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Jesus healed people and helped people. He made lame people walk, and blind people see, and even gave new life to people who had died. He chose DISCIPLES (friends and pupils) to share his power and love, and do his work. Together, they spread the good news of God's love.

Jesus saves us from sin and death. He offers forgiveness and new life to everyone who believes in him. He asks us to join in his work of healing and love.





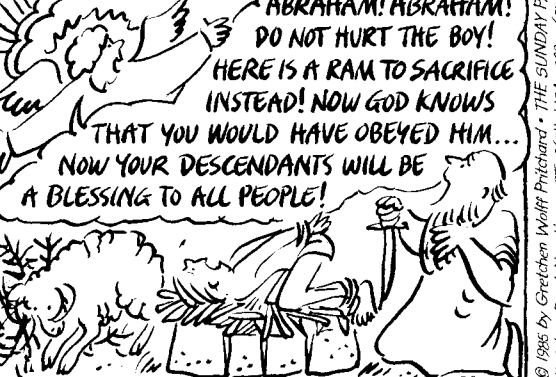
<p><b>ROMANS 6:23</b> "Sin leads to death, but God's gift to us is everlasting life through Jesus Christ"</p> 	<p><b>PSALM 13:3-5</b> "Save me, O God; give light to my eyes. My heart is joyful because of your help"</p>  <p>THE BLOOD OF CHRIST...</p>	<p><b>MATTHEW 10:</b> Jesus says, "God will bless you when you help each other for my sake."</p> 
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The Bible says we need to love God more than anything else. This can mean that we have to make hard choices. Today's story from the Old Testament is a hard and troubling story about that choice.

## ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

Genesis 22:1-18

ABRAHAM WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST PEOPLE WHO LEARNED ABOUT GOD. WHEN ABRAHAM WAS VERY OLD, GOD GAVE HIM A SON, ISAAC!

<p>ABRAHAM LOVED ISAAC VERY MUCH! ONE DAY... ABRAHAM! ABRAHAM! YES, LORD? TAKE YOUR SON ISAAC, AND SACRIFICE HIM TO ME IN THE LAND OF MORIAH!</p> 	<p>(IN THOSE DAYS PEOPLE WORSHIPED BY KILLING AN ANIMAL AND BURNING IT UP! THIS WAS A SACRIFICE. IT WAS THEIR WAY TO GIVE SOMETHING TO GOD, TO HONOR HIM!)</p>	<p>ABRAHAM DID NOT TELL HIS SON WHAT HE PLANNED TO DO! COME ISAAC! WE WILL GO AND SACRIFICE TO THE LORD!</p> 
<p>WHEN THEY CAME TO THE MOUNTAINS... FATHER! I HAVE THE WOOD, AND YOU HAVE THE KNIFE... BUT WHERE'S THE LAMB TO KILL? (GENESIS 22:8)!</p> 	<p>ABRAHAM BUILT AN ALTAR, AND TIED ISAAC DOWN ON IT! FATHER!! DON'T!! I HAVE TO!! GOD TOLD ME TO!</p> 	<p>SUDDENLY, GOD'S ANGEL CALLED TO ABRAHAM! ABRAHAM! ABRAHAM! DO NOT HURT THE BOY! HERE IS A RAM TO SACRIFICE INSTEAD! NOW GOD KNOWS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE OBEYED HIM... NOW YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE A BLESSING TO ALL PEOPLE!</p> 

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