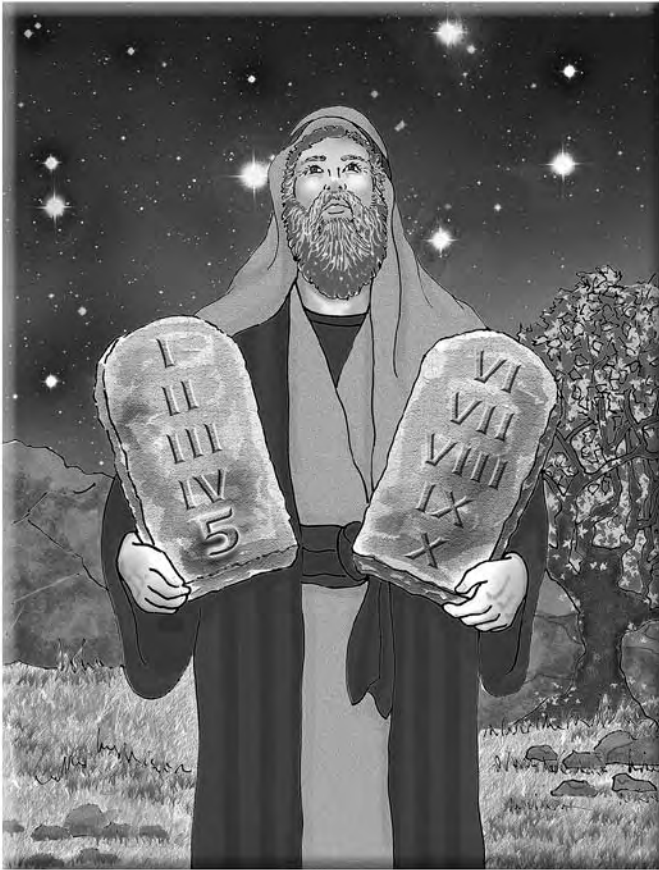


The FIFTH Commandment



“Honour thy father
and thy mother . . .”

Exodus 20:12

The 5th Commandment to Israel was:
"Honor thy Father and thy Mother."
It is also an important part of the
Law of Love given to Christians.



Abraham was a very righteous man who served God faithfully. Abraham and his wife were very old and thought that they would never be able to have children.



But, when Abraham was 100 years old,
God blessed Sarah and him with a son.
Sarah was too old to have children, so
the child was a miracle from God.



100 They named their son Isaac, which means laughter, because Isaac brought them great joy, and because Sarah laughed when the angel of the Lord told her that she would give birth to a son.



They loved Isaac very much. As Isaac grew older, he grew to love, honor and respect his parents very much, too.



When Isaac grew to be a young man,
God tested Abraham to prove whether
he loved God above everything else.



God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him for a burnt offering to God.



Abraham brought Isaac to Mount Moriah
to offer him as a sacrifice to God.
There, he built an altar.



Isaac loved and honored his father and God so much that he let Abraham bind his hands and put him on the altar. This was a wonderful example of faith, trust and obedience.



Abraham raised the knife and was ready to slay Isaac, when he heard the angel of the Lord call to him.



