



Isaac and Rebekah

Bible Story: Isaac and Rebekah • Genesis 24

Bottom Line: God gave Isaac a wife to keep His covenant with Abraham.

Memory Verse: ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:29, NIV*

Christ Connection: *God provided Rebekah as a wife for Isaac as part of His covenant to bless the whole world through Abraham's family. One day, Jesus would be born into Abraham's family as the promised Savior.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Fivezi

What You Need: dice (at least 5 of 10 colors), Fivezi Instruction Page

What You Do:

- Choose your color dice (each player should have one color only)
- At "go" everyone rolls all their dice at the same time.
- After rolling, players look to see what number they have most and then make that the number they will try to get 5 of.
- Keep rolling the remaining dice—only roll the dice that aren't the number you want.
- The first player to get all 5 of the same number shouts, Fivezi, and wins the game.

What You Say "In this game we had to keep going even when it didn't seem like we could get any of the same number. As we keep learning from the Bible, we are going to learn about a guy named Abraham who had to rely on God so he could see all the things God promised. He learned over and over and over again, that God is faithful and keeps His promises."

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

TODAY'S PASSAGE

⁴² "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. ⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar," ⁴⁴ and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

⁴⁶ "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also. **Genesis 24:42-46**

CONTEXT

After God tested Abraham, Abraham named the place "The LORD Will Provide." (Gen. 22:14) God repeated His promise to Abraham: "I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky ... And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring" (Gen. 22:17-18).

God blessed Abraham's life, and he was about 140 years old when he asked his most trusted servant to go to his relatives and find a wife for his 40-year-old son Isaac. Abraham believed God would keep His promise; he trusted that God had a wife for Isaac and that Isaac would have a family because he was the child chosen by God to carry the family line—to follow God, to lead the family, and to teach the next generation to follow God too.

Abraham's servant asked God for a clear sign of who should be Isaac's wife. When Rebekah appeared and agreed to give water to the servant—and also, she offered, to his camels—the servant knew God was at work. He responded with worship: "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not withheld his kindness and faithfulness from my master" (Gen. 24:27).

Rebekah introduced the servant to her family, including her brother Laban. The servant recounted the events, and everyone agreed the Lord had chosen Rebekah to be Isaac's wife. She traveled with the servant hundreds of miles to Abraham's house. When she saw Isaac, she covered herself with a veil. The servant told Isaac everything that had happened. Then Isaac married Rebekah and loved her.

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TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- Abraham trusted that God had a wife for Isaac, and he sent his servant to find her. How would the servant know who should be Isaac's wife?



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- The servant prayed and asked God for help. He asked God to give him a sign so that he would know he had found the right woman for Isaac.
- The servant praised God because God had clearly answered the servant's prayer.
- **BL:** God gave Isaac a wife to keep His covenant with Abraham.
- Rebekah traveled with the servant back to the land of Canaan and met Isaac. Isaac married Rebekah and loved her.

25 Minutes **SMALL GROUPS:** CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- God provided a wife for Isaac. What does He provide for us? *Prompt kids to consider the many ways He provides for their needs. Highlight God's provision for their greatest need in sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Phil. 4:19.)*
- Does God care about the small details of our lives? *Lead kids to realize that God created them and cares about them. He even knows the number of hairs on their heads! (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Luke 12:7.)*
- How can knowing that God is powerful and in control help us to trust Him? *Guide kids to recall that God is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good. Emphasize that He is our loving Father who has unlimited power, so His plans always come to pass. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Isa. 14:24.)*

Activity: The Power of Prayer

What You Need: a piece of paper for each kid, a magnet, and paper clips for each kid, "Prayer Calendar" activity page, **pencils**

What You Do:

- Pass out a piece of paper, magnet, and paper clips to each kid.
- Show the kids how the magnet can control the movement of the paper clips even through the sheet of paper.
- Let the kids try to control the paper clips through other materials, like cloth or plastic or even the table.
- Explain that the magnets represent God's power to move our hearts towards thinking, saying, and doing the things He wants us to do.
- Give each kid a copy of the Prayer Calendar and a pencil. Encourage them to think about things they can pray for this week and write it on their calendar. When they see it happen they can write God's answer on their calendar too.

What You Say: "When we pray, we can tell God how we feel or ask Him to help us with different situations we may face. God gave Isaac a wife to keep His covenant with Abraham. At first, Abraham's servant was not sure how we would find the woman God wanted to be Isaac's wife, so he prayed and asked God for help. God showed His plan when Rebekah offered water to the camels. God hears our prayers and will answer them, even if it's not always the way we want or expect. Prayer is a powerful way for us to experience God's love and plan for our lives. We pray any time we speak to God. Prayer helps us set our minds and hearts on God to follow His plan."

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, "Memory Verse Card Puzzles", pencils

What You Do:

- Ask the kids if they recognize the memory verse.
- Give them chances to read the memory verse.
- Give each kid a Memory Verse Card Puzzle. They need to unscramble the words on the paper to fill in the blanks.
- Practice saying the memory verse together

What You Say "Did that feel like a test? There are times when we all need to stretch so that we can trust God more and learn from the Bible. Our Memory Verse reminds us that we are part of Abraham's family. We are part of the promise. Do you think that means, we could also experience some tests to see how much we trust God? Of course, because God always keeps His promises."

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Say:

"God thank you for the love You show us. Thank You that Your plans cannot be stopped. Help us to trust You and obey You as You invite us to live on mission for You. Amen.

5 Minutes **HOME:** PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents who they trust and why God can be trusted. Send home the prayer calendar with each kid.