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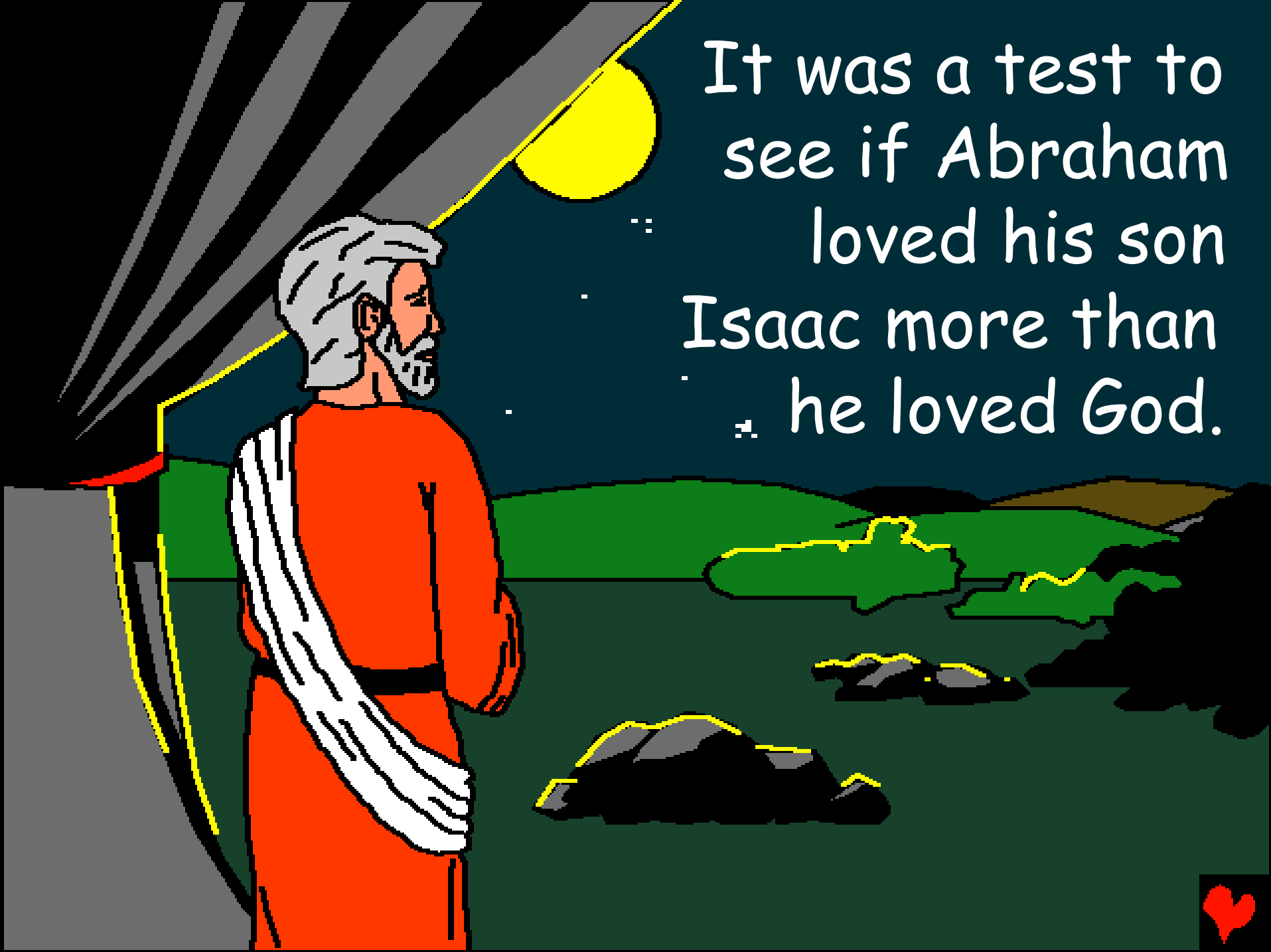
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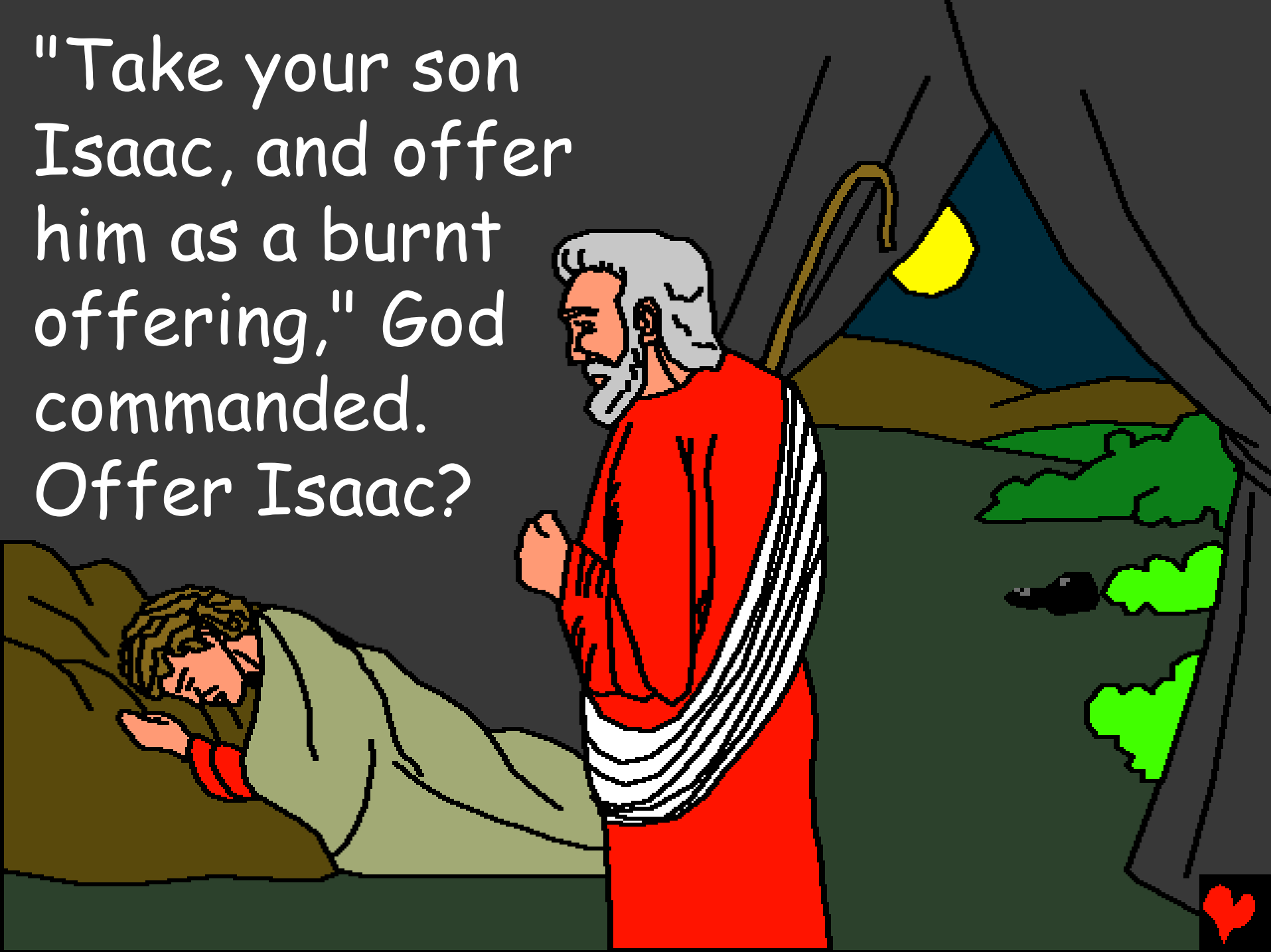
One night God gave Abraham a strange command.



