

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool — Kindergarten

Lesson 2.05: ISAAC AND REBEKAH — Gen. 24

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Genesis 24.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

Long ago there lived a man and his wife. Their names were Abraham and Sarah. They were very good people, so even though they were very old, the Lord gave them a baby boy, and they named him Isaac.

Isaac grew up, and was old enough to get married. Back in those days, the father sometimes chose a wife for his son, so it was time for Abraham to find a wife for his son Isaac. Now the mother, Sarah, had died, and the father, Abraham, was too old to travel all around looking for a wife for Isaac. So Abraham decided to send his servant to go looking. The *servant* was someone who worked for Abraham.

So the servant took ten camels and packed some things onto the camels. Then he set off on his trip. He traveled all the way to a city called Nahor. He saw a well outside the city — a well is a deep hole with water in it. He made his camels kneel down by the well to rest a while.

Now it was getting near to nighttime, and the servant knew that soon the women of the city would come out to draw water from the well. This means that they would come out with pots and pitchers and scoop up water from the well to take back to their families and their animals.

The servant began to talk to the Lord. He said ‘Lord, I need You to help me know which woman is the right one to be a wife for Isaac. Please show me in this way: when I ask a young woman if I may drink some water from her pitcher, and she says “Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink,” then let her be the one that I should choose.’

As soon as the servant finished talking, a beautiful young woman named Rebekah came out, with her pitcher on her shoulder. After she had filled her pitcher with water, the servant ran to her and asked her for a drink. Rebekah said: “Drink, my lord.” And after he took a drink, she said: “I will draw water for your camels also.”

The servant was very happy. The Lord had showed him the right woman to choose! He gave to Rebekah a golden nose jewel and two golden bracelets. These were a sign that she would be getting married soon. Even today, we have special signs that show when a person is getting married, and those signs are gold rings. (Show yours, if you have one.) Do your mom and dad have gold rings? That is a special sign to show that they are married to each other.

The servant bowed his head and thanked the Lord for helping him find a wife for Isaac. Then he went to Rebekah's house. There he asked her father and brother if it was all right for Rebekah to come with him. They said yes. When it was time for the servant to go, they asked Rebekah, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go." So off they went, travelling on the camels, back to the place where Isaac lived.

Isaac was waiting for them, and when Rebekah saw him, she got down from her camel and covered her face with a veil, because she was going to be a bride. So Isaac and Rebekah met each other, and loved each other, and became husband and wife. The Lord had helped to find the right wife for Isaac, just like He will find the right husband or wife for *everybody*, if we just ask for His help, like the servant did.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and you say it after me.

Then they called Rebekah
and said to her,
"Will you go with this man?"
And she said,
"I will go."

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

1. Cut sheets of white poster board, 11"x14".
2. Trace the figures of the servant and Rebekah at the well. Fill in details if you'd like.
3. Write the title: "The Servant Thanks the Lord when he Finds Rebekah at the Well."
4. With an Exacto knife cut around Rebekah's arms so that the bracelets can be put on.
5. Make for each arm a golden bracelet out of gold colored pipe cleaners.

Doing the project:

1. Give to each child a picture of the servant and Rebekah.
2. Read them the title and discuss what the picture is about.
3. Have them rub some glue—stick onto Rebekah's wrists.
4. Have them put two little golden bracelets onto Rebekah's wrists.
5. Then they may color the picture.

EXTRA ACTIVITY (*if there's time*)

Make bracelets for the children out of the remaining gold colored pipe cleaners.

