

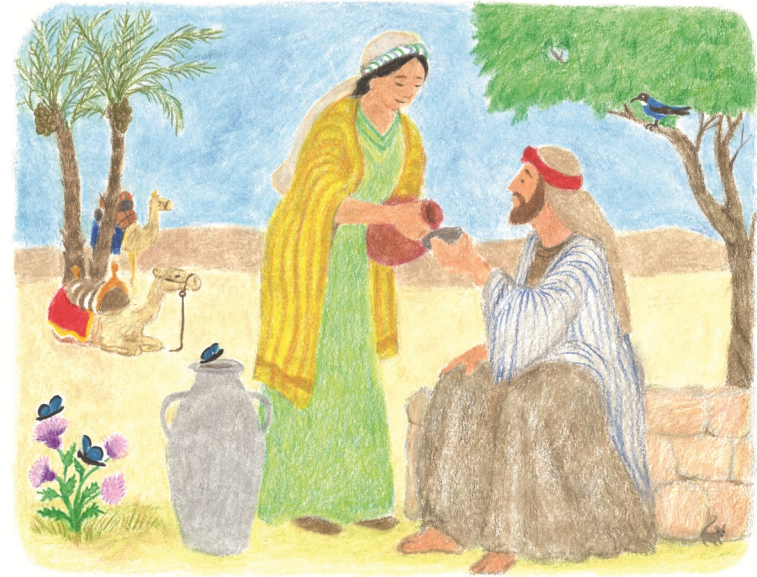
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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. You can say that Abraham was not to take a wife for his son Isaac from the people around him because they did not worship the Lord.
- b. Emphasize the test that the servant made. Anyone who would not only give a stranger a drink, but also get water for the camels was a very kind woman. Camels drink lots of water because they store it up so they can go a long way without any more water. So it was a lot of water that she would have to pull up out of the well.
- c. The Lord led Rebekah, who was a part of Abraham's family, a cousin of Isaac, to come to the well. She was kind and she passed the test.
- d. The servant was so grateful to the Lord because Rebekah not only passed his test, but she was of Abraham's family, and there was indeed room for him at their house!
- e. Note that they asked Rebekah if she would agree to go to a far distant land and marry Isaac. And she felt it was the Lord's will, so she said yes. That was a very brave thing for her to do. She trusted that the Lord was looking after her and was going to make her happy in this far land.
- f. Focus on what Isaac thought when he was out in the field and saw Rebekah, and fell in love with her.



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The Lord Gives Isaac a Wife

Now Abraham was very old and the Lord had blessed Abraham in many ways. And Abraham called to the oldest servant in his house who ruled over all that Abraham had. Abraham said to him, “You shall go back to the country where I was born, and to my family and find a wife for my son, Isaac. Bring her back to Canaan.” The servant said to Abraham, “What if she will not come with me?” Abraham said to him, “The Lord God of heaven will send an angel before you.”

So the servant took ten of his master’s camels and went back to the land where Abraham was born. And when the servant came to the city he made the camels kneel down near a well of water. It was the time of evening when the young women came out to fetch water. And the servant prayed to the Lord. He asked the Lord to show him the young woman whom the Lord had chosen for Isaac.

And it came to pass before he had finished praying to the Lord that Rebekah, who was from Abraham’s family, came down to the well and filled her pitcher with water. And she was very beautiful to look at. And the servant went to her and said, “Let me, I pray you, drink a little water from your pitcher.” She said, “Drink, Sir,” and she hurried to give him water to drink. Then she said, “I will draw more water for your camels to drink.” And she hurried to get water for all the camels.

After the camels had finished drinking, the servant gave Rebekah a gold jewel and two golden bracelets for her arms. Then he said, “Whose daughter are you? Is there room in your house for me to stay?” When the servant heard she was from Abraham’s family and that there was room for him to stay with them, the man bowed down his head and worshipped the Lord for answering his prayer and leading him to find Rebekah.

Then Abraham’s servant went with Rebekah to the house of her family and told her father and her brother who he was and why he had come. They asked Rebekah if she was willing to go with the servant. And she said, “I will go.”

So the servant took Rebekah and her nurse with him back to Abraham’s house. And as they drew near, Isaac, who was out in the field, lifted up his eyes and saw Rebekah. And Isaac loved her, and she became his wife.

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