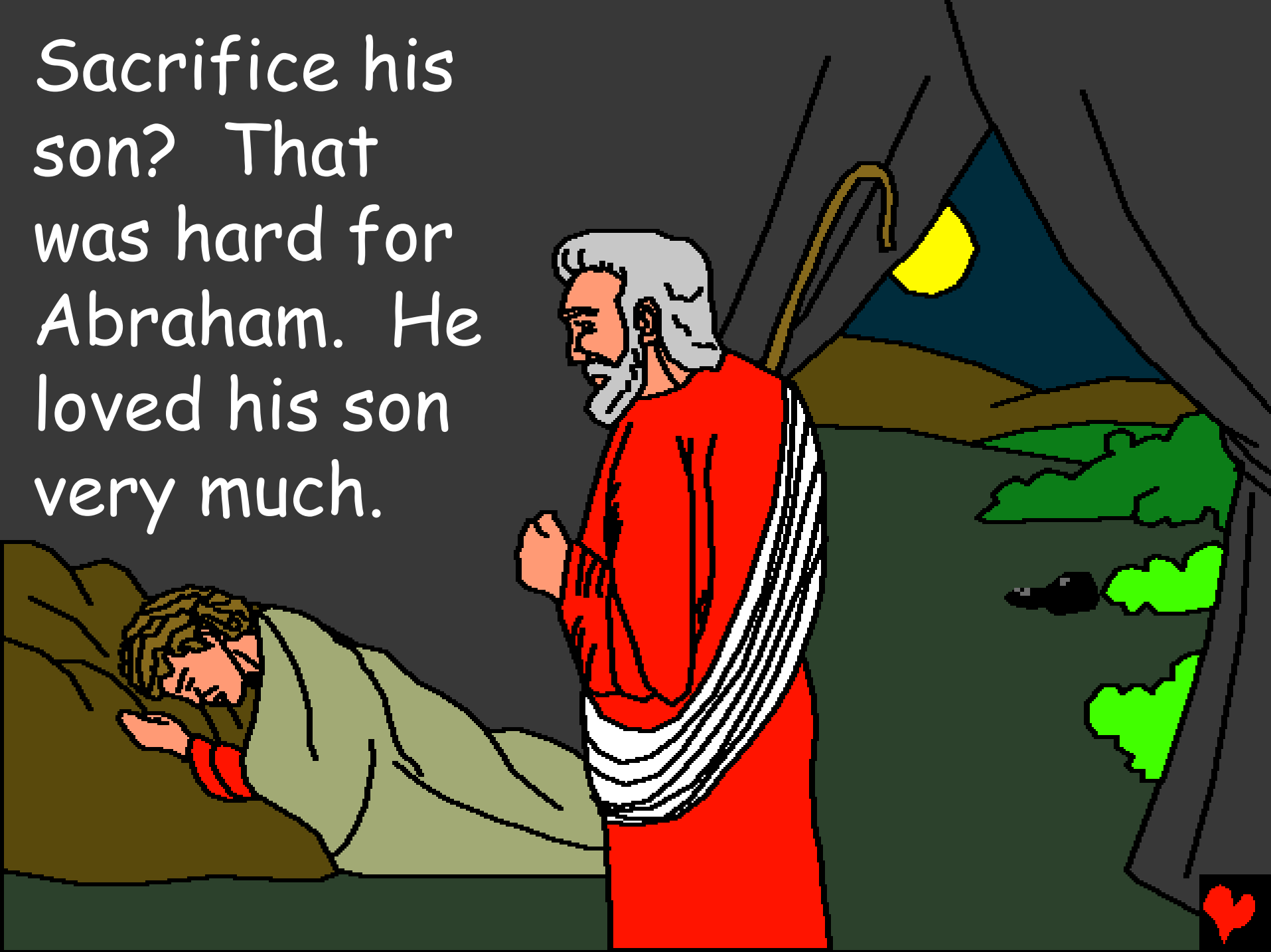
It was a test to
see if Abraham
loved his son
Isaac more than
he loved God.



