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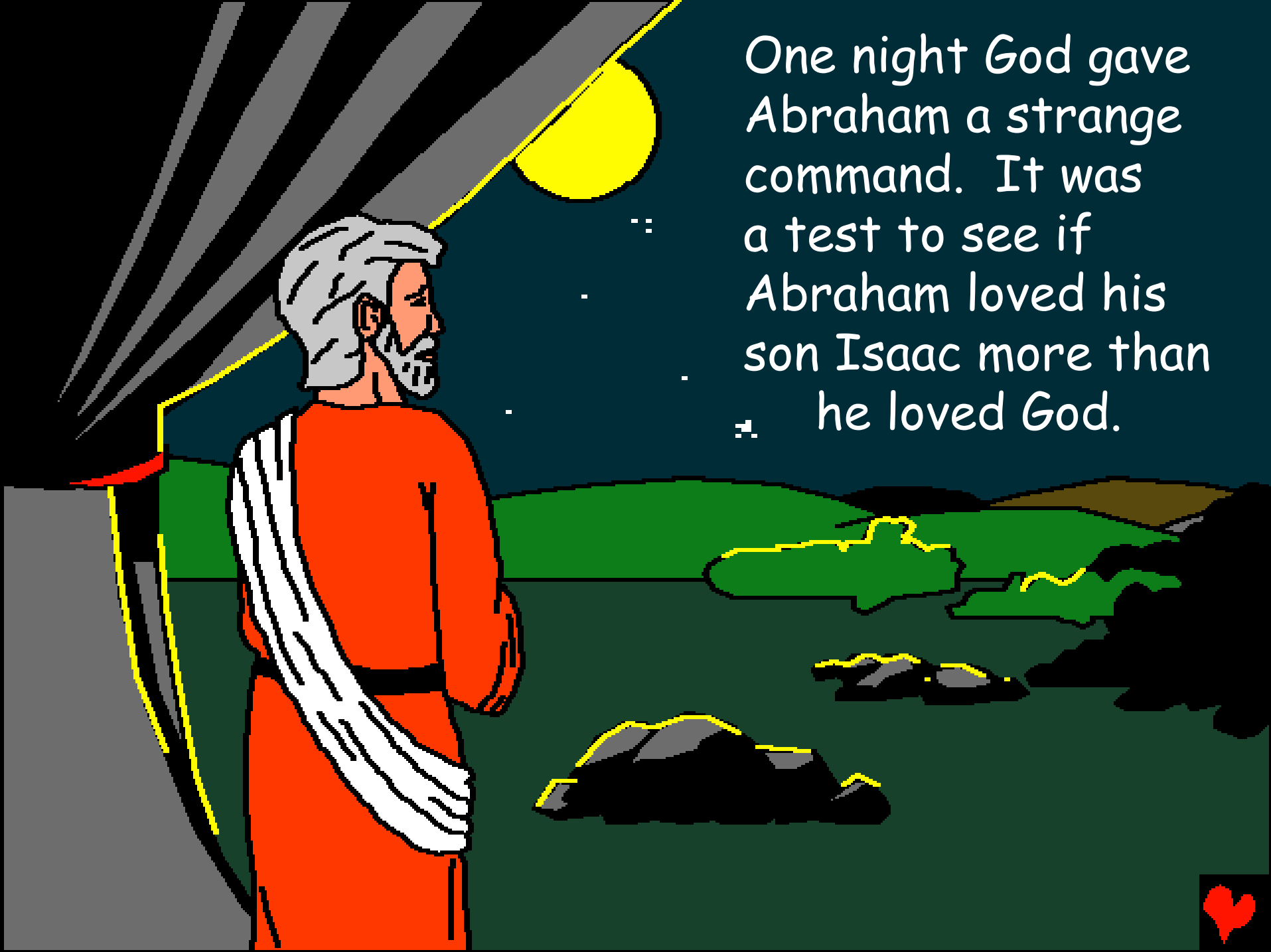
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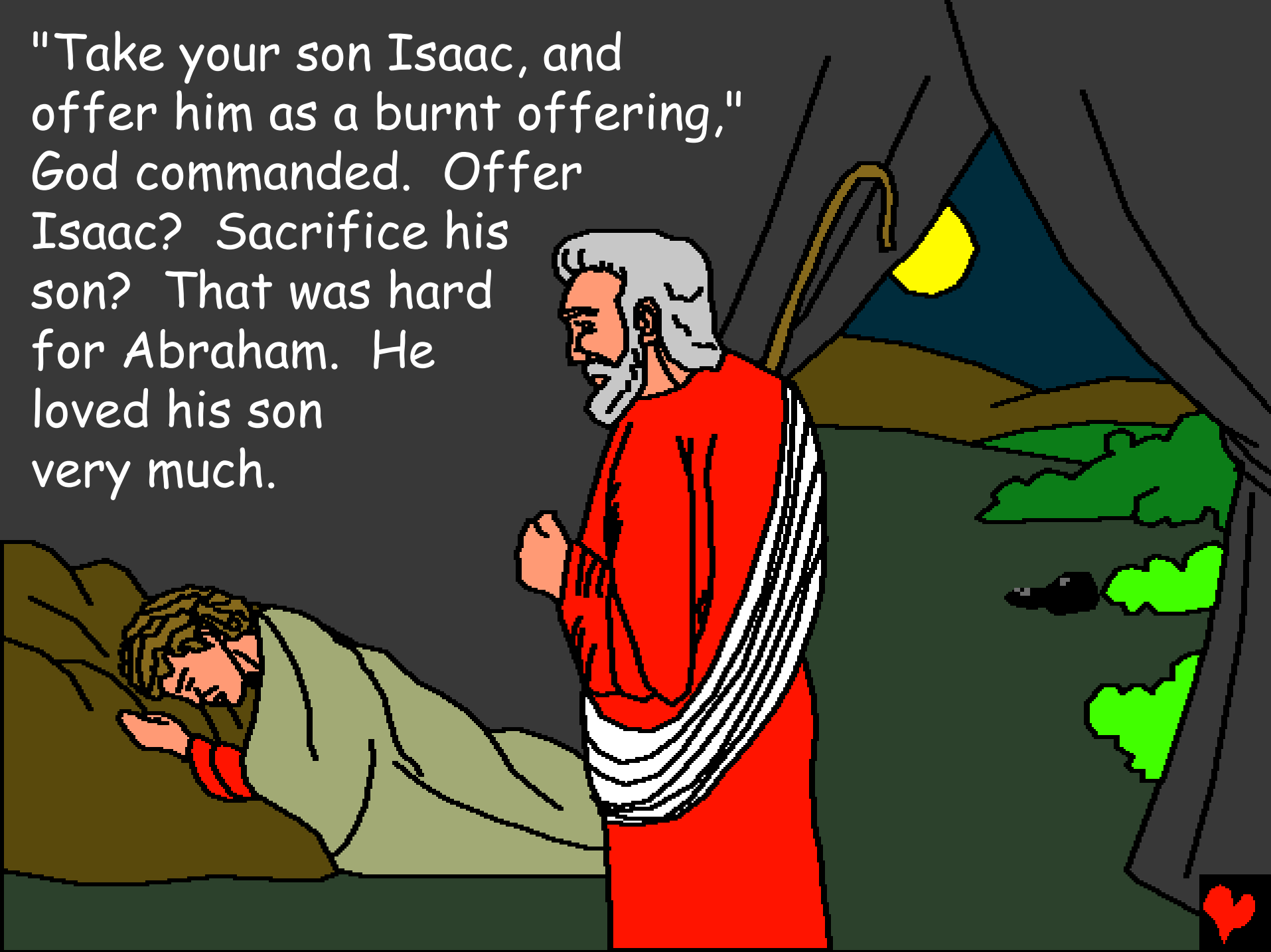
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One night God gave Abraham a strange command. It was a test to see if Abraham loved his son Isaac more than he loved God.