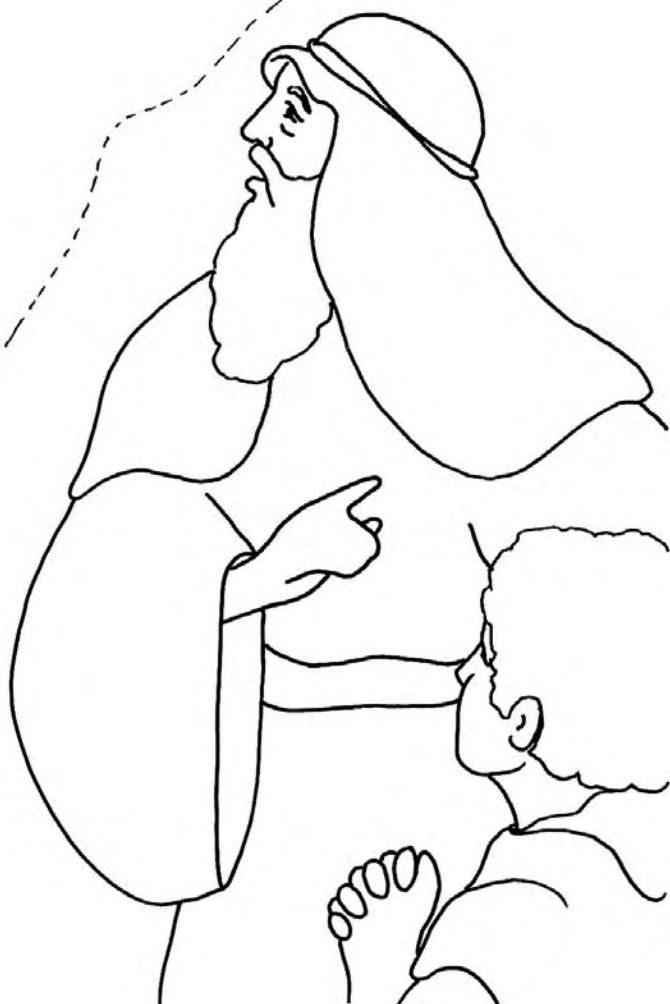
The angel told Abraham that he didn't have to hurt Isaac, because God provided a ram, instead, for the burnt offering. The ram was caught by his horns in a nearby bush.

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The angel of the Lord called to Abraham again and told him God's message: "Because you have not withheld your son, your only son from me . . . in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."
Genesis 22:16-18

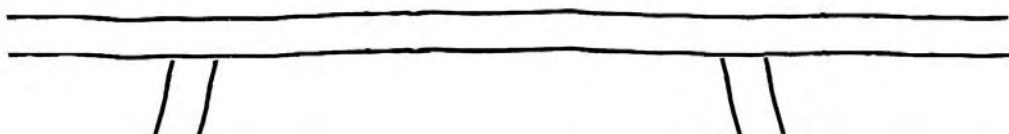
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In this lesson, Abraham
pictured God offering his son Jesus in
sacrifice for the blessing of all
the families of the earth.



Jesus was also a good example, because he loved and honored his mother and father. Even though Joseph was not his natural father, Jesus loved and honored him, because Joseph helped him like our fathers help us when we grow.



After the Passover, Mary and Joseph started walking back home from the Temple in Jerusalem. But on their way, they didn't find Jesus among their family and friends.



So, they went back to Jerusalem and found Jesus in the Temple questioning and listening to the teachers of the Law.



Jesus was learning more of his Heavenly Father's plans for him, so that he could serve God better. He wanted to stay longer, but he obeyed Joseph and Mary and went home with them. He was obeying God by obeying his parents.



We should be careful to honor our parents, too. We should love, trust and obey them.

