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## The Child of Promise

## Genesis 21:1–3

God fulfilled His promise exactly when He had planned. God knows the best time for everything. We do not always understand God's ways, but they are always best.

13. Isaac was born at the \_\_\_\_\_ set \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ that God had revealed to Abraham.

## Genesis 22:1–17

Abraham loved Isaac very much. Did he love Isaac more than he loved God? Would he be willing to give up his beloved son at God's request? God had another test for Abraham.

14. God tested Abraham by telling him to \_\_\_\_\_ offer \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac as a \_\_\_\_\_ burnt \_\_\_\_\_ offering \_\_\_\_\_ on a mountain in the land of Moriah.

15. Abraham could have made excuses and asked many questions. He could even have refused to obey God. Instead, he rose up \_\_\_\_\_ early \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning to do what God had commanded.

16. God did not stop Abraham until he took his \_\_\_\_\_ knife \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ slay \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac. Then an angel called to Abraham from \_\_\_\_\_ heaven \_\_\_\_\_, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, . . . for now I know that thou \_\_\_\_\_ fearest \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_."

17. God provided a \_\_\_\_\_ ram \_\_\_\_\_ to take Isaac's place.

18. Before Abraham and Isaac returned home, God renewed His promise to Abraham again. This time He compared Abraham's descendants to the \_\_\_\_\_ stars \_\_\_\_\_ of the heaven and the \_\_\_\_\_ sand \_\_\_\_\_ upon the seashore.

## Where Is It Found?

19. The story of Abraham offering Isaac is found in  
a. Genesis 18.    b. Genesis 20.    c. Genesis 21.    **d. Genesis 22.**

## B. BIBLE WORD STUDY

★ Write a word from the verse given to fit each definition. All references are from Genesis.

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| _____ heir _____          | 1. A person who receives the property of someone who dies (15:3) |
| _____ righteousness _____ | 2. The condition of being right; virtue (15:6)                   |
| _____ handmaid _____      | 3. A girl or woman who is a servant (16:1)                       |
| _____ despised _____      | 4. Held in low esteem (16:5)                                     |
| _____ hardly _____        | 5. Harshly; severely (16:6)                                      |
| _____ thicket _____       | 6. A thick growth of shrubs or trees (22:13)                     |

- God considered Abraham's offering complete (Hebrews 11:17), even though He stopped Abraham from killing his son.

- The Hebrew word translated *steward* in Genesis 15:2 implies "possessor," or "heir." The word *steward* is not included in this section, because a steward is normally not an heir.

—He remained in this land as a stranger for the rest of his long life. He lived fifteen years after his grandsons were born, "dwelling in [tents] with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise"—yet never receiving any land from God.

—Abraham and Sarah received strength through faith to bear a son, even though they were nearly one hundred years old.

—Abraham sacrificed Isaac, even after God had told him that Isaac would be his heir. He believed that God could raise his son from the dead.