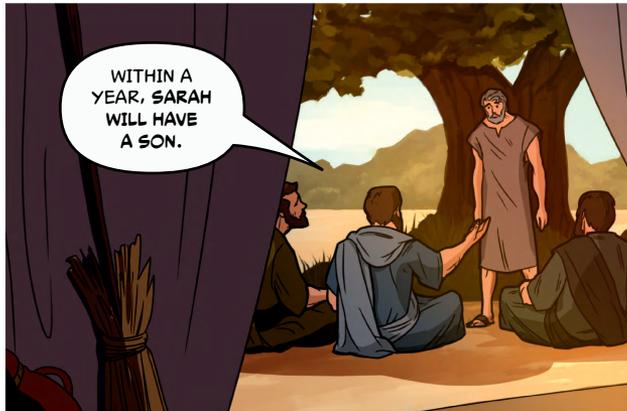
ABRAHAM AND SARAH LEFT UR, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE GOING . . .

\*ORIGINALLY NAMED ABRAM AND SARAI.



. . . AND WITHOUT CHILDREN, HOW COULD ABRAHAM BECOME A GREAT NATION?

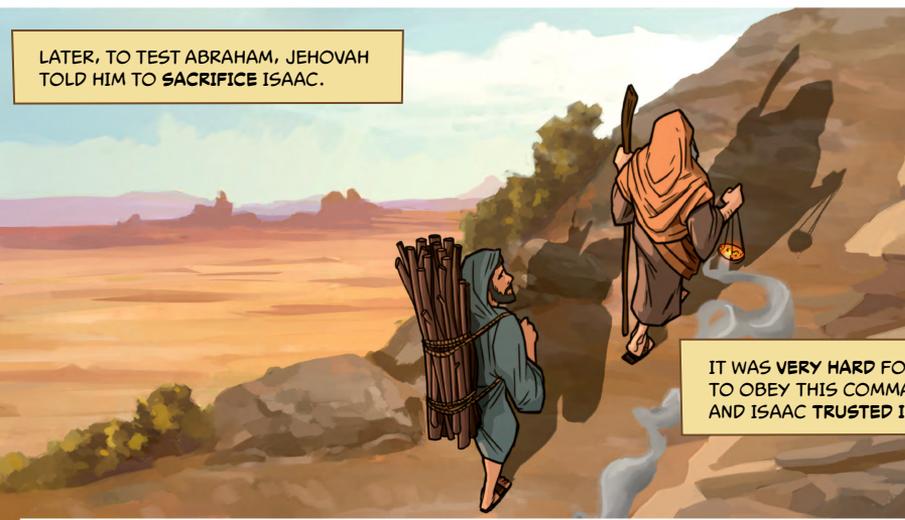
WHILE ABRAHAM CAMPED IN MAMRE, HE SAW THREE ANGELS WHO APPEARED TO BE MEN.



AS PROMISED, SARAH HAD A SON, ISAAC. ABRAHAM LOVED HIM, AND ISAAC GREW INTO A MAN WHO LOVED JEHOVAH.



LATER, TO TEST ABRAHAM, JEHOVAH TOLD HIM TO SACRIFICE ISAAC.



IT WAS VERY HARD FOR ABRAHAM TO OBEY THIS COMMAND, BUT HE AND ISAAC TRUSTED IN JEHOVAH.



STOP!

JEHOVAH THEN KNEW THAT ABRAHAM WAS A LOYAL FRIEND, SO HE SAVED ISAAC AND MADE ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING INTO THE NATION OF ISRAEL.



WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY?

WHEN WAS IT DIFFICULT FOR ABRAHAM TO OBEY JEHOVAH?

CLUE: GENESIS 12:1; 22:1, 2.

HOW DID ABRAHAM BECOME GOD'S FRIEND?

CLUE: GENESIS 26:5; HEBREWS 11:8-10, 17.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME GOD'S FRIEND?

CLUE: PSALM 15:1-5.