One day God said to Abraham

“Take your son, Isaac,

 Your only son,

 The one you love more than anything in the world,

 Take him to the top of the mountain

 And kill him

 To show just how much you love me.”

Abraham was shocked!

God had never asked for something like this before!

And Abraham loved his son Isaac

 More than anything in the whole wide world

 But not more than he loved God.

So Abraham took his donkey,

two servants,

a knife,

lots of wood,

and Isaac

 Who he loved more than anything in the world

and went to the mountain.

When they got near the mountain Abraham said to his servants

 “Stay here with the donkey”

 And he took

 The knife,

 Lots of wood,

 And Isaac

 Who he loved more than anything in the world

 Up to the top of the mountain.

Isaac said to his dad

 “Dad, we’ve got the knife,

 And lots of wood

 But we haven’t got anything we can kill to show God how much we love him”

Abraham was so sad.

But he loved God so much that he told Isaac

 “God will give us something.”

Abraham got the altar ready

And the wood ready

Then he tied up Isaac

 Who he loved more than anything in the world

And got the knife ready.

“STOP”

Shouted God!

“Don’t kill Isaac!

 I know you love Isaac more than anything in the world

 And I know that you love me even more than you love him.

Here take this sheep

And kill him instead of your son.

So Abraham and Isaac killed the sheep God gave them instead of Isaac

They were both so happy that God had rescued Isaac.

God was sad.

 He knew that one day

 To rescue the world

 He would have to kill his son

 His only son

 The one he loved.

And God knew that when that time came

 He wouldn’t be able to kill a sheep instead

 But he would kill his son

 Because he loved the world so much.