

## CG Guide Finding Jesus in Genesis: Abraham and Issac

### Discuss:

Share a personal experience of when your faith was challenged or tested. How did you respond?

**Read:** Genesis 22:1-18

Review Finding Jesus in Genesis:

- Abraham's only son, whom he loves - a symbolic sacrifice
  - ◆ God's only Son, whom He loves - Jesus' sacrifice on the cross
- Abraham declared, "God will provide a lamb."
  - ◆ John the Baptist declared, "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world."
- Issac carried the wood for his own sacrifice up the mountain
  - ◆ Jesus carried the wooden cross up the hill
- Issac was bound and laid on the altar
  - ◆ Jesus was nailed to the cross
- God provided a ram in place of Issac so that he would live
  - ◆ God provided Jesus to die in our place so that we may live

1. What other images of Jesus do we see in the passage?
2. Read John 3:16-18 How does the story of Abraham and Isaac increase your understanding and appreciation for what Jesus did for you?
3. How does Abraham's faith inspire your faith? Look at Genesis 22 again  
22:1 "Here I am"  
22:5 "We will come back"  
22:8 "God himself will provide the lamb."
4. Jesus calls you to follow Him in belief and action; how will you respond?
5. How often do you respond, "Maybe later, God, send someone else," instead of "Here I am, God, send me."
6. Have you ever thought about what you are missing by not following God's calling or leading?