

Abraham Sacrifices Isaac

1. Carefully read through Genesis 21-22. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 22:5, "Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 21-22.
4. What does the name Isaac mean? Where else do we read about laughter in Genesis? What tension in the narrative does Isaac's birth resolve?
5. What does Hagar expect will happen when she is sent away (21:16)? What actually happens? Why?

