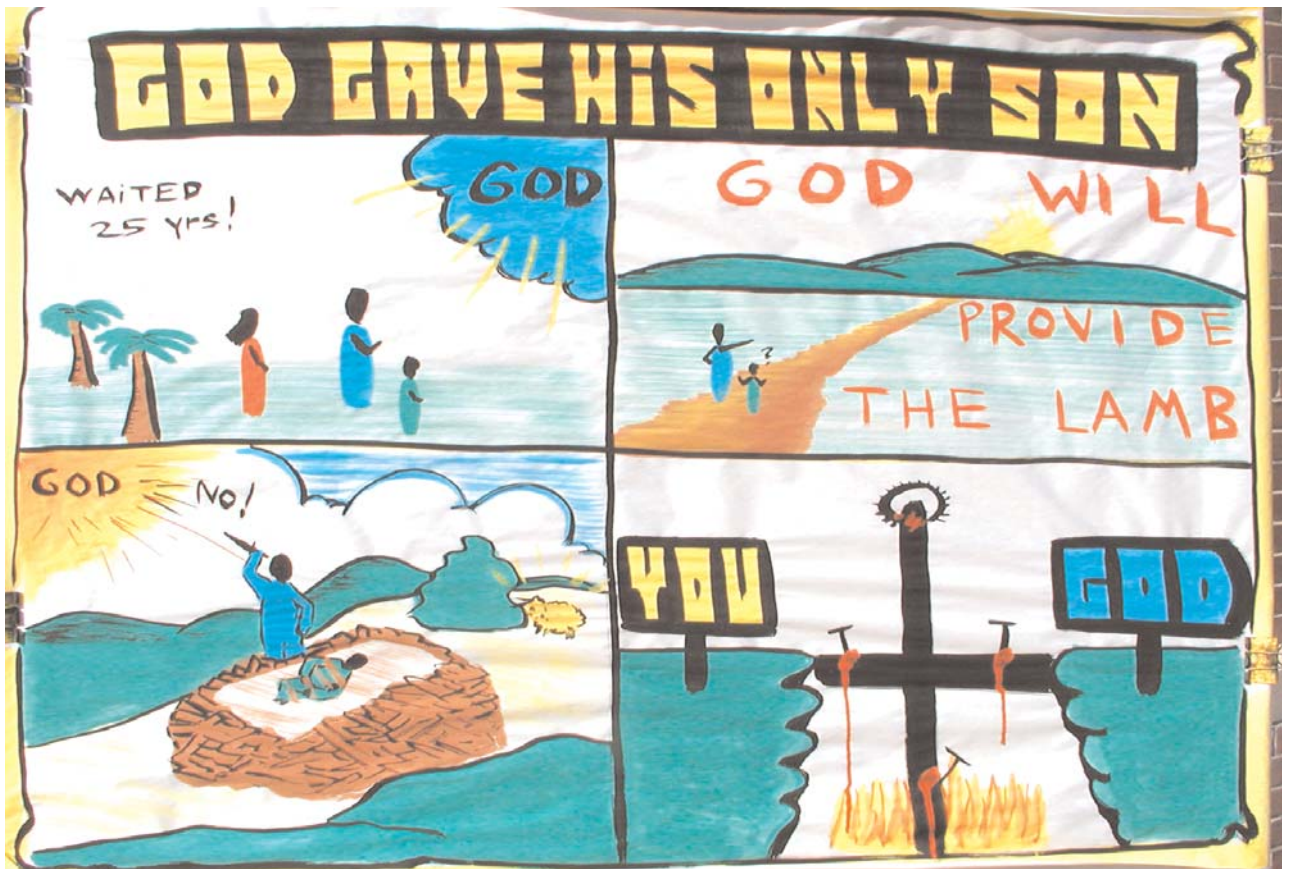


# SACRIFICE OF ISAAC

BEFORE



AFTER



# The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 21-22)

Open Air Campaigners outline

## Letter A

**Introduction:** *What is the greatest test you have ever received? Most of you probably thought of a test like a math or science test, but I'm not talking about a test like that. This test has to do with life and death. Today, I am going to share with you a real life story about a man and his son, not to far from your age, who went through a great test and passed!*

## Letter B

### First Box on the top left

Remember the promise God gave Abraham and Sarah?

