

GOD PROVIDES A WIFE FOR ISAAC

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 24



PRESCHOOL

The STORY

Read "A Wife for Isaac" and "Rebekah is Found" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 33-35).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Why did Abraham send his servant back to his old homeland? (Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son.)
- Who helped the servant find the right woman? (God helped the servant.)
- What happened when Rebekah came back with the servant? (Isaac loved her and married her.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Abraham's servant at the well with Rebekah. Engage the children by asking:

- How did Abraham's servant know which of the ladies coming to the well would be the one God chose for Isaac? (The servant prayed that God would have one of the women offer to give water to his camels and that she would be the one.)
- What was the sign Abraham's servant prayed God would fulfill so he would know the right woman? (The servant prayed that God would allow the right woman to be the one who offered both him and his camels a drink.)
- What do you think the servant thought about God after Rebekah offered both him and his camels water? (The servant's faith in God must certainly have been strengthened and his confidence in choosing the right wife for his master's son grew because of the answered prayer. At first he was afraid, but after God answered his prayers he was not afraid anymore.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Does anyone know how their mom and dad met each other?
If no one from the class does, have one of the teachers or helpers share how they met their spouse.
- How does God help people find each other? (God is in control of all things and he is the one who decides what people will do and where they will live.) Acts 17:25-26, He is the one that uses everyday life to bring people together.

Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

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 wife for Isaac and he did just that!

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

