

THE PIERCÉD HEART



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Since Abraham was called to be the father of nations
God tested his heart for any hesitation
To make sure he was yielded unto God above
And obey any order—just to prove his love.

Now Isaac was Abraham's only real son
Through Sarah his wife did this promise come
So precious and dear to his father's heart
The lad was a joy from the very start.

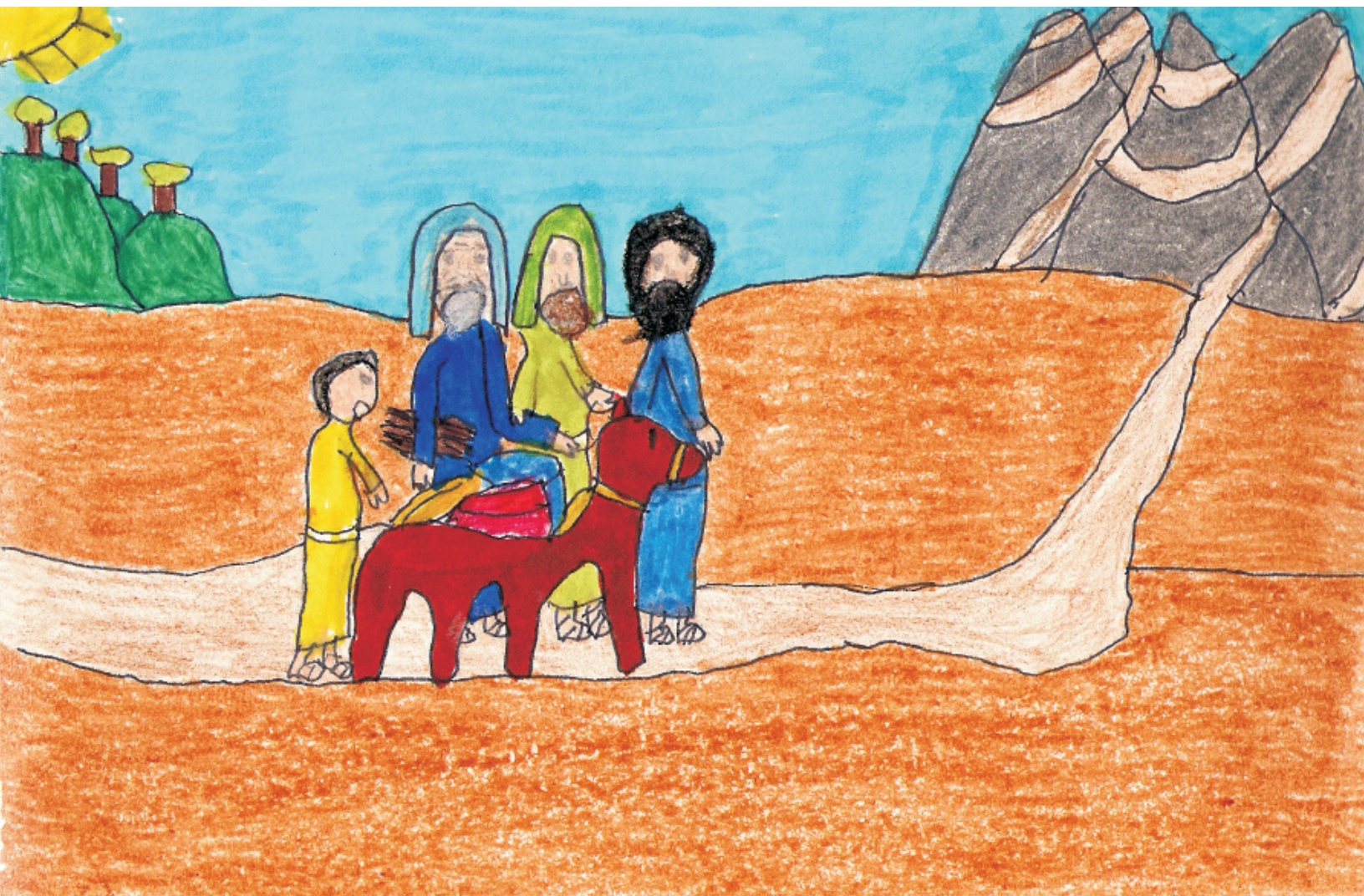


One day God called to his faithful servant
"Take thine only son"—he was sure he had heard Him.
God said Moriah was the land of his journey
Where the sacrifice of Isaac would be the gift of burning.

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So Abraham arose early next morning
Set his face to the task, there would be no turning
Took Isaac, his beloved, and packed up their gear
A three day journey for his heart to bear.