#### 1. Draw in Abraham, Sarah

He promised that someday they would have a son, and from this son would come so many people they would form a great nation. Well, Abraham and Sarah waited and waited. After twenty five years God's promise came true. Abraham and Sarah had a son!

#### 2. Draw in little Isaac.

What a miracle! Abraham was 100 yrs. old and had a son! Only God could give a 100 yr. old man a son at his age!

#### 2. Draw in how old they were above their heads.

This young boy, was the promised child in which God promised a great nation would come from him. Meaning, eventually Isaac and his children would have so many children they would be like the sand on the sea shore or the stars in the stars

They named the boy Isaac. When Isaac had grown to be a young boy or young teen, God came once again to Abraham.

#### 3. Draw in God in a cloud.

## Letter C

God told Abraham to take his only son up to a mountain and sacrifice him (kill) on an altar.

#### 4. Draw in "His Only Son" in the title as you speak.

Wait a second! Abraham and Sarah waited for twenty five years to have a son. Plus, it would be through Isaac that this promise would come true of all the nations of the world being blessed through him. How could this be? Why would God do this? Does anyone know? (Wait to see if any of the children know the answer)

The answer is that God wanted to test Abraham to see if he really trusted God and all his promises. What a test! This is a lot harder test than a math or science test don't you think?

### **Second Box, top right**

Isaac was used to sacrificing animals to the Lord. His Dad had told him they were leaving for a few days and would have a sacrifice.

5. Draw in Abraham and Isaac walking up the road.

But while they were traveling, Isaac asked, "Where is the animal for the sacrifice." And Abraham said, "God will provide the lamb."

6. Draw in red letters: God will provide the lamb.

What was Abraham saying? He was basically saying that God was going to provide a substitute for Isaac. Does anyone know what a substitute is? A substitute is someone who takes someones place for them. In this case, Isaac's substitute would die in his place.

### **Bottom Left Box**

Once they were on the mountain, Abraham put Isaac on the altar made of wood just as God had told him to do.

7. Draw Isaac on the altar bound in ropes.

Abraham lifted up his knife to kill Isaac.

8. Draw Abraham with the knife raised.

Suddenly, God speaks to Abraham and says, "Do not lay a hand on the boy."

9. Draw in God in the fire cloud.

10. Draw in red lines coming toward Abraham.

**Letter E**

**Letter F**

Explain the story.

## Letter G

Then, Abraham saw a ram caught by its' horns in a bush. God had provided the lamb just as Abraham had said, and the lamb now became the sacrifice because Abraham had trusted God.

11. As you speak, draw the lamb or ram caught in the bushes. Put horns on the figure on the alter and draw Isaac watching as the Ram dies as a substitute for him. (You can tie this into how Jesus was a substitute for those who believe later on, when you give the gospel).

## Letter H

What does this mean for us today? This story about Abraham and Isaac is a picture of the gospel message.

### Bottom right Box

12. Draw in You. We are separated from God and we are sinful. We are law breakers and deserve punishment.
13. Draw in God. God is Holy and Just. As we have seen so far, God does punish sin and sinners. The only way to be saved is to have someone take our death penalty for us.

Abraham was greatly tested, but his son did not die because God replaced Isaac with a ram. God did something even greater than this.

14. Draw in the word, God in the title so it now says, "God gave his only Son."

15. Draw in the cross between the two cliffs.

## Letter I

Preach the gospel and tie everything together, not only this lesson but all the other lessons as well.

**Goal:** Jesus is the perfect lamb or substitute who gave his life for us to be saved. Salvation message.