



## 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:** <sup>29</sup> 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

#### Simon Says

**What You Need:** "Simon Says" instruction sheet

#### What You Do:

- Decide who is going to be Simon, the leader might want to start as Simon
- Tell all the kids that you are going to say some things that they should do, it is going to be tricky. When you say "Simon Says..." then they do it. If you do not say "Simon Says", they do not do it. If they do they sit down till their next turn.

**What You Say** "In this game we really had to listen and follow directions. 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."

### 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

<sup>42</sup> "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. <sup>43</sup> 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," <sup>44</sup> 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.'

<sup>45</sup> "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.'

<sup>46</sup> "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?
- 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.



## All Star Kids

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- 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 what happens 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 Cards", straw sections

##### What You Do:

- Ask the kids if they recognize the memory verse.
- Give them chances to read the memory verse.
- Then, take turns building a tower with your memory verse cards, putting them in order. Say each word of the verse as you put the tower together.
- Practice saying the memory verse together

**What You Say** "I love you tower of cards. We need to always find ways to remember God's word, memory verses, and ultimately His promises. Who is part of Abraham's family? You are and so am I. When we memorize verses from the Bible we are helping each other remember God's promises. Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good."

#### 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.