"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.

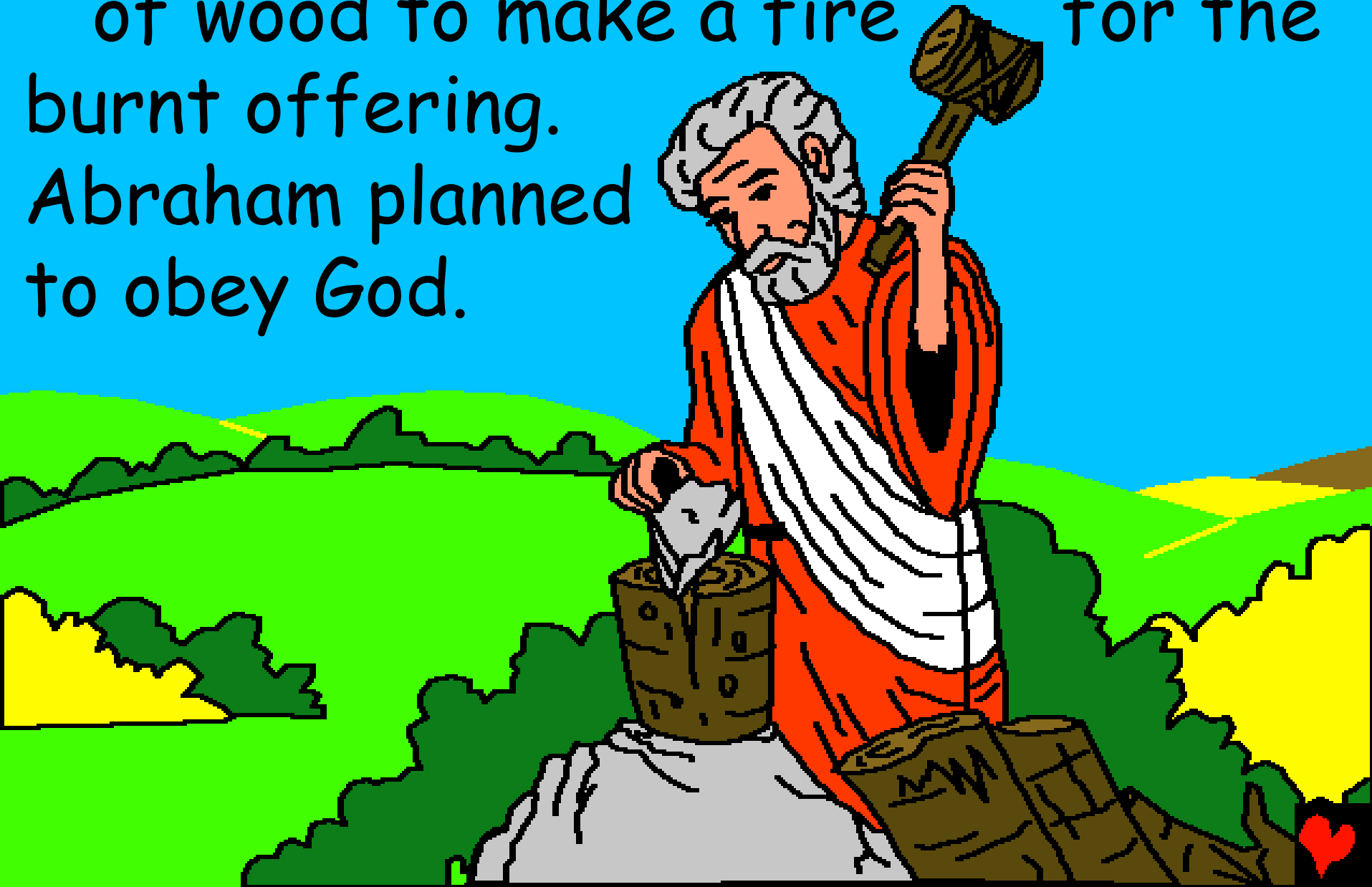


In the morning
he set out for
the mountain of
sacrifice with Isaac

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.



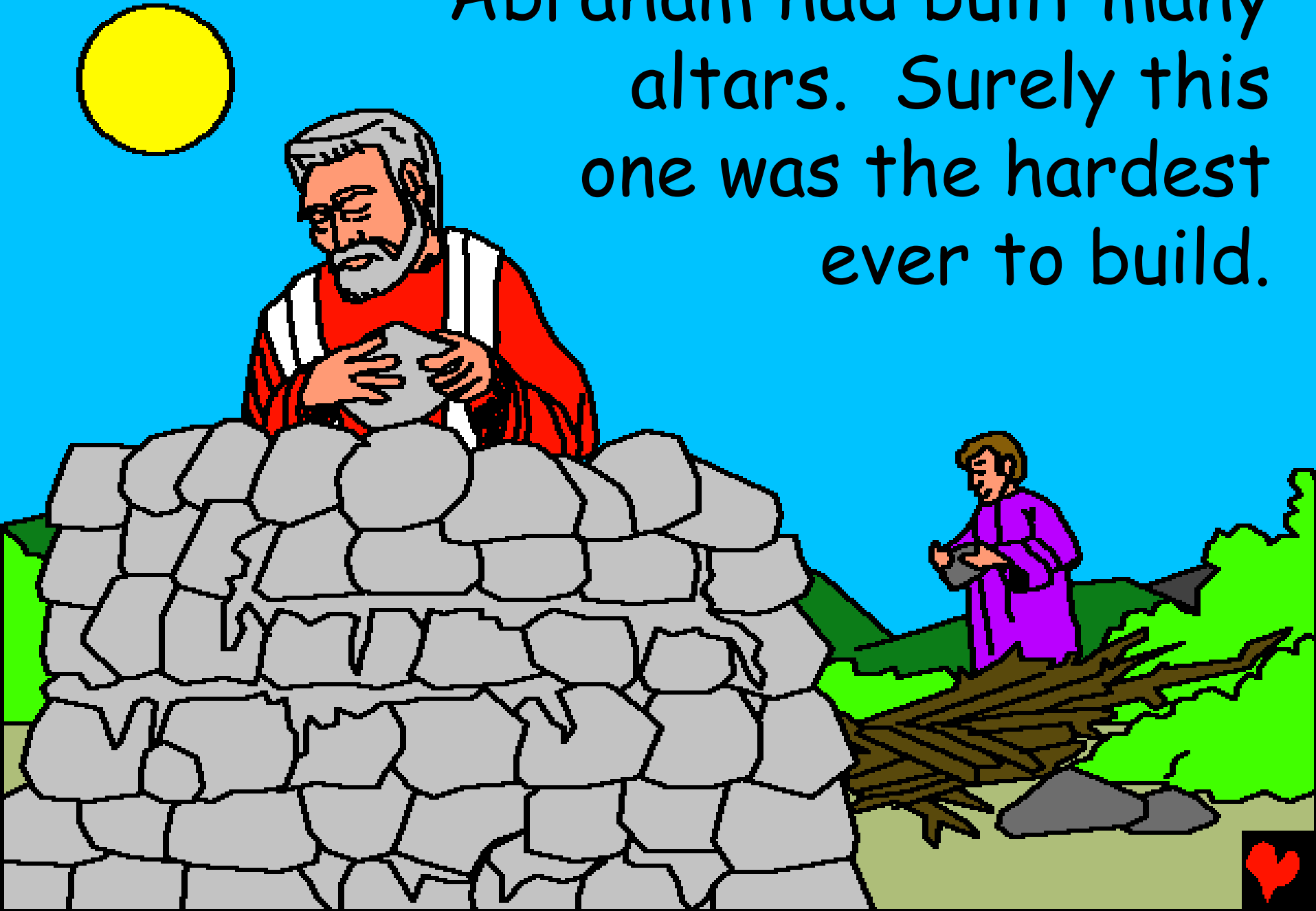
The two came to
the exact place
chosen by God.