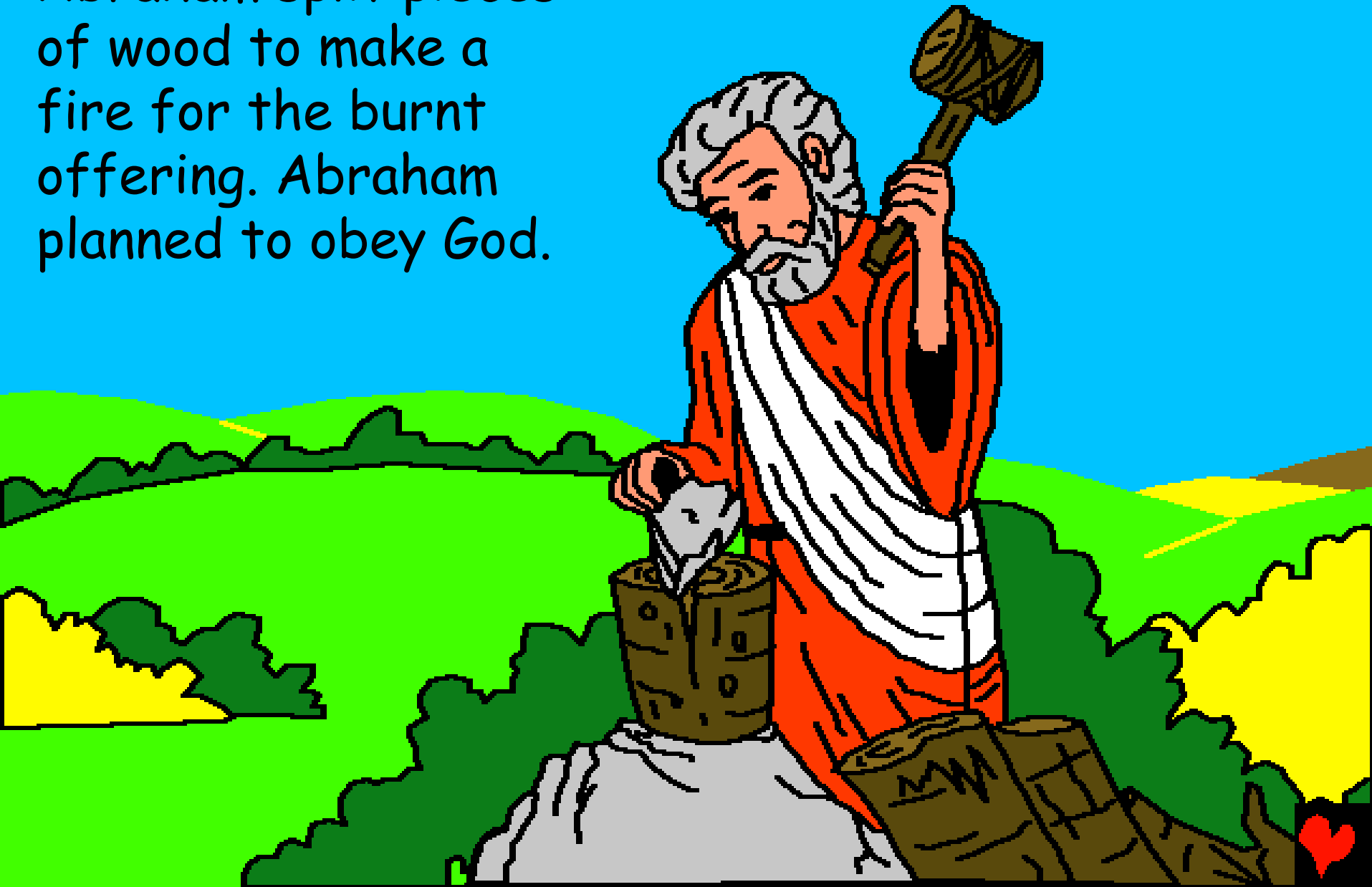
"Take your son Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering," God commanded. Offer Isaac? Sacrifice his son? That was hard for Abraham. He loved his son very much.




