

**ROCK THE WORLD**  
**BACK TO THE BEGINNING: ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC**  
**GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

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<b><u>CHARACTERS- PEOPLE:</u></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
WORSHIP LEADER	Cathy	Debbie	RoseAnne	Cathy
ABRAHAM	Jeff C	Juan	Randy	Jacob
ISAAC	Josh C	Friend	Friend	Dilyn
SERVANT 1	Matthew W	Sarai	Alex	Tanyr
SERVANT 2	Matthew V	Shaunean	Frankie	Keanu
SHEONE (servant girl)	Valentina	Rebecca	Mariah	Kyla
MELAH (servant girl)	Cecilia	Danae	Taelor	Alyssa
VOICE OF GOD	Bob	Sound man	Arthur	Friend

**CHARACTERS- PUPPETS:**

MICHA	Zac C	Krista	Chelsea	Birdie
KIM	Kristy	Rachel	Alyson	Alyson

**PROPS:**

PUPPET STAGE

BLACK DRAPPED BEDOIN STYLE TENT

WOOD FIRE

PROVISIONS FOR TRIP

DONKEY

BUNDLE OF STICKS

PILE OF LEVEL ROCKS FOR ALTAR

LENGTH OF ROPE OR LEATHER

TIME WARP WATCH

NEUTRAL BACKDROP WITH CROSS & SPOTLIGHT BEHIND IT

**SONGS:**

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

YOUR PROMISES (1<sup>ST</sup> HALF)

STAND AND SEE

HE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD

**VIDEO**

EMPTY TOMB AND EMPTY CROSS

**SOUND FX**

TIME WARP WATCH

**[01] OPENING SONG: BACK TO THE BEGINNING**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** LAST WEEK, WE TALKED ABOUT GOD’S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM. WHAT DID GOD PROMISE TO GIVE ABRAHAM AND SARAH?

**KIDS:** A SON

**WORSHIP LEADER:** THAT’S RIGHT....AND ABRAHAM WOULD HAVE AS MANY DESCENDANTS AS THE STARS IN THE SKY. WOW....THAT’S A LOT OF RELATIVES. HOPE THEY DON’T ALL SHOW UP AT ONCE TO VISIT HIM...I DON’T THINK THEY COULD ALL FIT IN HIS LITTLE TENT! UT-OH! I HEAR THAT MICHAEL AND HIS COUSIN KIM ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH DOC’S NEW TIME WARP WATCH.....THEY’RE GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING! LET’S WATCH!

*Opening Scene: a black draped Bedouin-style tent stageright....and stage left of it sits Abraham facing a small wood fire.*

**[02] SOUND CUE – TIME WARP WATCH**

**LIGHT CUE: STROBE LIGHTS**

**KIM:** WOW, MICHAEL! THAT ONE GOT MY TUMMY!

**MICHAEL:** ME, TOO, KIM, I FEEL LIKE I JUST STEPPED OFF A FREE-FALL RIDE. DOC’S TIME WARP WATCH REALLY WORKS! (looks at watch)

**KIM:** HEY, LOOK OVER THERE IN FRONT OF THE TENT, ISN’T THAT ....?

**MICHAEL:** YEP, ABRAHAM. I WONDER HOW OLD HIS SON ISAAC IS BY NOW?

**KIM:** LET’S WATCH FROM BEHIND THE BRUSH SO WE’RE NOT SEEN.

**VOICE OF GOD:** ABRAHAM!

**ABRAHAM:** (standing up) HERE I AM

**VOICE OF GOD:** TAKE YOUR SON, YOUR ONLY SON, ISAAC, WHOM YOU LOVE, AND GO TO THE REGION OF MOUNT. MORIAH. SACRIFICE HIM THERE AS AN OFFERING ON ONE OF THE MOUNTAINS I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT.

**ABRAHAM:** (bows and then exits down stage right and out door)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** WOW, REMEMBER HOW GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM THAT THROUGH HIS SON ISAAC HE'D HAVE AS MANY CHILDREN AS THE STARS IN THE SKY? WELL, GOD JUST TOLD ABRAHAM TO SACRIFICE ISAAC. IF ISAAC ISN'T WITH US ANY MORE, HE CAN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN. BUT GOD PROMISED. DOES GOD BREAK HIS PROMISES?