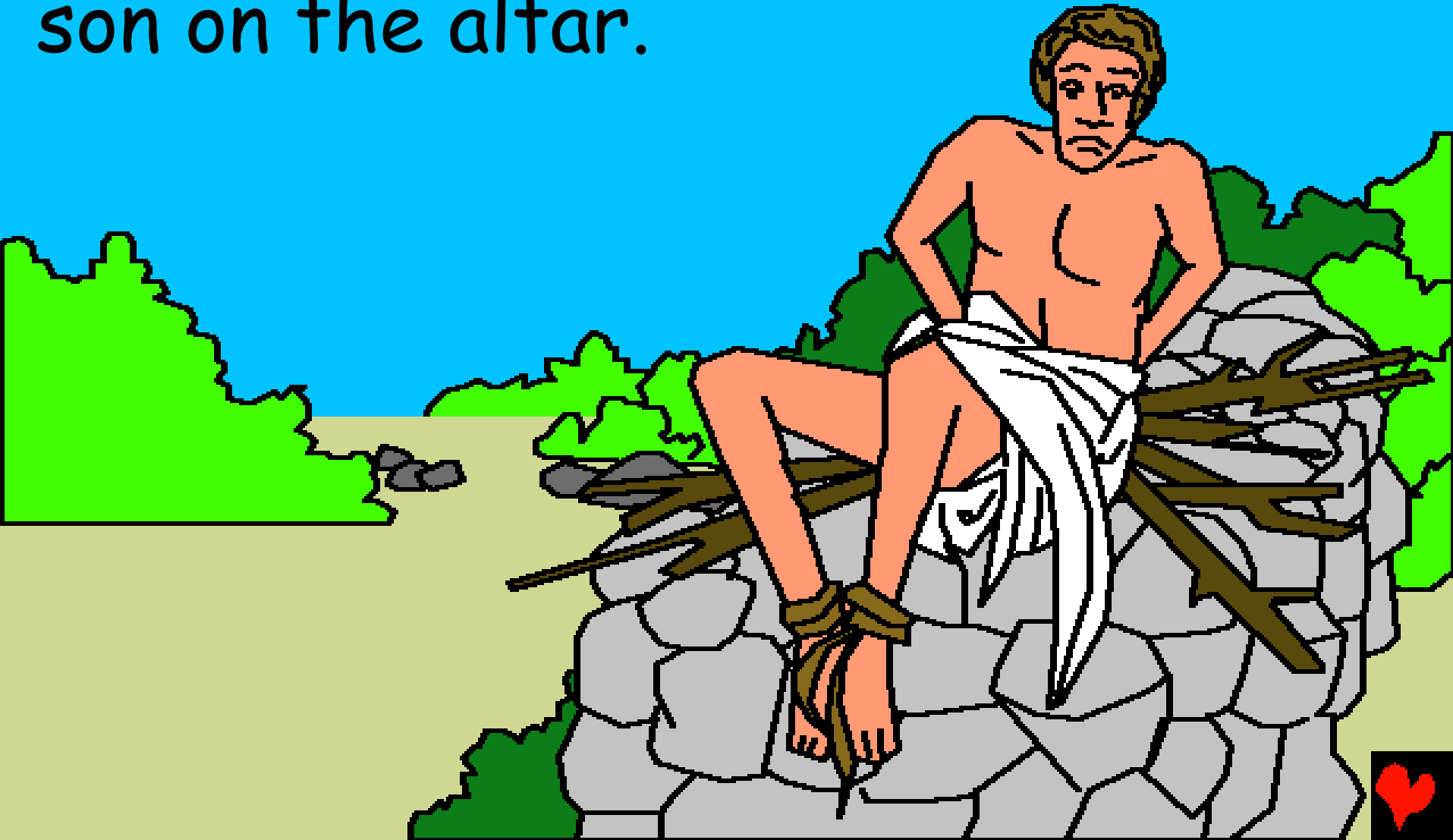
There, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood to burn the sacrifice before God.