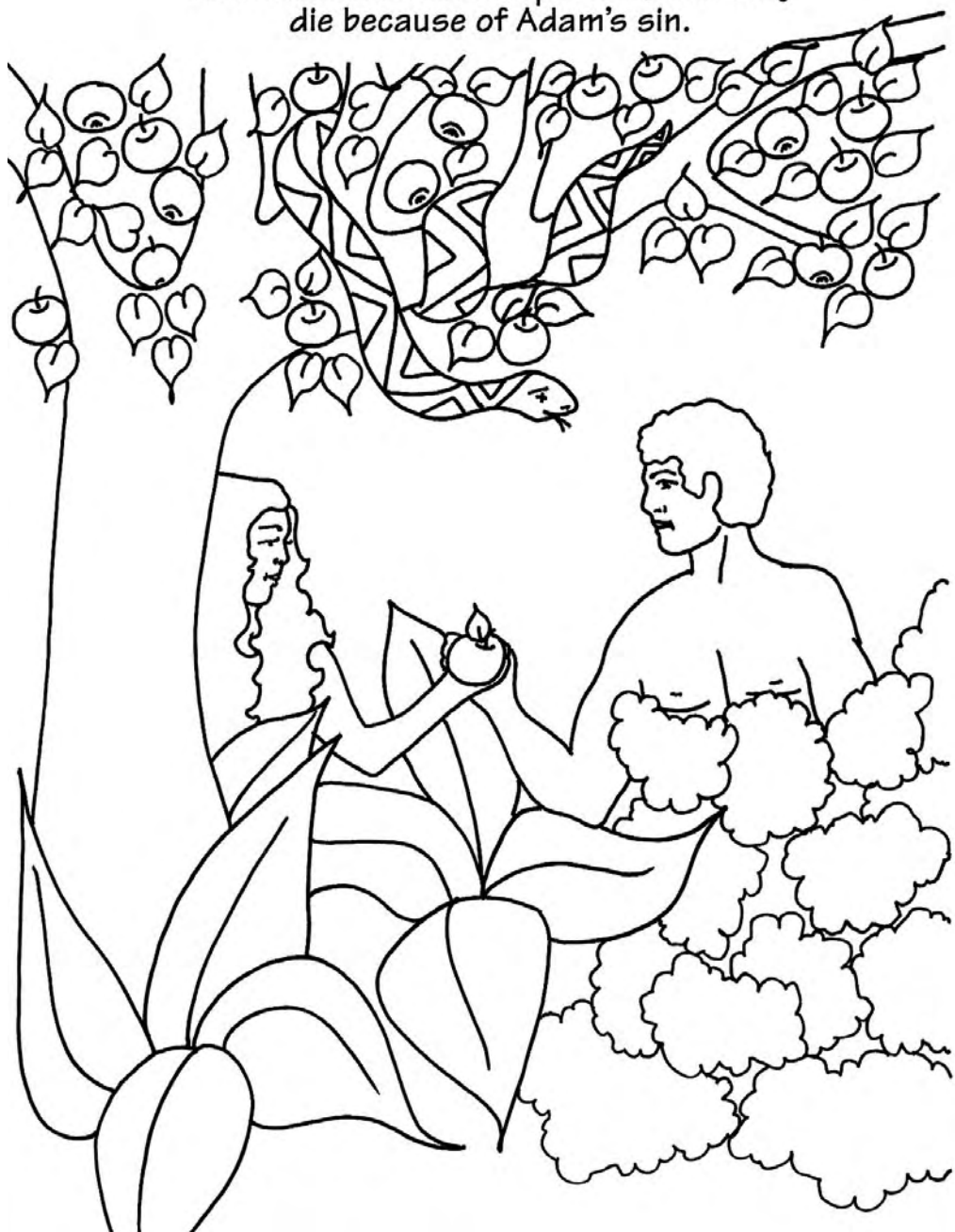
They try hard to take good care of us. They love us very much and are helping us to grow up in the right way, by teaching us to learn real happiness and to be good examples to others.



We can help our friends to learn the right way, too, by showing them in our actions how much we love, honor and obey our parents. By doing this, we are honoring and obeying God, because He asks us to do this.

