



A BOY AND HIS BROTHER

Isaac's childhood displaced Ishmael.

⁸And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. 10So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." 11 And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

Genesis 21:8-10



A YOUNG MAN AND HIS FATHER

Two men went up a mountain, but one came down.

⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:6

¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Genesis 22:19



A YOUNG MAN AND HIS FATHER

The only time the family is said to be at the same place again is at Abraham's funeral.

²And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

Genesis 23:2

⁶²Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb.

Genesis 24:62



A GROOM AND HIS BRIDE

Isaac's courtship is 65 verses of someone else's actions and words.

⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24:66-67





All of Isaac's life is in Abraham's shadow.

Genesis 26

- V. 1-5, His father's promise
- V. 6-11, His father's shortcomings
- V. 12-16, His father's enemies
- V. 17-22, His father's wells
- V. 23-25, His father's God



AN OLD MAN AND HIS SONS

Isaac's last significant act is taken from him.

¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, ⁴and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

Genesis 27:1-4



CHILDREN OF PROMISE

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

Galatians 4:28-29

To be children of promise is a blessing, but not an easy one.