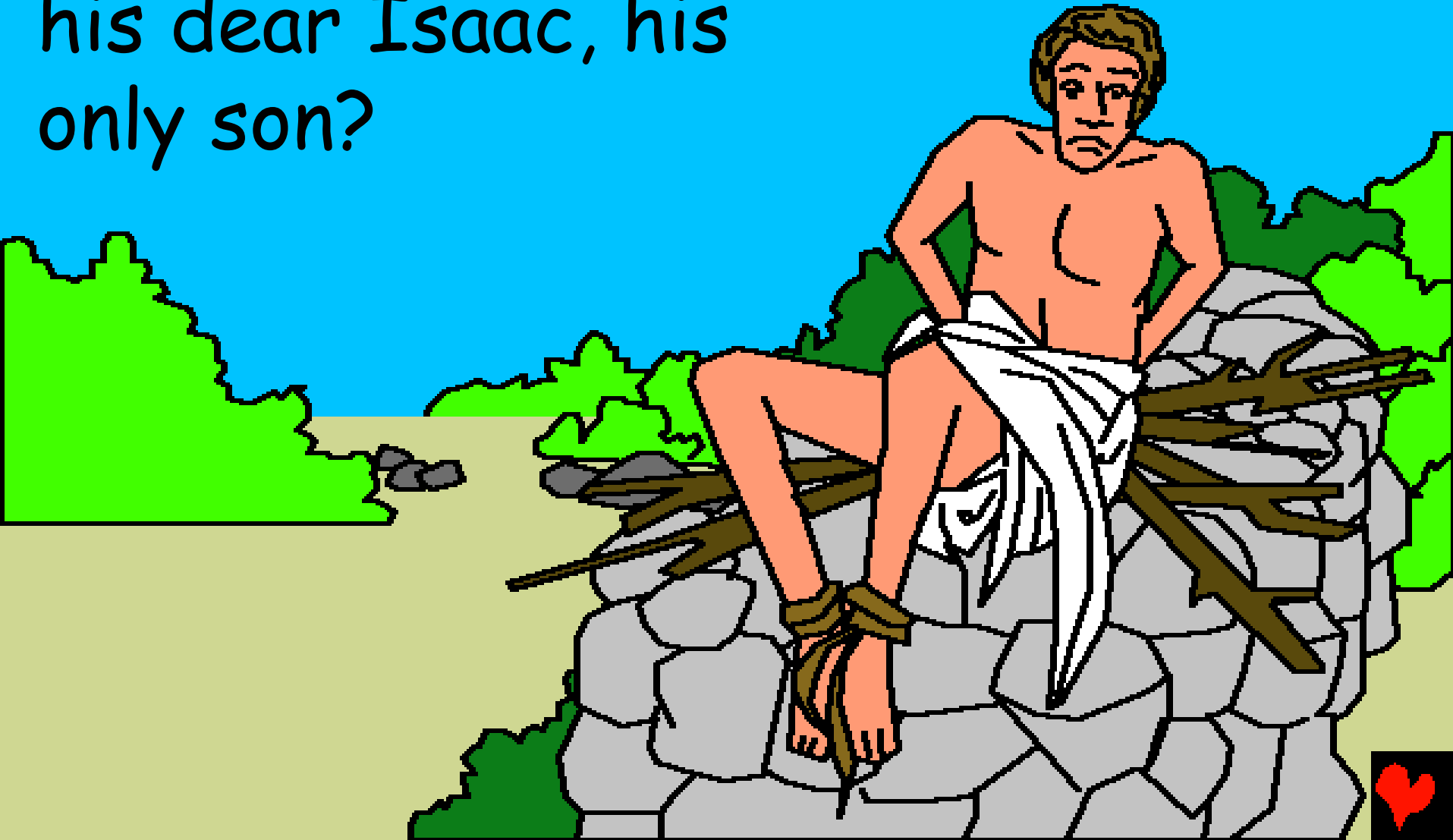
Abraham had built many altars. Surely this one was the hardest ever to build.