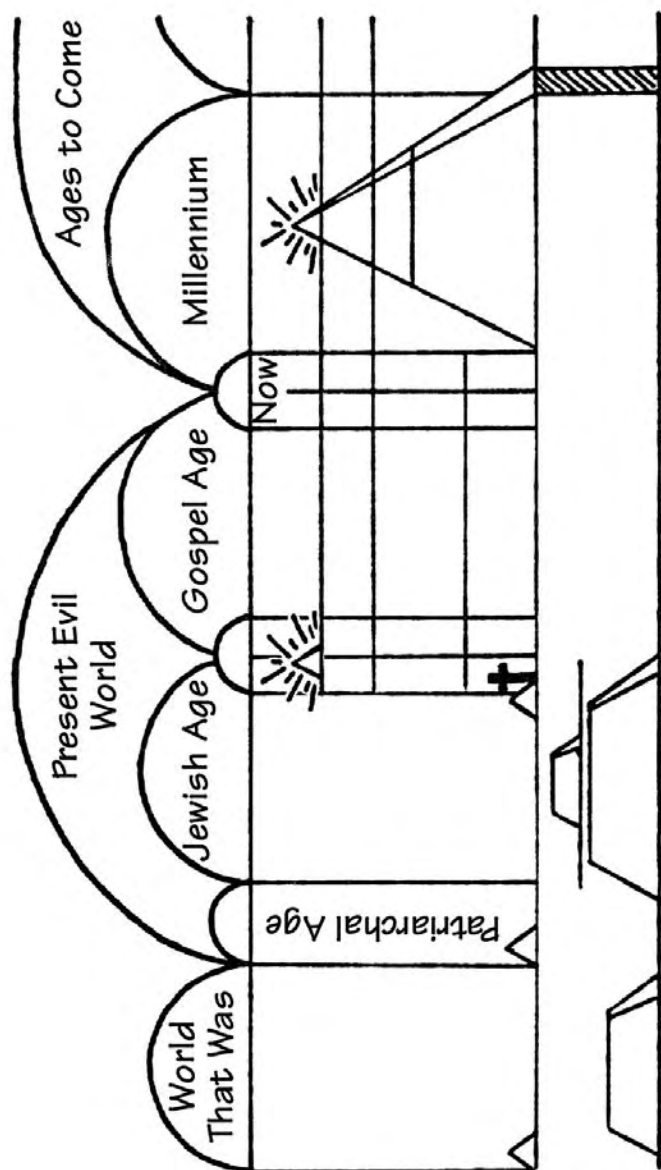


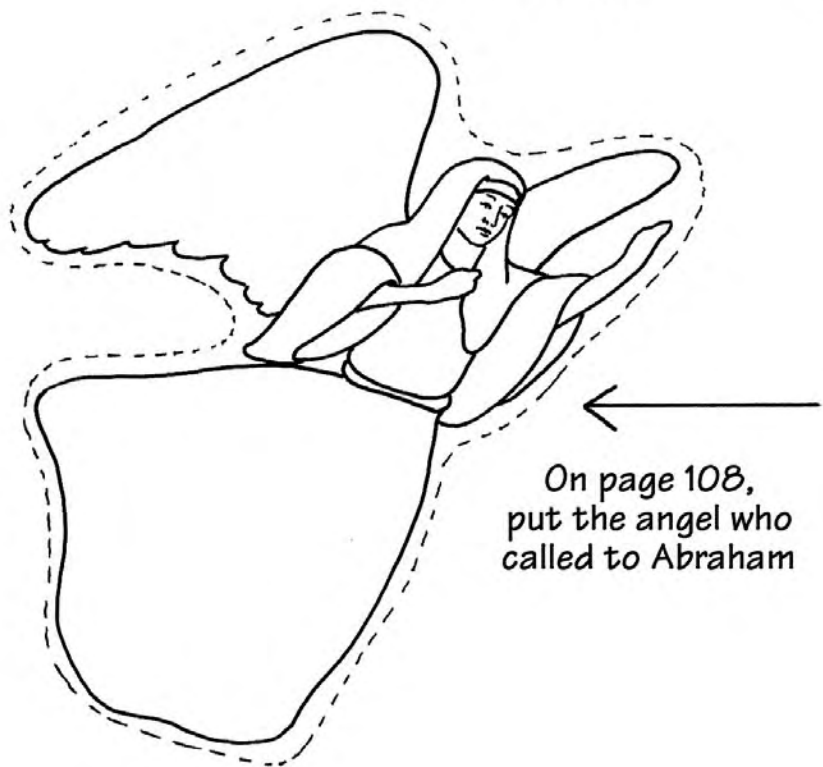
Adam and Eve are the parents of all mankind. They were perfect, but because they disobeyed God, they became imperfect and started to die. All of Adam's children and their children since then have been born imperfect, and they die because of Adam's sin.



But, at the end of the Millennium, when the people show God how much they love Him and want to honor and obey Him, Jesus and the Church will present mankind to the Heavenly Father and they shall receive perfect life. Then, God will not only be the Father of Jesus and the Church, but also the Father of ALL!







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