

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 4
Isaac and Rebekah Marry (Genesis 24)

Theme: Family Begins with Marriage

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. Conjugal love is from the Lord.
- B. Conjugal love can be given only to those who approach the Lord, love the truths of the Church, and do its goods.
- C. The Lord's Divine Providence governs all things.
- D. Conjugal love is conjoined with the love of infants.

II. Story Circle

A. Introduce the Story

1. Long ago there was a man named Isaac. He wanted to find a woman to marry; he wanted a wife. His father sent a servant to find a wife for Isaac. The servant asked the Lord to help him, and the Lord led him to a beautiful woman named Rebekah. This is the story of how Isaac and Rebekah were led by the Lord to be married.

B. Tell/Read the Story

(See the attached retelling of Genesis 24.)

C. Ideas to Discuss

1. What kind of animal did the servant take with him? (Camels)
2. What was the name of the beautiful woman who came to the well? (Rebekah)
3. What is a well? (It is a hole in the ground where you can get water)
4. What did the servant ask Rebekah to get for him? (Drink of water from well)
5. Did Rebekah get water for him and his camels? (Yes)
6. The servant gave Rebekah some jewelry at the well. What did he give her? (A gold nose ring and two gold bracelets)
7. The servant thanked the Lord because he met Rebekah and she gave water to him and to his camels. Why did he thank the Lord? (Because the Lord helped him to find a wife for Isaac)
8. Did Rebekah's family let her marry Isaac? (Yes, because they knew the Lord was leading the servant to find Rebekah for Isaac) Did Rebekah want to marry Isaac? (Yes)
9. Why did the servant give Rebekah jewelry and fine clothes? (The gifts were a promise that Isaac wanted to marry her. It is like the engagement ring that women receive these days.)

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D. Further Ideas

1. The Lord led Isaac and Rebekah to marry, and they were very happy together. The Lord gives everyone a marriage partner on earth or heaven if they want to be married.
2. When a man and woman marry each other, the Lord wants to give them a very special love. He can give them this special love if they try to be good and if they try to be best friends with each other.
3. Ask your parents to tell you about how they met each other and about their wedding. They probably have pictures of their wedding that they can show you. Weddings are a happy time to remember.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "Father In heaven," *Hymnal* #152
2. "When I'm happy I like to sing," *First Songs for Little Children*
3. "Pass a Heart" (see attached song).

B. Activities

1. Have children act out parts of the story as the teacher tells it:
 - a. Be the servant leading his camels on a long journey. You come to a well when it is almost night. Make your camels kneel down.
 - b. Now be Rebekah coming to the well. Carry your pitcher on your shoulder. Fill your pitcher with water from the well. It is very heavy when it is full of water. Draw water for the servant because you like to help people. Now draw water ten more times so that you can give water to all ten of the camels.
 - c. (The girls can be Rebekah riding on a camel to Isaac's home. The boys can be Isaac walking in the field and looking to see if Rebekah is coming.)

C. Project: A PICTURE OF REBEKAH DRAWING WATER FROM THE WELL

1. Have children draw Rebekah on a white piece of paper using crayons, markers, or oil pastels. Teacher cuts the figure out (cutting the general shape only).
2. Give children a precut piece of blue cellophane (or blue construction paper) to represent the well. Children can glue the well and Rebekah onto a piece of blue or green construction paper.
3. Now children can add the finishing touches to their pictures. Do they want to draw Rebekah's pitcher? How about the stones around the well? If they would like to, they can add the servant and some camels.
4. Write the title, "A Wife for Isaac," directly on each picture or on a strip of paper for the children to glue to the top of the page.

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IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Pictures of Rebekah at the well; any other pictures of this story
- B. A large pitcher and perhaps some gold bracelets and beautiful cloth to represent the gifts

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. *The Sower*, Vol. I, "Rebekah at the Well" (Genesis 24), pp. 108-110.
- B. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Vol. 1, "Isaac and Rebekah" (Genesis 24), pp. 303 (especially Primary and Junior levels).

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Retelling of Genesis 24

Isaac and Rebekah

Now when Abraham was old, he asked his oldest servant to go to the place where Abraham used to live to find a wife for Isaac, his son. Abraham told the servant that the Lord would help him.

Then the servant took ten camels and went to the place where Abraham used to live. And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water. It was evening time, and the women would be coming to draw water.

The servant said, "O Lord, please help me this day. Let it be that the young woman who gives me water for myself and my camels is the one You want Isaac to marry."

And before he finished speaking, Rebekah came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. She was very beautiful. She went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up.

And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher." So she said, "Drink, my lord," and she gave him a drink. Then she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." Then she ran to get water for his camels.

The servant gave her a golden nose ring and two gold bracelets for her wrists. And he bowed down his head and worshiped the Lord.

Then he went to Rebekah's house and said to her family, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed Abraham, and he is wealthy. Now Abraham would like to find a wife for his son, Isaac, from his relatives in this place."

And he told them everything that had happened at the well. Then the servant asked if Rebekah could leave with him to become Isaac's wife. And her family said, "The thing comes from the Lord. Let Rebekah be Isaac's wife as the Lord has spoken."

Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing for Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

The next morning the servant wanted to leave to take Rebekah to marry Isaac. Her mother and brother asked Rebekah, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."

Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the servant.

And Isaac went out into the field in the evening, and he saw the camels coming. And when Rebekah saw Isaac, she took a veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

Then Isaac took Rebekah as his wife, and he loved her.

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Pass a Heart

(Sing to the tune of "A Tisket, a Tasket")

A sister, a brother,
We love one another.
I give my heart to a friend
Who shares it with another.

Another, another,
Share it with another.
Give a heart to a friend
And share it with another.