**KIDS:** NO!

**SHEONE & MELAH:** (During song, **servant girls, Sheone & Melah**, enter from stage left carrying provisions and sit quietly near fire.)

**[03] SONG CUE: YOUR PROMISES (short)**

(Two other servant girls approach up center aisle from back. Servant #2 with her mic off yawns loudly, stretching to get kids attention focused on them, then turns mic on as servant #1 speaks. They continue up aisle speaking and end up in front of lower stage right stairs to wait for Abraham.)

**[04] CUE BG MUSIC: MYSTERIOUS EASTERN SOUNDING - Dodi Li.wav**

**SERVANT #1:** WHY HAS THE MASTER GOT US UP SO EARLY?

**SERVANT #2:** IT IS STRANGE. HE INSISTED ON SADDLING HIS FAVORITE DONKEY HIMSELF.

**SERVANT #1:** HE EVEN CHOPPED A BUNCH OF FIRE WOOD AND HE WOULDN'T EVEN LET ME HELP. WHERE ARE WE GOING?

**SERVANT #2:** I DON'T KNOW, BUT I OVERHEARD HIM TELLING THE COOK TO PREPARE A WEEK'S WORTH OF FOOD FOR FOUR PEOPLE AND PROVISIONS FOR THE DONKEY.

**SERVANT #1:** LOOK OUT, HERE HE COMES!

**ABRAHAM:** (comes up stage right floor stage door —pulling donkey loaded down with bundle of sticks. He approaches servants #1 & #2 who respectfully take reins from him.) WAIT HERE WHILE I FETCH ISAAC, MY SON----MY ONLY SON.

**SERVANTS #1 & #2:** (shrug shoulders and look at each other as Abraham goes up the stairs toward the servant girl, Sheone, who is tending the fire.)

**SHEONE:** MASTER, HERE ARE THE PROVISIONS YOU ASKED FOR.

**ABRAHAM:** (taking sacks from Sheone) THANK YOU, SHEONE, WILL YOU FETCH ISAAC, MY SON.

**SHEONE:** YES, MASTER. (exits stage left)

**ABRAHAM:** (softly, and sadly-staring off into space) MY SON,.....MY ONLY SON

<b>FADE SLOWLY</b>
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**SHEONE:** (enters stage right with Isaac who immediately approaches Abraham and embraces him.)

**ISAAC:** FATHER!

**ABRAHAM:** MY SON!

**ISAAC:** ARE WE GOING ON A JOURNEY, FATHER?

**ABRAHAM:** YES, COME, WE'LL BE GONE ABOUT A WEEK.

(Both Abraham and Isaac descend toward the donkey and the two servants who have been pantomiming a conversation together)

**ABRAHAM:** (handing provisions to servants) COME! (exits out side aisle stage right door)

<b>[05] CUE BG MUSIC: LIGHT &amp; PENSIVE <u>SNIPPET</u> SI CDM02 73 2.wav</b>
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**SERVANTS #1 & #2:** (exit with donkey outside doors .....stage right)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS PROBLEM! KIDS, DOES ABRAHAM LOVE HIS SON?

**KIDS:** YES!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE ELSE WHO GAVE HIS ONLY SON AS A SACRIFICE?

**KIDS:** GOD THE FATHER!

**[06] CUE SONG: STAND AND SEE (short)**

*(As song ends Abraham and servants and Isaac enter through stage right doors, come up to stairs while Abraham leaves them and goes to center stage, he's looking for rocks to build an altar.)*

**SERVANT #1:** (at end of side right floor stage near stairs) MAN, AM I BEAT!

**SERVANT #2:** YEAH, WE'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD FOR THREE DAYS.

**ABRAHAM:** (coming up stage right side aisle, over to servants #1 & #2, halting party at stage right stairs) STAY HERE WITH THE DONKEY WHILE I AND THE BOY GO OVER THERE. WE WILL WORSHIP, AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU.