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.



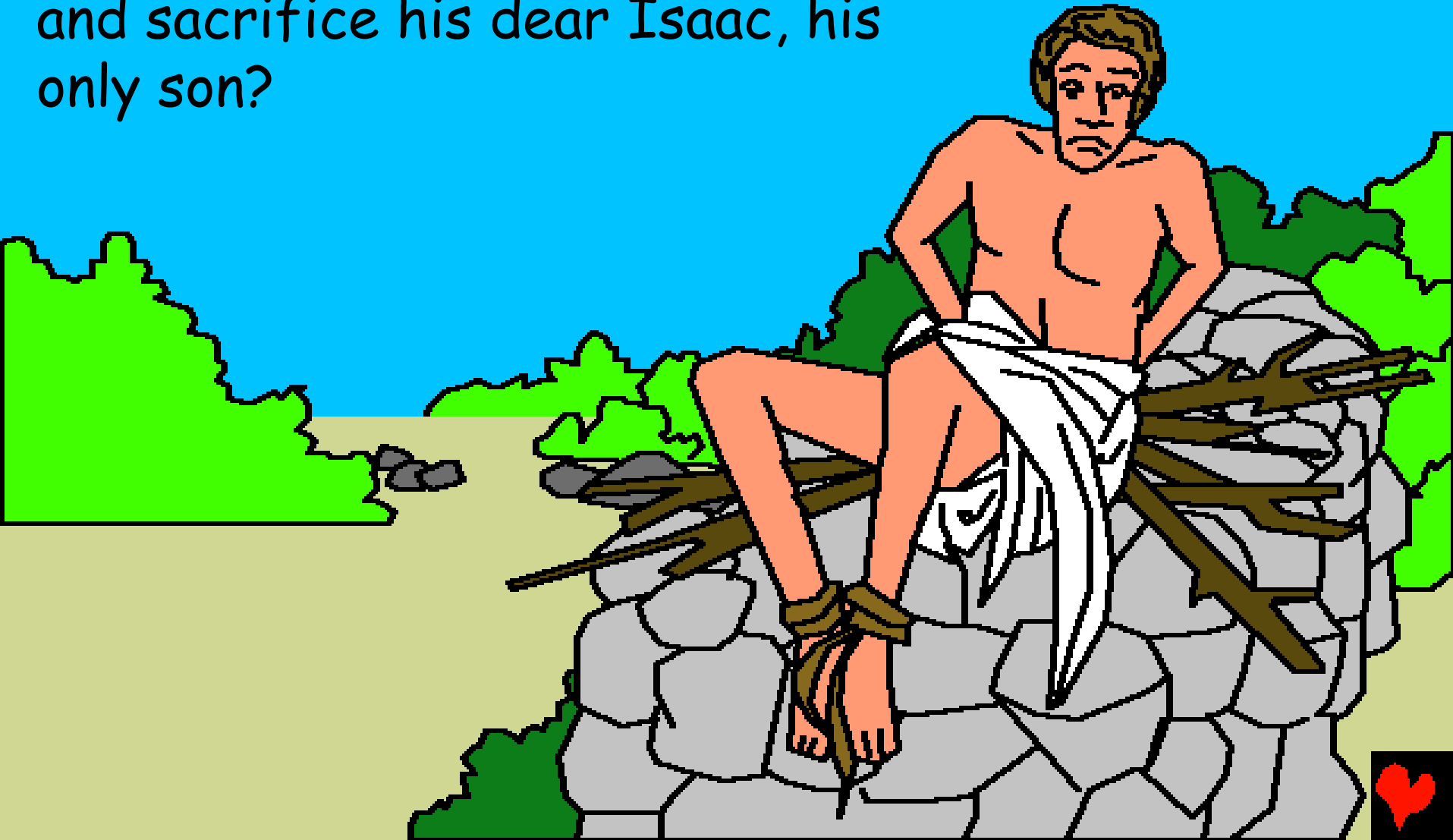
The two came to the exact place chosen by God. There, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood to burn the sacrifice before God.



Abraham had built many altars. Surely this one was the hardest ever to build.



