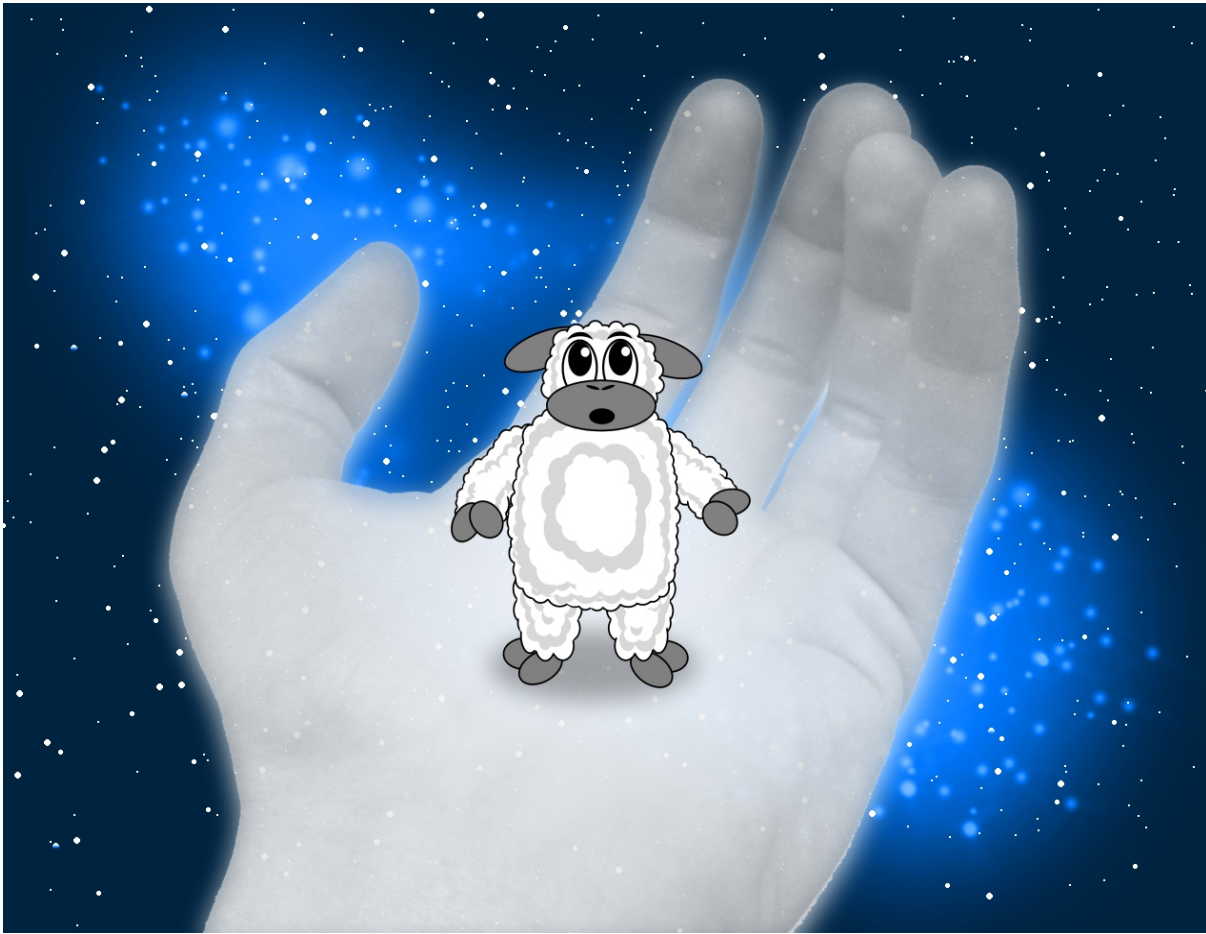


## Trusting God



Trusting God can be very difficult. We may find it hard to trust God when times are tough., but we can always rely on Him and His purpose for our lives. The Bible says He will never leave you or forsake you. He loves you and wants you to prosper and be happy. In the book of Genesis, Noah was told to do something by God that seemed very unusual. He was told to build an ark. God told him to do this because if he did his family would be saved from the destruction of the world **(Genesis, 6)**.

It would take Noah many many years to complete such a ship. Noah toiled and labored for years to complete it, facing certain ridicule from his friends and neighbors. He trusted with all his heart that God would do what he said. After years of building, the ark was finally complete. Noah and his family along with many animals, went into the ark and were saved from the massive flood. Noah and His family survived because Noah trusted God.

Not long after this we find Abraham and his son Isaac going up to offer a

sacrifice unto God. On the way there, God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as the burnt offering. This must have greatly pained Abraham, because this meant he would have to kill his only son. Abraham trusted God. He began preparing a place, and Isaac asked about the sacrifice. Abraham said that God would provide. As Abraham raised the knife to his son, God sent an angel to tell Him to stop. The angel said that he knew that Abraham feared God and would not hold anything back from Him. Then they spotted a ram in the bushes and sacrificed it instead of Isaac. It must have taken an enormous amount of trust for Abraham to come that close to killing his only son. Abraham knew that God must have had a purpose.

God has a plan and a purpose for all of us, we just have to trust and obey no matter what. Gods plan for you is perfect and is designed for you specifically. So in all things, trust God and pray that His will is done in your life.

