



## **SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION**

- Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. (Genesis 22:8)
- He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me. (Genesis 22:12)
- Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:39)

### **READ VERSES 1-2 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

1. After finally giving Abraham his promised son, God now appears to Abraham, commanding that he offer Isaac as a sacrifice. We are told later that God did this in order to make sure that Abraham still feared Him, essentially making sure that Abraham did not value Isaac above God. Is it wrong of God to demand that we love Him more than anything or anyone else? Why not?

### **READ VERSES 3-10 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

2. Abraham's response to this unthinkable command is obedience. Hebrews tells us that Abraham believed that God would give Isaac back to him, even if that meant raising Isaac from the dead. How does this reveal the depth of Abraham's faith? Why is faith without works dead?

### **READ VERSES 11-14 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

3. God sends an angel to stop Abraham before he can kill Isaac. But even though Isaac was spared, Abraham still displayed a willingness to give up his own son for God. How does this point to the Father giving up Christ for our sake?

### **READ VERSES 15-24 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

4. Following Abraham's obedience, God once again renews His promises to Abraham and to his descendants. Abraham then hears about the family of his brother. How do both of these events assure Abraham that God will care for Isaac and his descendants after Abraham's death?

### **ACTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- Just as Abraham was willing to entrust his son to God, consider your most valued people or possessions and whether you would be willing to surrender them to God if He demanded.
- Think about the great love that God has shown to us by not sparing His Son and about how belief in this good news has shaped your life.