

God'll PROVIDE

Skit of the Week by Rich Melheim

CHARACTERS: Narrator, Four Panelists, Abraham, Isaac

SETTING: Game Show Set

PROPS: Applause sign

NARRATOR: And now, live from (your town), America's favorite game show of Salvation Mystery History, the show where each week a panel of celebrity guests must guess the identity of our mystery guest in ten guesses, "What's My Name?" (Hold up applause sign) I'm Wink Winkendale, these are our panelists and let's meet our two Mystery Guests. Straight from Genesis 22, a father and son "blessed to be a blessing" team and a heck of a nice couple (hold up applause sign, music plays as Abraham and Isaac enter). Let's meet our Mr. Mystery Guests! Panelist 1?

PANELIST 1: Thank you. Mr. Mystery Father, where are you from?

ABRAHAM: Uh, I used to live in Haran. That's Iraq to you. But one day God told me to go to a land that he would show me, so I pulled up stakes and I left. (Applause)

PANELIST 2: Mr. Mystery Son, how do you and your father get along?

ABRAHAM: Let's just say he's the apple of my eye. Me and the Mrs. waited for years to have this boy. (Patting Isaac's back) We were nearly 100 when it finally...

PANELIST 2: I was talking to the boy.

ABRAHAM: Uh, sorry.

PANELIST 2: How do you get along?

ISAAC: We get along great when he isn't trying to kill me.

PANELIST 2: Isn't trying to kill you?

ABRAHAM: I didn't do it on purpose. Well, okay, I did it on purpose, but God told me to do it.

PANELIST 3: God told you to kill...

ABRAHAM: Okay, here's how it went. The Lord said, "Abraham, take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go up to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I'll..."

PANELIST 3: So you...

ABRAHAM: I did what God told me.

NARRATOR: Panelist 4. Next question.

PANELIST 4: Thank you. Mr. Mystery Father, didn't you think this was a rather odd request? I mean, after all those years of waiting for a son and now God was requiring that you sacrifice your only son?

ABRAHAM: That was only the half of it. God had also made a promise to me and God was reneging.

PANELISTS: Reneging?

ABRAHAM: Darn tootin'. God said, "I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing!" God said that all the families of the earth would be blessed through my children. It was a promise that was to be passed on to their children, to their children's children and so on and so on and so on.

NARRATOR: So God was not only asking you to sacrifice your only son, but also to sacrifice the dream and promise of blessing the world?

ABRAHAM: Darn tootin'.

NARRATOR/PANELISTS: Darn tootin'?

PANELIST 1: Mr. Mystery Son, what happened next?

ABRAHAM: Well, I loaded the...

PANELIST 1: I was talking to the boy...

ABRAHAM: Sorry...

ISAAC: Okay, here's what happened. I was minding my own business, playing with the sheep and goats one day when daddy

dearest comes up and says, "Hey, kid, let's go on a little trip. Just you and me. A little dad and son bonding vacation."

PANELIST 2: What happened next?

ISAAC: So Dad rose early in the morning and he took up the wood and the fire and the knife, and bound them all together and laid them upon me. I said, "I see the wood and the fire, but where is the lamb? Please, tell me." Dad stopped, and he said, "God'll provide, God'll provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son!"

NARRATOR: We're almost out of time. One question left. Panelist 3.

PANELIST 3: Thanks. What happened?

ABRAHAM: Okay. I built up an altar, see...

PANELIST 3: He was talking to the boy.

ABRAHAM: Sorry.

ISAAC: So Dad and I go up the mountain, see. He says, "Here, sit up on these rocks. You can see the valley a lot better from here." It looked like an altar to me, but I got up. Then he says, "Here, hold this rope. I want to see how many times it winds around you." The next thing I know is he's got the knife in his hands and this glazed look in his eye. He raises it up to the sky and... and...

PANELISTS: Yes?

ISAAC: Raises it up to the sky and...

PANELISTS: Yes? Yes?

PANELIST 4: (Pause, blurts out) Did he kill you?

(Bells ring, music starts)

NARRATOR: Oh! We're out of time! No more questions. You'll have to tune in next week to find out what happened to this father and son "blessed to be a blessing" team and a heck of a nice couple on America's favorite game show of Salvation Mystery History, (applause sign) "What's My Name?"