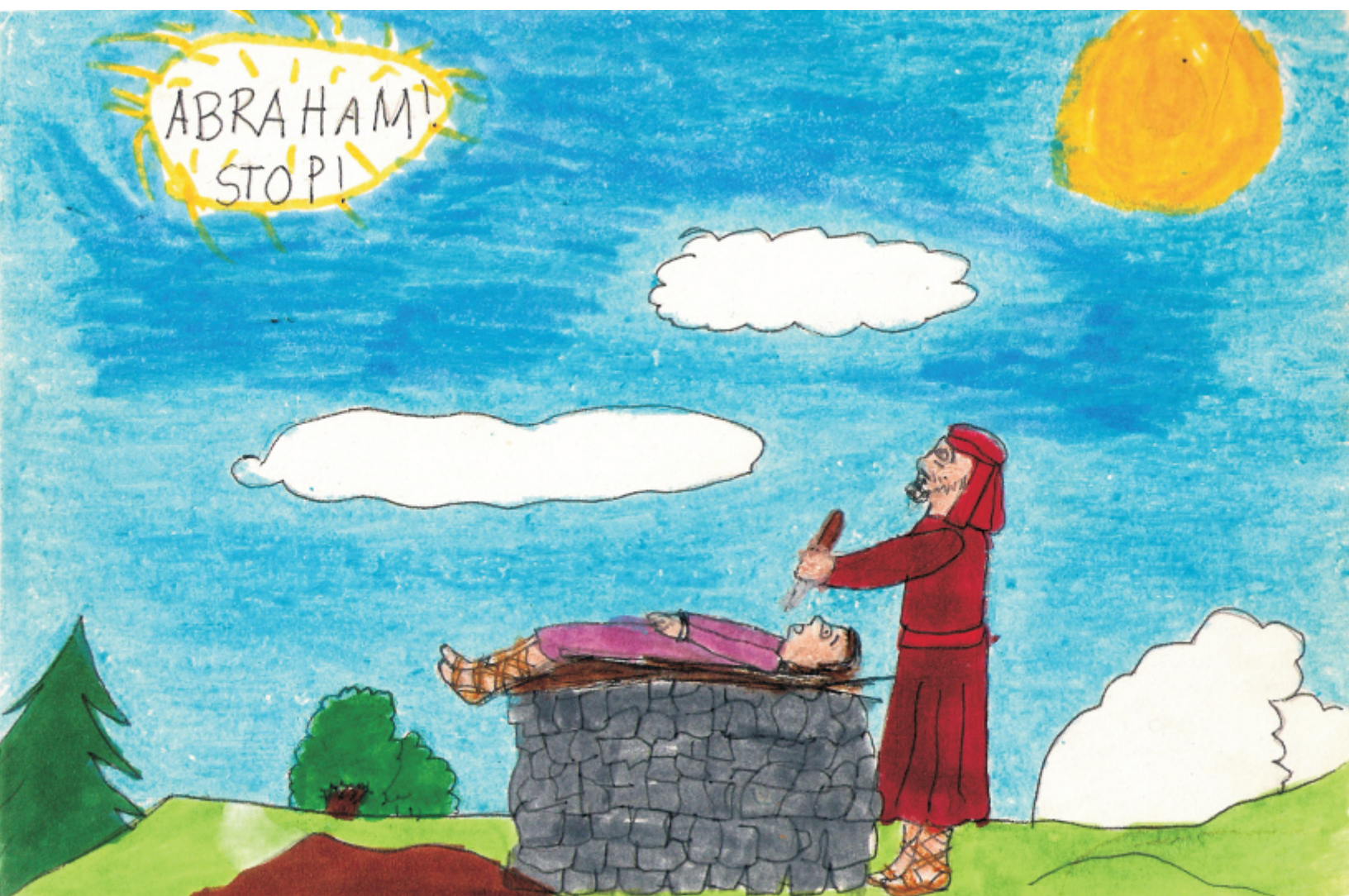
Together they came to the place appointed
To honor God with faith undaunted
When Isaac wondered of the lamb of offering
"God will provide" said his father - suffering.



Apart for some time to worship the Lord
Preparing themselves for this work of reward
Then took he the lad and bound him on wood
To slay him in faith as God said he should.



Abraham stretched forth, the knife in his hand
To slay his dear Isaac—and do God's command.
But e'er he came down with the blow of the blade
The angel called out and his hand was then stayed.