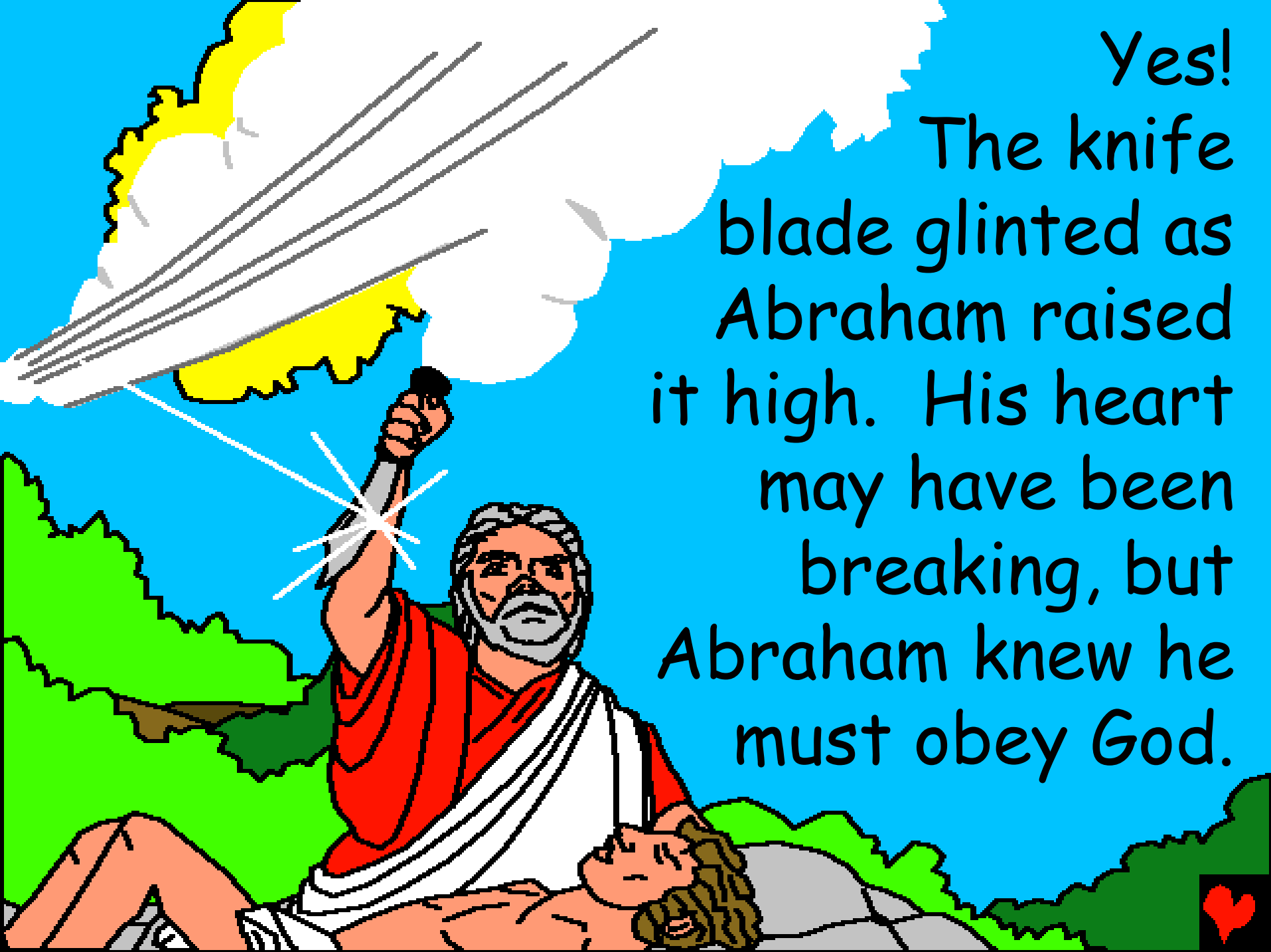


Abraham tied Isaac up
and placed his beloved
son on the altar.



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