

Old Testament

A wife for Isaac

Genesis 24:1-67

Younger Verse

He has risen from death as He said He would.” Matthew 28:5-6 NCV

Older Verse

“Don’t be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen from death as He said He would. Matthew 28:5-6 NCV

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Ask the kids if they have ever been to a wedding. Ask them to share what they remembered about the event. Tell them that today’s lesson is about Abraham’s son Isaac.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

When a person wants to get married in our culture, they meet someone special, fall in love, and get married. In our culture, we choose whom we want to marry.

Believe it or not, in other cultures in other countries, a person’s parents decide whom they marry. That’s right, the person does not choose; their parents choose for them! That’s how it was in Abraham’s time.

Abraham wanted to find a special wife for Isaac. He asked his helper to go and find a wife for Isaac. He gave him special instructions to go back to the place of Abraham’s family to find a wife from his relatives. He did not want Isaac to take a wife from the people where they were living. The people did not love God. They worshiped idols. He wanted his son to have a wife that worshiped God and loved Him.

Abraham’s helper asked Abraham what to do if he couldn’t find a wife. Abraham told his helper not to take Isaac back there. He knew that God had given him the land and they must live where they were.

Abraham assured his helper that God would send an angel ahead to find a wife for Isaac.

The helper took 10 camels and many things as gifts. He finally made his way to the

Lesson Goals

Tell how Abraham trusted God to help find a wife for Isaac
Share how God can help us and will give us the very best

town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down close to a well.

Then, the helper prayed to God for help. He asked God to help him find a wife. He asked God to have a woman come and give him water and also give water to the camels.

Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with a jar to get water. As she was getting water, the helper ran to her. He asked her for a little water from her jar. She kindly gave him a drink and also gave water to his camels.

The helper was so excited that God took care of him and answered his prayer. He gave Rebekah gold bracelets and a nose ring. He asked Rebekah about her family. The helper could not believe how God had provided. Rebekah was a relative of Abraham's family.

Rebekah was excited. She ran back to her family and told them the news. Quickly they ran to the well to meet the helper. They brought him back to their home and gave him food to eat and a place to stay.

Rebekah's father and brother asked the helper what he wanted. He shared that Abraham was looking for a wife for his son, Isaac. He shared how God had helped him find Rebekah and his joy in learning that she was a relative of Abraham's family.

When Rebekah's father heard all that God had done, he told Abraham's helper that certainly God had arranged this meeting.

Abraham's helper bowed down and gave Rebekah's family gold and silver jewelry, clothing, and many expensive gifts.

After spending the night, the helper talked to Rebekah's father and they left to travel back to Isaac.

Isaac was out in the field when he saw camels coming. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She asked the helper about him and found out that it was Isaac, whom she would marry.

As he approached, she put a veil over her face as was the custom in that time.

Isaac married Rebekah and loved her. God provided for their needs, even for a wife!

What can we learn from this lesson? We can see how God answers prayers and is faithful to help us in our time of need. We can also see how God gives the best to us when we let Him help us.

Learning Activities

Try activities to help the kids learn from the lesson.

Memory Verse Activities

Let the kids help you make up hand motions to the verse. Say it together with the motions.

Prayer Time

Thank God that He listens to our prayers and wants to help us. Tell God the needs that you have.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Call your snacks "camel" food and munch down on some goodies.

Planning for Lesson 15
Isaac and the king
Genesis 26:1-33

Preschool Lesson
For
A wife for Isaac

Teachers: Make the camel sack puppet. Tell the story from the camel's viewpoint.

Hi! I'm Carla the camel. I want to tell you a story about something that happened to me a long time ago.

I lived with my masters Abraham and Isaac. One day Abraham told his helper to take me and 9 other camels on a journey. There were ten of us camels all together. Let's count to 10.

We traveled in the dusty, sandy desert for 3 days. All the camels were getting thirsty by the last day. Abraham's helper stopped by a well to get water.

Then the helper prayed to God. He asked God to help him find a wife for Abraham's son. He asked God to bring a girl who would give all of us water.

Sure enough, a woman named Rebekah came to the well. She gave the helper a drink and also gave us water. It tasted so cool. It was delicious. (Smack your lips)

The helper was so excited. He knew that God had answered his prayers. The woman was perfect for Isaac.

Later, we went to Rebekah's home and she gave us straw and food to eat. She also gave the helper food and a place to stay. The people were so friendly and nice. They loved God too. Rebekah went back with us to Abraham's family and married Isaac. They loved God and followed Him.

Thank God for listening to our prayers and helping us.

Hands-On Activities
For
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Make a moving picture of the story.

Cut out the camel and make it stand up.

Create the Camel paper plate.

For preschoolers, sing “Alice the camel.”

Wad up paper to make camel “humps” to put on a boy’s back. (Let them arrange them)
Act out the story.

Cover a metal can with construction paper and make a well.

Decorate glass jars or vases with masking tape pieces. Coat the tape with shoe polish and let dry. Now you have a pretty jar.

God will help us when we pray to Him. Talk about how important it is to pray and how God may answer “yes,” “no,” or “wait.”

Talk to your older kids about dating and marriage. Share how important it is to find someone who loves God and believes in Jesus.
