



September 14, 2025, Binding of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

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



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

Holy God, you did not withhold even your own Son, who willingly gave his life for the redemption of the world. Loosen our grasp on worldly things, that we might be freed from our fears of loss and inspired to risk for the good work of justice for all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*[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?



**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? Do you think God understood Abraham's grief when God lost Jesus to crucifixion?
- For the littles: Tell of a time you trusted someone.



**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 up: (Angry outbursts, disposable income, time, control).**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

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

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

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

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

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

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