."





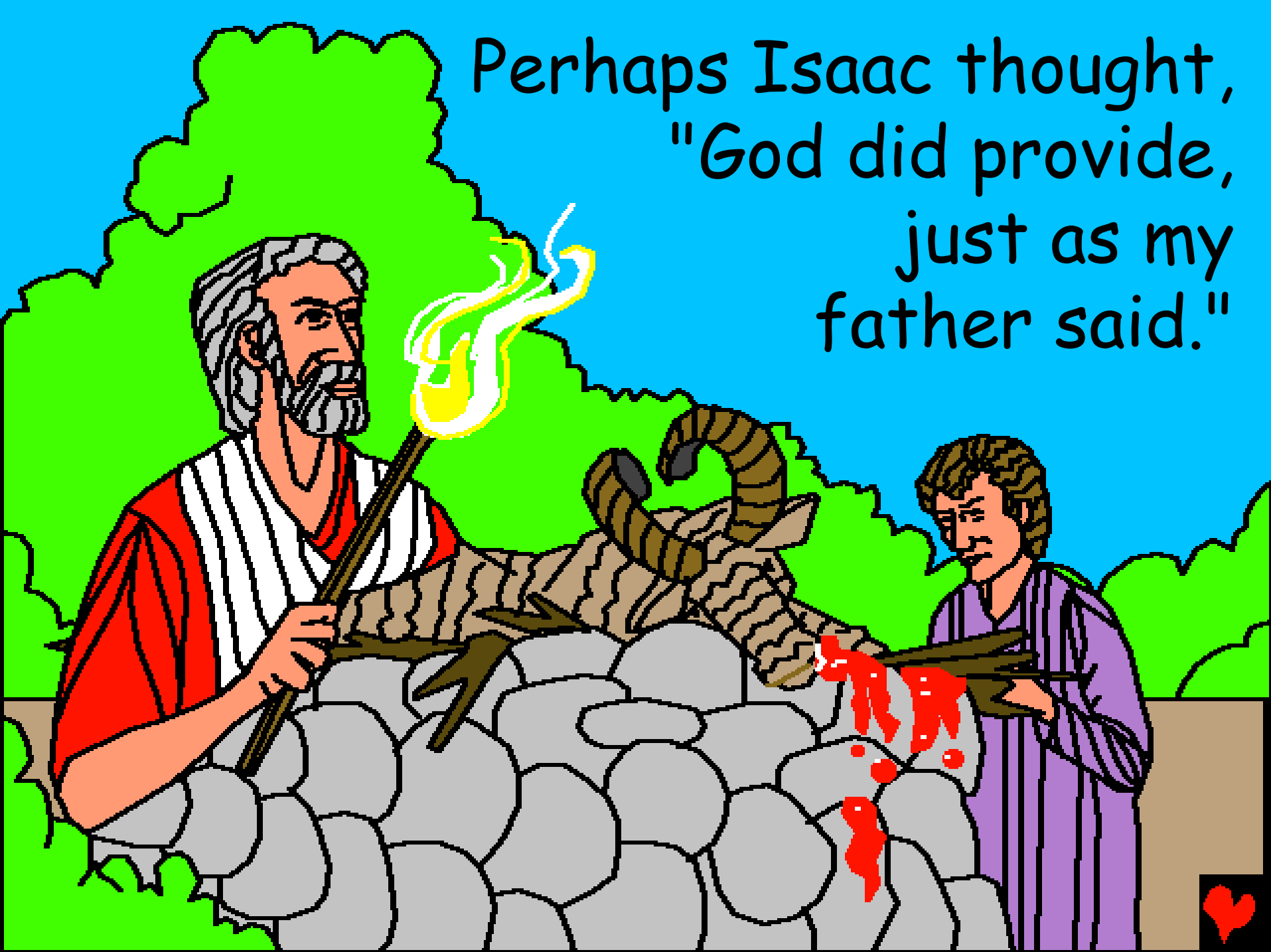
You
have
not held
back your
son, your
only son,
from
Me."



