

# A Bride for Isaac

God led Abraham's servant to Rebekah, who became Isaac's wife.



## K-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

### Review

- Refer to the Lesson 38 Flip Chart. Last time, we read about Abraham's test. What did God ask Abraham to do? *Sacrifice his son Isaac.*

Abraham obeyed and took Isaac to Moriah. They didn't bring a lamb because Isaac was supposed to be the offering. This was really hard for Abraham. But we learned that Abraham believed God would provide an offering somehow.

- So what happened next? Abraham built the altar, then what? *Abraham placed Isaac on the altar and prepared to kill him as a sacrifice. But God stopped him just in time!*
- Did Abraham pass the test? Did he trust God? *Yes!*
- Abraham passed the test because he was willing to obey God even though he loved his son so much.
- What did God provide as a substitute for Isaac? *A ram.*
- Right. God provided the ram for Abraham to sacrifice in place of his son. This gives us a picture of the substitute God provided for sinners. Who was that? *Jesus.*

Today we're going to talk about one of Abraham's servants who was sent on a special mission. But first, I'm sending all of you on a mission. I've hidden 10 pictures in this room, and your mission is to find them and bring them to me. There are five different pictures and 2 of each one. So you all need to work together to find all 10 of them. Are you ready? Search all around the room, now! *Have students search for the Lesson Illustrations and bring them to you.*

### The Servant's Journey

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. Great job! Mission accomplished! You found all 10 pictures. Now let's

find out what mission Abraham gave to his servant. We're going to start when Isaac was 40 years old. Remember, God had promised that Abraham would have lots of descendants, like grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But his son Isaac had no children. He didn't even have a wife!

It was time for Isaac to get married, but the women who lived nearby didn't know God at all. So Abraham wanted Isaac's wife to be a relative—someone in their family who lived in the country where Abraham came from.

Abraham called his faithful servant and told him to go to the country where his relatives were. He wanted his servant to find a young woman who would come back with him and marry Isaac.

This was a very important mission and a huge responsibility! The servant was a little worried. What if he couldn't find a good wife for Isaac? But Abraham was sure that God would provide a wife for Isaac.

- Abraham believed something very important about God. He knew that God is sovereign. Say that with me: sovereign. Do you remember what sovereign means? It's one of our Bible Truth questions. *God is in control of everything.*

Sovereign means God is in complete control of everything. Abraham knew God could handle this, and he trusted that God would keep His promises and bring a wife for Isaac so they could start a family and have many descendants.

Show Lesson Illustration #1. So the servant packed up 10 strong camels with food, supplies, and gifts. And off he went. He traveled 500 miles to the place where Abraham's relatives lived. He was on a mission—to find the woman who would be Isaac's wife.

### The Servant's Prayer Is Answered

After traveling for days, Abraham's servant finally made his 10 camels stop and kneel down to rest at the well outside the city where Abraham's relatives lived.

- What do you think he did first? *Allow guesses.*

Show Lesson Illustration #2. The servant knew he couldn't do this job alone. And he also knew that God had already chosen the right young woman to marry Isaac. So the servant began to pray.

- Let's read in Genesis 24 what he said in his prayer. Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. *Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note.*

### Genesis 24:13–14

It's a very interesting prayer. Listen to this. *Read Genesis 24:13–14.*

The servant was by the well where the people got their water every day. It was time for the women of the town to get water to take back to their houses.

- The servant knew the women would come to the well with their water pitchers, so he prayed that God would show him who the right woman was. She would be the one who would do something different than the others. What did he pray the woman would do? *Offer to water his camels when he asked for a drink.*

The servant would ask a woman for a drink. And if she said, "I will also give your camels a drink," then he would know that she was the one he was looking for! The servant trusted that God knew who would come to the well, what she would say, and what she would do.

Most of the women would probably not want to take the time to water 10 camels, especially for a stranger! She would have to carry her pitcher to the well, get the water, and then go and pour it into the trough over and over again so all the camels could drink. Now, camels can drink a lot of water—and he had 10 of them. So if they were really thirsty camels, she would have a big job!

Show Lesson Illustration #3. The servant didn't know who the right girl was, so he asked God to make it clear to him by what she would do. And guess what? A young lady named Rebekah walked out to the well before the servant even finished his prayer!

### Genesis 24:19–20

Rebekah was beautiful. But was she the right woman? The servant ran to her and asked for a drink. She gave him a drink, but would she also water his 10 camels? Let's keep reading. *Read Genesis 24:19–20.*

- What did Rebekah say she would do for the servant? *Draw water for his camels.*

Show Lesson Illustration #4. That's right. Rebekah did exactly what the servant had prayed for! This was no accident. God is sovereign; He was in charge of it all.

The servant had to find out if she was one of Abraham's relatives, so he asked about her parents.

And sure enough, Rebekah was part of Abraham's family. Abraham was her great-uncle!

### Genesis 24:26

This was amazing! God helped the servant find the right woman for Isaac right away! What do you think the servant did next? This verse tells us. *Read Genesis 24:26.*

- What did the servant do when he found out God had led him to exactly the right place? *Bowed down his head and worshipped the Lord.*
- He praised God, didn't he? Why do you think he did that? *Allow answers. He was glad that God answered his prayer.*

God is sovereign and faithful. God didn't let him down. He was in complete control of everything that happened. God guided Abraham's servant 500 miles to the right town and to the right woman, who did the right things just like he prayed she would do—AND she even belonged to the right family!

### The Bride Meets the Groom

Rebekah had a hard decision to make. She was the one God had chosen to be Isaac's wife, but that meant she would have to leave her family and maybe never see them again. But she said yes. She went with the servant back to the land of Canaan to marry Isaac.

- Who was Isaac? Do you remember? *Abraham's son.*
- That's right. Isaac was Abraham's son. He was the man getting married.

Show Lesson Illustration #5. One evening, Isaac was out in the field, and when he looked up, he saw all the camels coming toward him. They were home! And they brought someone special.

- Who was the special lady that came to marry Isaac? *Rebekah.*

Yes. Her name was Rebekah. And Isaac married her and loved her.

Refer to the Flip Chart. This is a true love story that shows us how God is in control of everything—He is sovereign. Think about how God directed Abraham, the servant, and Rebekah so that everything happened the way God planned it. God can be trusted to work all things for good for those who belong to Him. And just like Abraham's servant, we can pray and trust God to lead us, too.

Continue with the Lesson Review Game.



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