# The Bible, Genesis 22: Abraham and the sacrifice of his son

### Opening question:

What advice would you give to Abraham if he would have come to you after the first message from God?

### Interpretation:

#### Abraham:

What are Abraham’s feelings when he gets the mission? What are his feelings when the angel stops him?

Why does Abraham tell the servants to stay? Why doesn’t he tell them what he is about to do?

Why does Abraham let Isaac carry the wood and the knife?

Is Abraham really going to sacrifice Isaac?

Why does Abraham call the place “The Lord Will Provide”? What does verse 14: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided” mean?

#### Isaac:

What do we know about Isaac?

Does Isaac know what is going to happen? When do you think he realizes what is going on?

What are Isaac’s feelings before he is tied to the altar? When he has been tied? When he has been untied? Why?

#### God:

Why does God call out Abraham’s name the first time?

Why does God let an angel call for Abraham to stop – why does not God call this time?

In verse 12 the text reads: “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Who is talking here?

What motives does God have?

### Evaluative questions:

How could you know that God is really speaking to you?

Would you sacrifice something that you hold precious if that would give you God’s love or trust?