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."

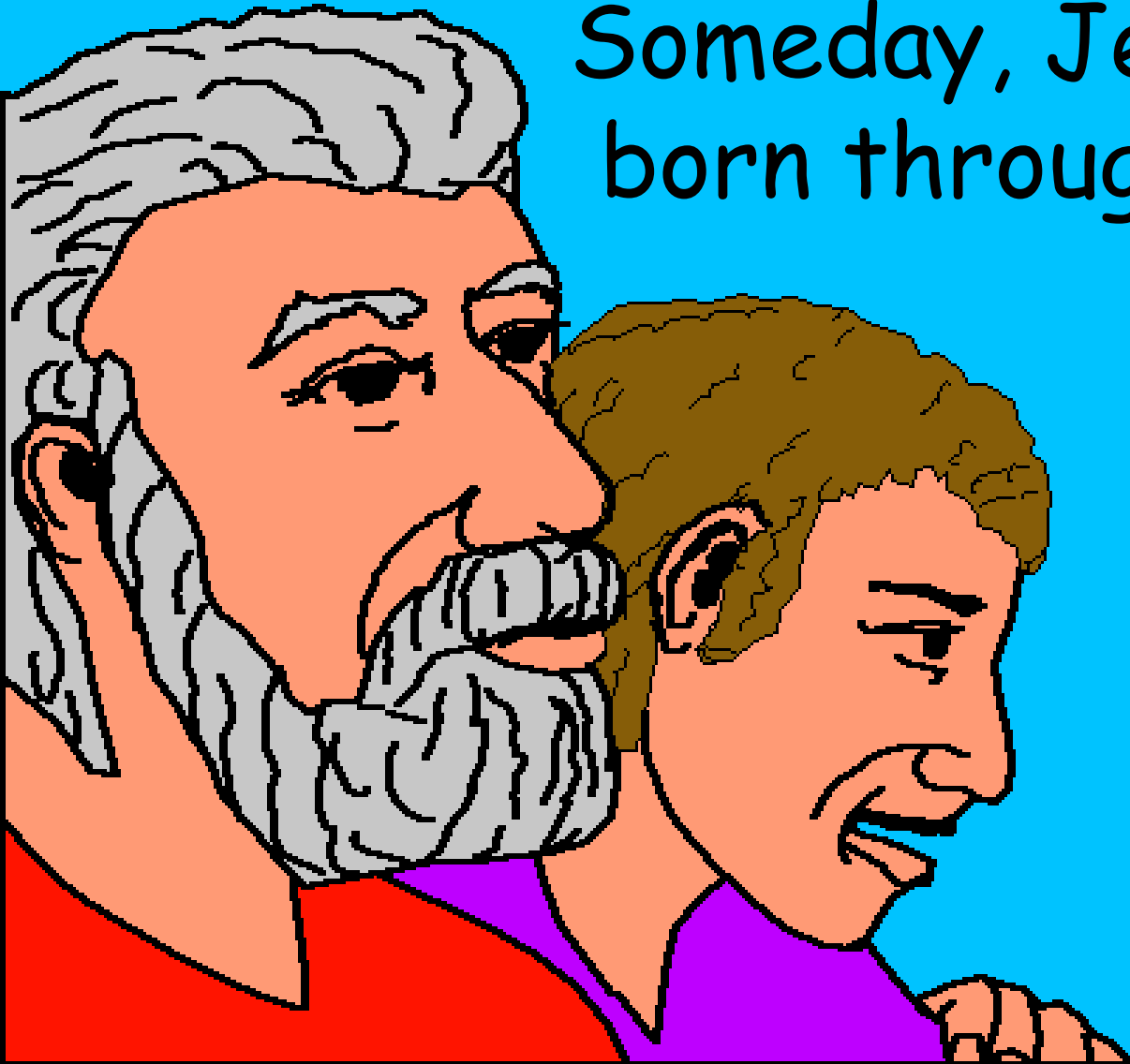


While father and son worshiped,
the Angel of the LORD
spoke to Abraham.



"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