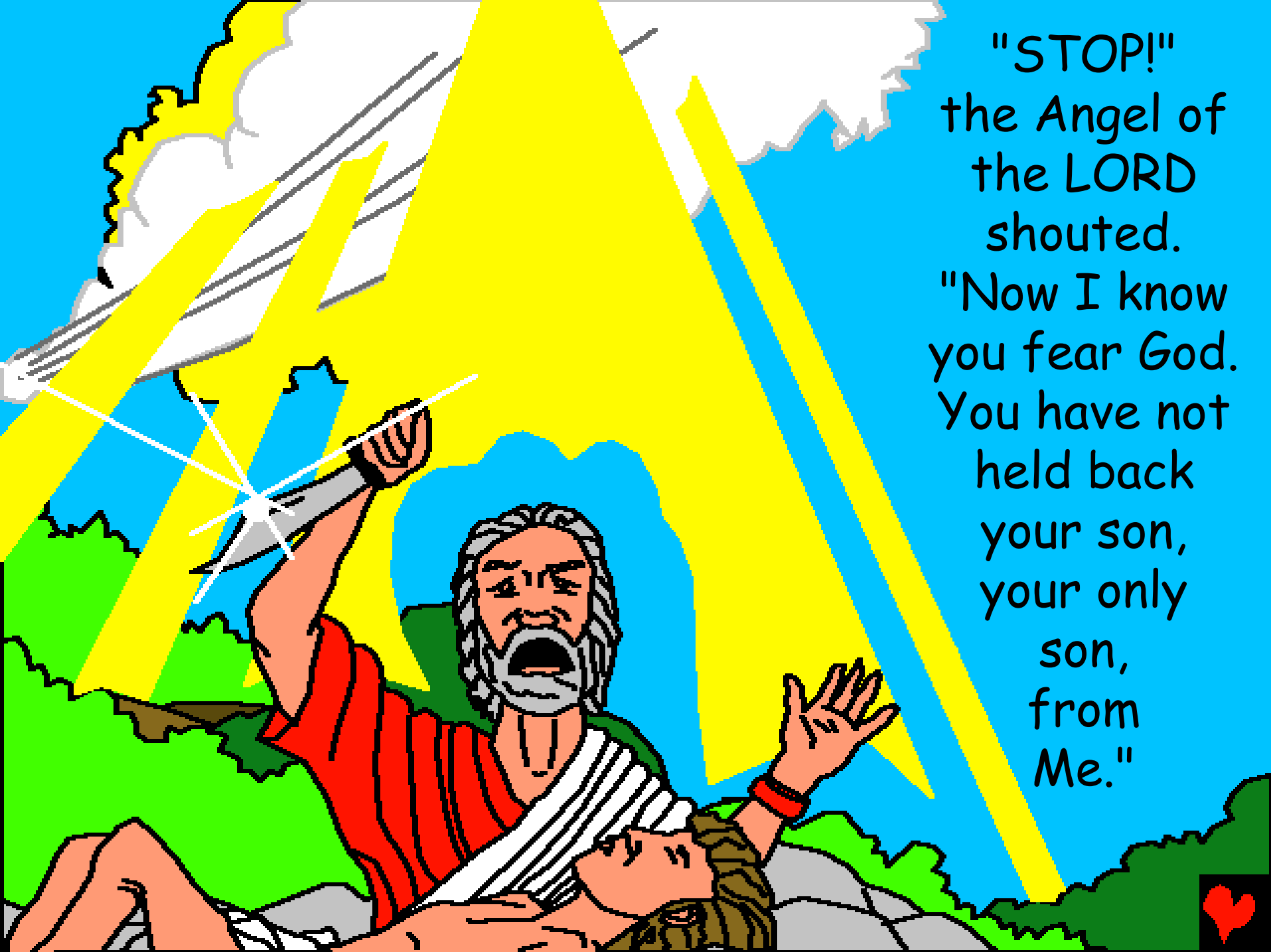
Abraham tied Isaac up and placed his beloved son on the altar. Was Abraham really going to obey God and sacrifice his dear Isaac, his only son?





Yes! The knife blade glinted as Abraham raised it high. His heart may have been breaking, but Abraham knew he must obey God.

