

## GOD PROVIDES A WIFE FOR ISAAC

*God's plan and our prayer work together.*



THE STORY: GENESIS 24:1-9

MONDAY

### Abraham knew God would provide a wife for his son

Abraham knew God would provide a wife for his son – There was no doubt in Abraham's mind that God would help his servant find a wife for his son. Abraham's faith came from remembering what God had already done (verse 7).

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

How can our faith today be strengthened by what God has done in the past? *(God has been kind enough to give us an account of His past works so that we might see that He is faithful and trustworthy.*

*Then our faith and trust in God grows.)*

What has God done in your life to show you that He has been faithful to you? *(Every good gift we have is from God including every breath we take. See James 1:17.)*

**PRAY:**

Take time to thank God specifically for all the blessings He has given you.



THE STORY: GENESIS 24:10-21

TUESDAY

### Abraham's servant prayed in faith to God to provide a wife for Isaac

Abraham's servant prayed in faith to God to provide a wife for Isaac – The servant is shown as a man of prayer and faith. He obviously believes God is able to hear and answer prayer. His prayer is not simply a general call for help, but instead it is a very specific detailed request. We know that this servant is Abraham's most trusted servant and the oldest. Perhaps this servant had been present years earlier when Abraham went to Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son. In any case, the servant would have been aware of Sarah's age and her miraculous conception in old age. These events and watching Abraham worship the Lord influenced the servant to pray that God would bless his efforts and show him Isaac's wife.

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

How did Abraham's love and trust in God influence his servant? *(Clearly Abraham's servant followed his master's example trusting the Lord to help him. We can never underestimate how our faith influences those around us.)*

What is the greatest obstacle to sharing our faith? *(Draw the children out but ultimately it is the fear of man. When we are more concerned about what people will think of us or do to us than we are about pleasing God we will make the wrong choices.)*

**PRAY:**

Ask God to help you to be an example of faith in God to those around you.



THE STORY: EPHESIANS 1:4-12

WEDNESDAY

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## Where is Jesus?

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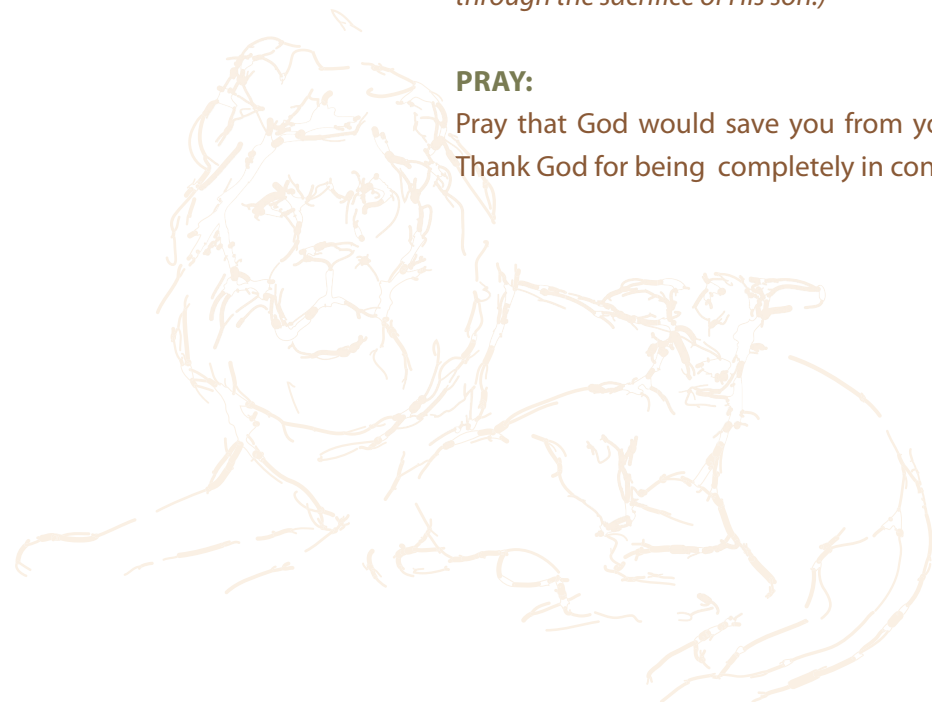
In Ephesians 1:11-12 Paul tells us that as Christians we are chosen according to His plan. Similarly, God chose Rebekah for Isaac. Rebekah would be another godly wife in the lineage of Jesus. God works out His sovereign choice according to the plan of Christ, who works out everything in conformity to the purpose of His will. Abraham's servant prayed that the Lord would direct the choice of a wife for Isaac, and He did just that!

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

Does God know who will be saved? How long has He known that? *(God knew those He would choose to be His children even before the creation of the world. God knew Adam would fall, God knew He would send Jesus, and He knows everyone He will save through the sacrifice of His son.)*

**PRAY:**

Pray that God would save you from your sin through the work of His Son Jesus. Thank God for being completely in control of everything.





THE STORY: GENESIS 24:15- 67

THURSDAY

## God provides a wife in perfect answer to the servant's prayer

God provides a wife in perfect answer to the servant's prayer – In a wonderful demonstration of answered prayer, God orchestrates the circumstances and Rebekah follows the exact description the servant prayed to God.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

How is the servant's faith further demonstrated in this story? (*Abraham's servant tells Laban exactly what happened and gives the credit to the Lord [42-49], he bowed down when Laban agreed it was God who was at work [52], and again attributed the whole days events to God [56].*)

### PRAY:

Thank God for the amazing way His plan unfolds. Have each of your children pray that God would provide a godly spouse for them one day and pray that God would work in the heart of that person.



THE STORY: NUMBERS 24:15-19

FRIDAY

## On the road to Emmaus.

Balaam claims to hear the words of God. He then gives a prophecy of a king who will come from Israel. A special reference is made to a star that will rise. David is the king that conquers the enemies of God. The picture of a conquering king foreshadows (or reminds us of) Jesus who will put all His enemies under his feet until His final triumph over death itself (see 1 Corinthians 22-26).

### TALK ABOUT IT:

Should we think of Jesus every time we read about a conquering King rising up out of Israel? (*Yes. The entire story of Israel is orchestrated by God to point to a greater reality. We can see Jesus through all of God's story. In both the New Testament and the Old, we see Jesus.*)

### PRAY:

Thank God that He has conquered all of our enemies, including death itself, so that we can be with Him someday in His new kingdom.