**[07] CUE BG MUSIC: JEWISH FLAVOR- SOFT TENSION - Fogbound.wav**

*(Abraham takes the wood for the burnt offering and places it on his son Isaac. As the two of them climb up on center stage together, the servants park the donkey against stage right floor stage side wall and on stairs on stage right, they sit down on stairs and lay their heads on wall or on floor, exhausted)*

**ISAAC:** (as they cross closer to center stage) FATHER...?

**ABRAHAM:** YES, MY SON?

**ISAAC:** THE FIRE AND WOOD ARE HERE BUT....WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING?

**ABRAHAM:** GOD HIMSELF WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING. (they walk on to center stage)

*(Abraham takes wood from Isaac and places it on top of some level rocks)*

**ABRAHAM:** STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS, MY SON.

**ISAAC:** (as Abraham ties his hands) FATHER?

**ABRAHAM:** NOW LAY UPON THE ALTAR....

**FADE BACKGROUND SLOWLY**

**ISAAC:** BUT FATHER.....

**ABRAHAM:** TRUST ME MY SON....

*(Isaac cooperates and Abraham lays him on the altar on top of the wood. Turning his back to the audience, Abraham raises his hands clasped together just above his head. Older kids with imagination will assume he has a knife.)*

**VOICE OF GOD:** ABRAHAM! ABRAHAM!

**ABRAHAM:** HERE I AM....

**VOICE OF GOD:** DO NOT LAY A HAND ON THE BOY AND DO NOT DO ANYTHING TO HIM. NOW I KNOW THAT YOU FEAR GOD BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT WITHHELD FROM ME YOUR SON, YOUR ONLY SON.

*(Abraham kneels throwing his arm over Isaac and they freeze)*

**[02] SOUND CUE: TIME WARP**

**LIGHT CUE- STROBE LITTLE LIGHTS**

**MICHAEL:** WOW! I FEEL FUNNY....WHAT HAPPENED?

**KIM:** (looking at Michael's watch) HEY, LOOK AT DOC'S WATCH! TIME IS FROZEN! MAN, I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

**ABRAHAM:** (pantomimes finding the ram and puts it on altar and raises his hands up and ISAAC raises his hands up to worship God, then kneel down and bow heads.

**MICHAEL:** WELL, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT RIGHT AFTER THIS HAPPENED, ABRAHAM SAW A RAM WITH IT'S HORNS CAUGHT IN THE BRUSH. THEN HE SACRIFICED IT INSTEAD OF HIS SON, ISAAC. ABRAHAM TRUSTED GOD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT GOD COULD RAISE ISAAC FROM THE DEAD AND GIVE HIM BACK HIS LIFE.

**KIM:** YOU MEAN, JUST LIKE GOD GAVE US HIS SON, JESUS, AND RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

[02] SOUND CUE- TIME WARP WATCH

CUE VIDEO WITH JESUS RISEN AND CROSS EMPTY

(puppets zip out of sight)

LIGHT CUE- during Michael's line FADE up on spot backlighting Cross

**MICHAEL:** (voice with slight reverb) RIGHT, KIM. JOHN 3:16 TELLS US THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERRISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

LIGHT CUE- (after a pause) FADE SPOT, LIGHTS UP!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** KIDS, AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, WHAT HAPPENED EASTER MORNING?

**KIDS:** HE ROSE

**WORSHIP LEADER:** THAT’S RIGHT. JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD. AND SO WILL WE--- IF WE BELIEVE IN JESUS AS OUR SAVIOR. WE WILL RISE FROM THE DEAD AND LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH .....?

**KIDS:** JESUS!

**REPEAT AFTER ME:**

BY FAITH, ABRAHAM,  
WHEN GOD TESTED HIM,  
OFFERED ISAAC AS A SACRIFICE  
HEBREWS 11:17a

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
WE LOVE YOU  
THANK YOU FOR GIVING  
YOUR SON JESUS  
TO SAVE ME  
YOU MUST REALLY LOVE ME.  
IN JESUS NAME I PRAY.  
AND EVERYBODY SAID  
SO BE IT

**CUE SONG: [08] TRUST IN THE LORD / [09] YOU ARE FAITHFUL**