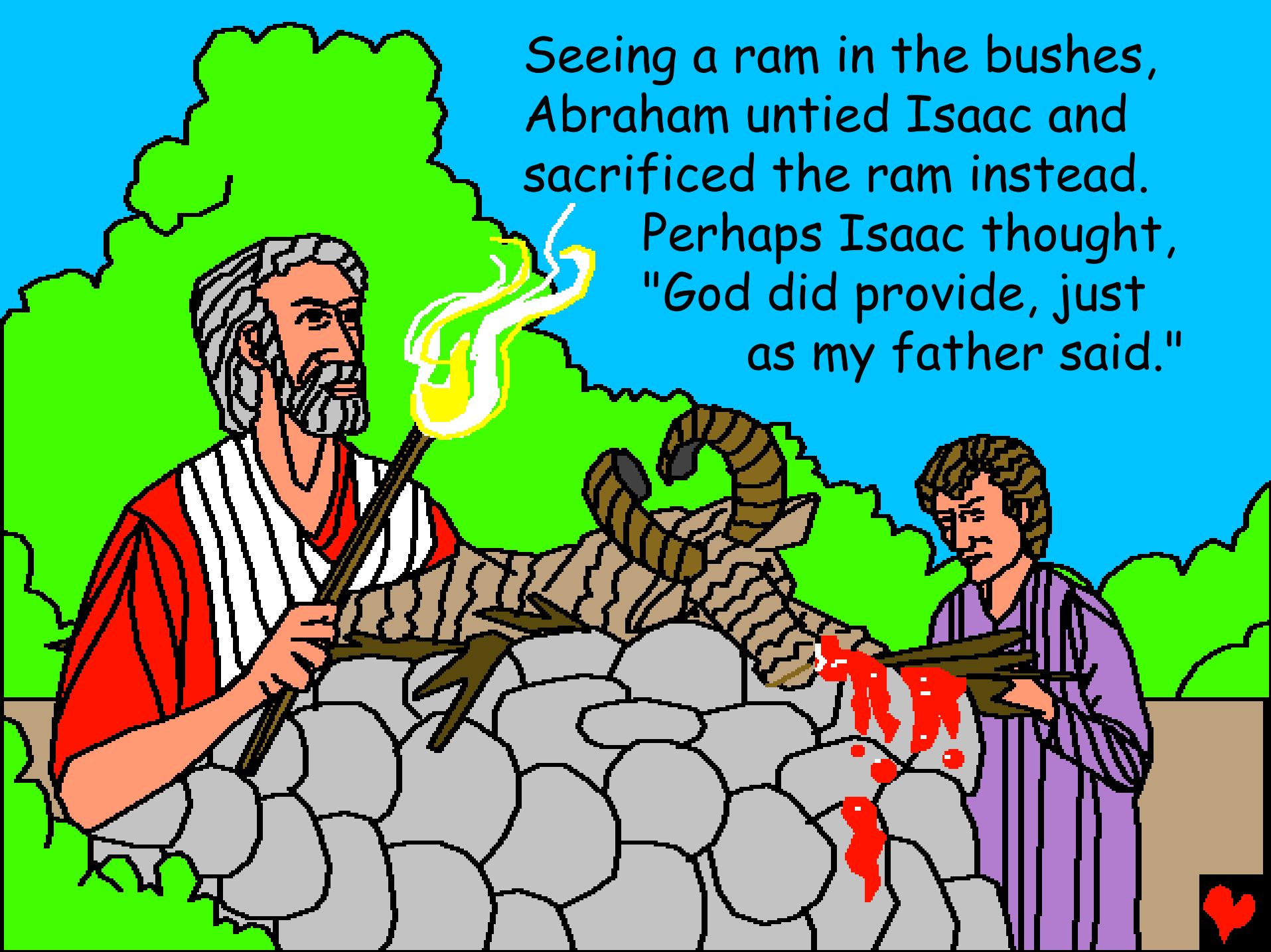




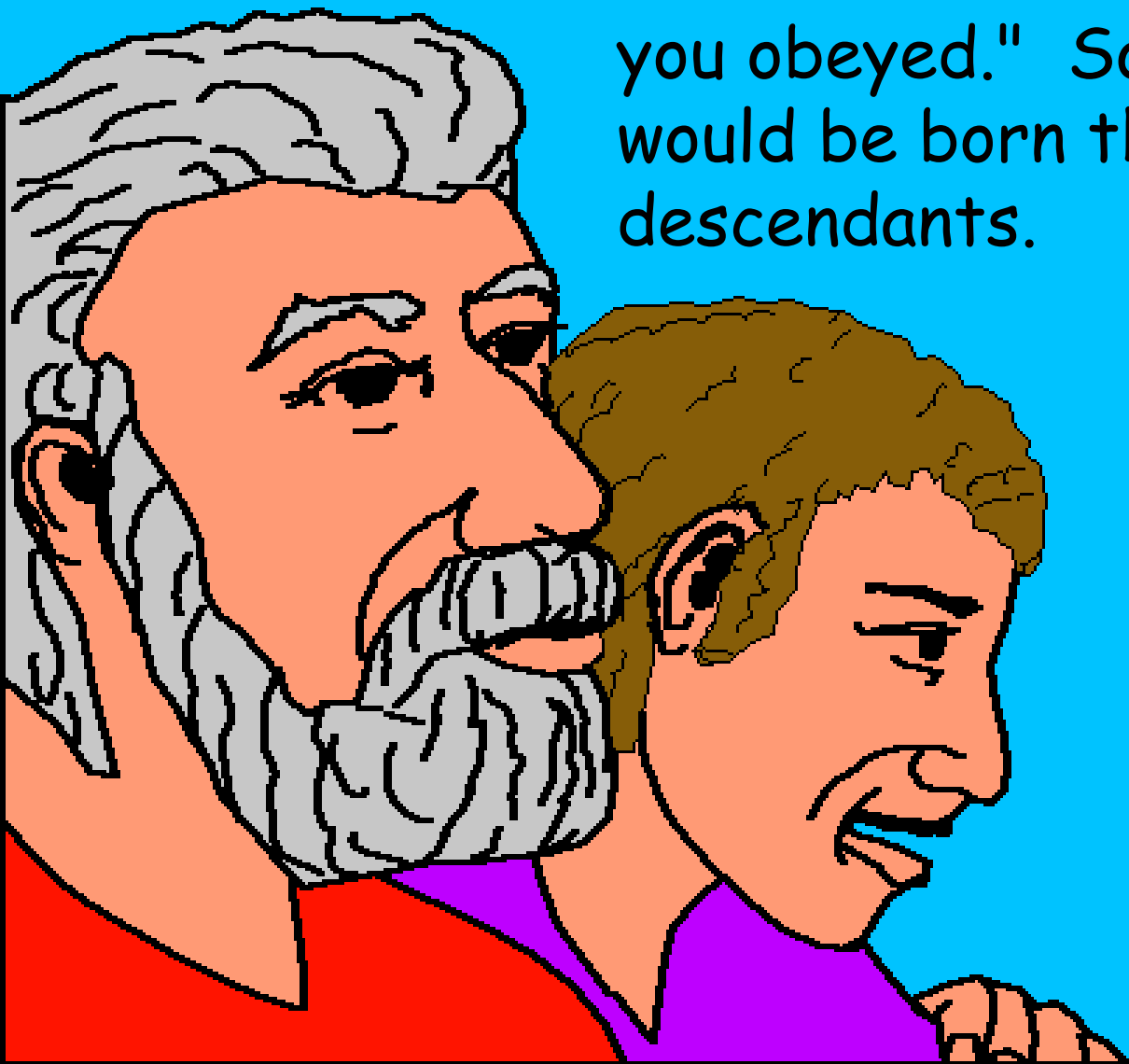
"STOP!"
the Angel of
the LORD
shouted.
"Now I know
you fear God.
You have not
held back
your son,
your only
son,
from
Me."



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
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.



Rebekah left her family to marry Isaac. She comforted him after his mother died. How Isaac loved her!



God Tests Abraham's Love

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Genesis 22 to 24

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

PSALM 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin.

The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16

