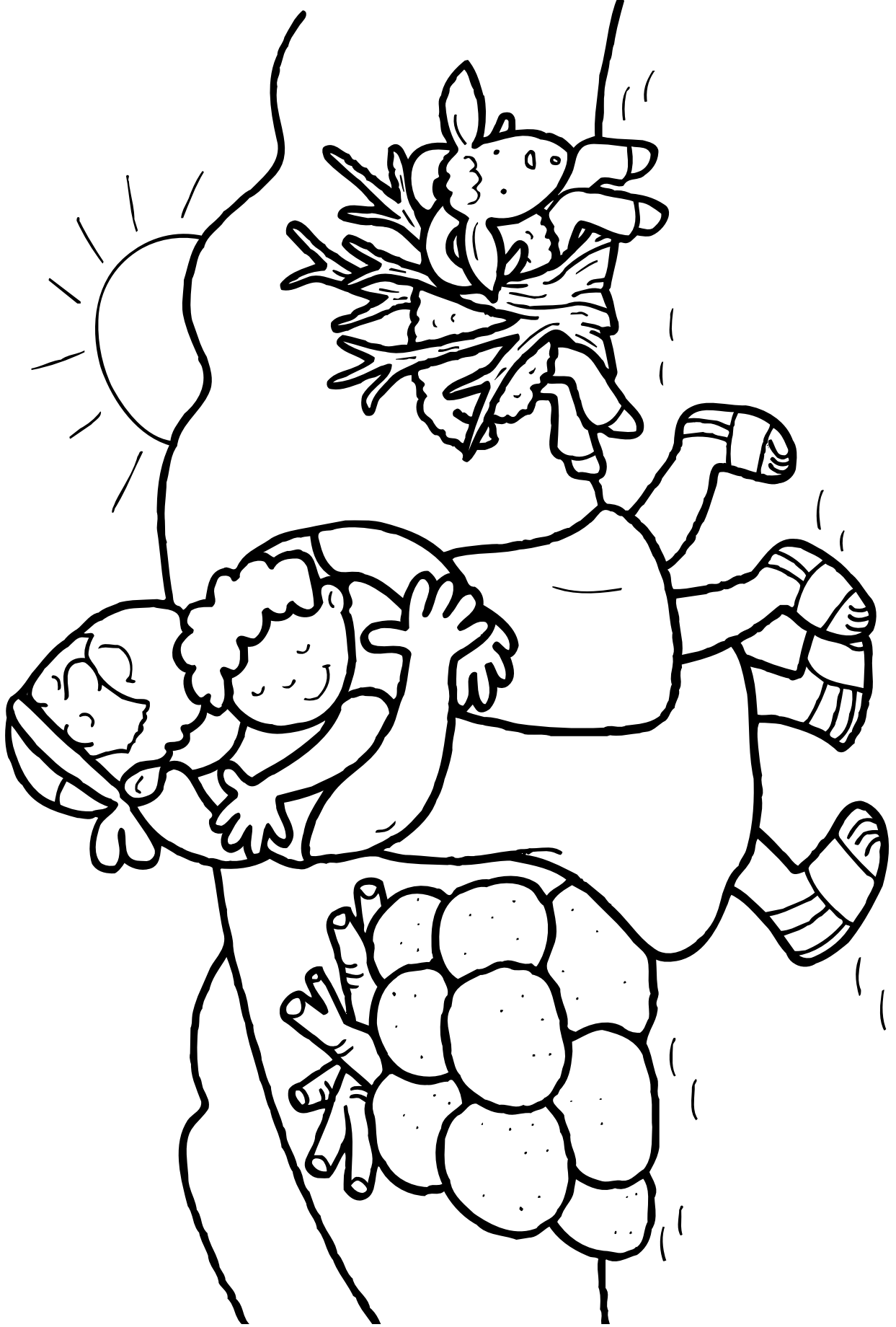


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Abraham and Sarah were happy. They had a baby boy named Isaac. God had promised that they would have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Isaac. All these people would help others learn about God's love.

God wanted to make sure that Abraham would always obey God's instructions and follow Him.

God told Abraham to take his son Isaac and offer him to God, like he would offer a goat or a lamb on an altar. But this meant Isaac would die! Abraham was very sad. Abraham must have wondered why God wanted him to do this. But Abraham decided to obey God.

Abraham and Isaac walked up to the top of a nearby mountain. When they got to the top, Abraham built

an altar. Isaac asked Abraham where the animal was for the offering. Abraham told Isaac that God would provide the animal. Then Abraham tied Isaac's feet and hands and set him on top of the altar.

At that moment, Abraham heard a voice. It was an angel sent by God. The angel told Abraham to STOP. God knew that Abraham had obeyed him.

Abraham heard a noise. He saw an animal called a ram. The ram was stuck in the bushes. God had provided the animal for the offering! Abraham thanked God! Abraham quickly untied Isaac and offered the ram to God. Abraham must have been glad he had obeyed God. And God knew that Abraham would always obey Him.