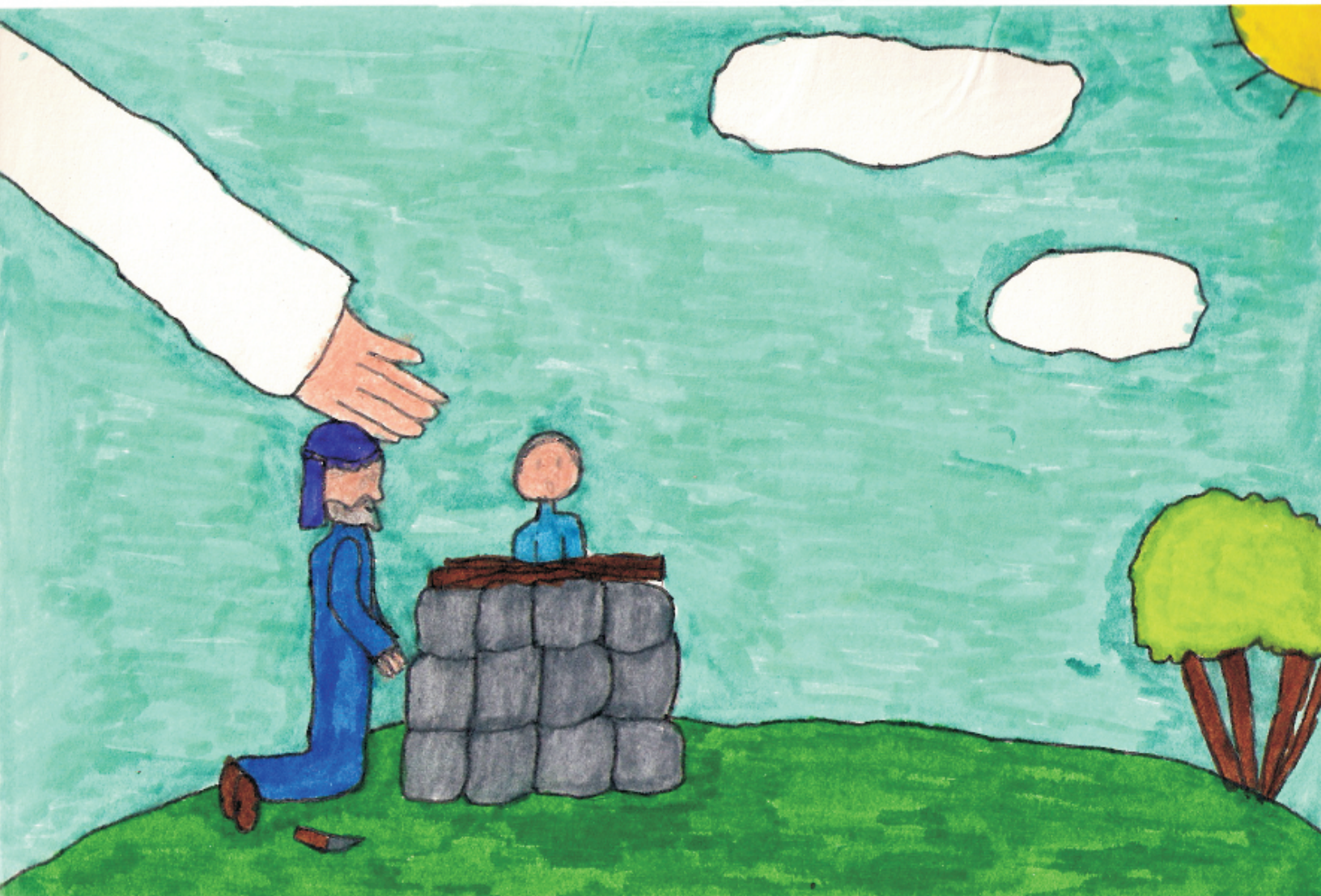


For the fear of the Lord was great in this man
God saw his true heart and provided a ram
To lay in the place of the son he had given
Again the angel called out from heaven:



Because you've not spared your very own son
So precious to you and thine only one
I bless you this day with seed that shall flourish
As the stars of heaven your children I'll nourish.

You obeyed My voice so possess the land
The gates of your enemies in which you shall stand
And in thy seed shall the nations be blessed
For by your right choice you've secured them the best.



Abraham rejoiced in these words of the Lord
Which lifted his heart from the pain of that chore
With Isaac he left that mount of temptation
Where victory was won through that sacred oblation.



Abraham's life is a great revelation
Of the Father's own plan to bring us salvation.
Not sparing His Son, the Perfect Lamb Jesus
The Blade went on through—the blood spilled to save us.



