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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful God, you do not bestow gifts only to take them away again. Train our eyes and hearts upon your steadfastness, so that we also might be found faithful to your covenant. In Jesus' name, Amen.



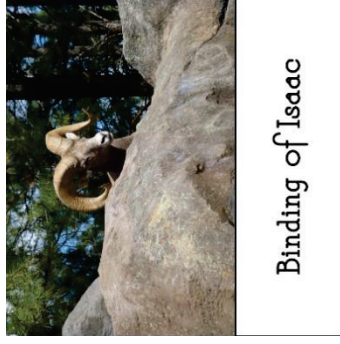
Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

² [God] said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." (Genesis 22:2)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Wood, fire, and knife. Father and son have all the elements required for their sacrifice to God. All but an animal to be offered, that is. Who could imagine the degree to which Abraham's faith is about to be tested?



Binding of Isaac



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How does this story make you feel? What do you think is the point of the story? When have you experienced life testing you beyond what you thought you could handle?

Wonder: Do you think God understood Abraham's grief when God lost Jesus to crucifixion?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you when life tests you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Give something to God this week that is difficult to give. (Angry outbursts, disposable income, time, control)



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14, Binding of Isaac

Monday, Genesis 24:1-27, Choosing of Rebekah

Tuesday, Genesis 24:28-49, Choosing of Rebekah

Wednesday, Genesis 24:50-67, Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah

Thursday, Genesis 25:19-28, The Birth of Esau and Jacob

Friday, Genesis 25:29-34, Esau Sells His Birthright

Saturday, Genesis 26:1-33, Isaac and Abimelech