

Isaac and Rebekah

Bible Story: Isaac and Rebekah • Genesis 24

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

Main Point: God makes and keeps His promises.

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.

Leader Notes:

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 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**

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?*
- *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.*

Worship & Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: “Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let’s sit down to learn from the Bible today.”

What You Do: Introduce the story

God had kept His promise to bless Abraham. Abraham said to his servant, “Promise that you will go to my family and find a wife for Isaac.” The servant promised and went on his journey until he came to a well. The servant prayed, “God, help me. When women come to this well, let the one you want Isaac to marry give my camels water.” That is what happened! Rebekah gave the servant and the camels a drink. The servant was so happy, he praised God. He gave Rebekah bracelets and a ring. The servant went to Rebekah’s house and told her family everything that happened. Rebekah and the servant traveled back to Canaan, and Isaac and Rebekah were married.

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and serve snack.

Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That’s okay.

1. Make a family

What You Need: playdoh, tools for playdoh

What You Do:

- Give each kid a lump of play doh. You might need to remind them to only use the playdoh with their hands.
- Invite kids to use play dough to create members of a family, such as a father, a mother, and children.
- For an extra challenge, invite kids to create a camel.

What You Say “Good job forming families out of the play dough! When God gave Isaac a wife, He formed a new family. Only Isaac’s family wasn’t made out of clay, it was made out of real people!

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What you need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- Show the poster to the kids
- As you say the words point to them on the poster
- Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include Create simple hand motions to teach kids the memory verse. Sample hand motions include “**If you belong to Christ** (clasp hands together), **then you are Abraham’s seed**, (act like a seed

growing from the ground) **and heirs according to the promise** (point to God)

- Our memory verse tells us that when we believe Jesus is our savior, we get to be part of Abraham's family, too!

What You Say: Our Bible verse tells us that God promised Abraham that his family would be very large. Did you know that Jesus was born in Abraham's family? Belonging to Christ" means that we believe that Jesus saved us from our sins by dying in our place and rising again! When we do that, God promises to be with us forever.

Pray and Dismiss:

What You need: Coloring page

What You Do:

- Pray- " God thank you for making promises and keeping them, even giving water to the camels. We thank you for Jesus and giving us a way to know you more. Help us to trust you like Abraham and his servant."

What You Say: Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Send home a coloring page with each kid.