

ISAAC AND REBEKAH

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¹Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way. ²He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. ³I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, ⁴but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

⁵The servant asked him, “What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?”

⁶“Make sure that you do not take my son back there,” Abraham said. ⁷“The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’—he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there. ⁸If the woman is unwilling to come back with you, then you will be released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there.” ⁹So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. ¹¹He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

¹²Then he prayed, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ¹³See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴May it be that when I say to a girl, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she

says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.”

¹⁵Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. ¹⁶The girl was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever lain with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

¹⁷The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

¹⁸“Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

¹⁹After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking.” ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. ²¹Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

²²When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. ²³Then he asked, “Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

²⁴She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milcah bore to Nahor.” ²⁵And she added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.”

²⁶Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD, ²⁷saying, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”

²⁸The girl ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How would the servant know whom Isaac would marry? (Verse 14)
5		2.) Who was it that offered the camels a drink of water?
5		3.) What did the servant give Rebekah? (Verse 22)
5		4.) Why do you think the servant gave Rebekah gifts?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CLAY WATER JARS

Using play dough as clay, students will form water jars to remind them of how Rebekah and Abraham's servant met.

MATERIALS

1. 2 cups flour
2. 1 cup salt
3. 2/3 cup water
4. Bowl for mixing
5. Measuring cup
6. Wax Paper for each student



DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the flour and salt together in a bowl first. Then add in water slowly. Squeeze the dough with your hands until it is smooth. If the play dough is crumbly, add more water. If the play dough is too wet, sprinkle it with flour.
2. Pass out a small piece of wax paper and a small lump of play dough to each student.
3. Instruct them to roll it out into a long snake.
4. Have students coil the "snake" into circles.
5. Using their fingers, students should press together any parts that aren't touching.
6. Play dough will air dry over time (up to two weeks depending on thickness of water jar).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are creating their water jars, discuss how Abraham's servant knew that Rebekah was the one for Isaac. Rebekah offered water to the servant's camels, which was a sign that God had chosen Rebekah as the wife for Isaac.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

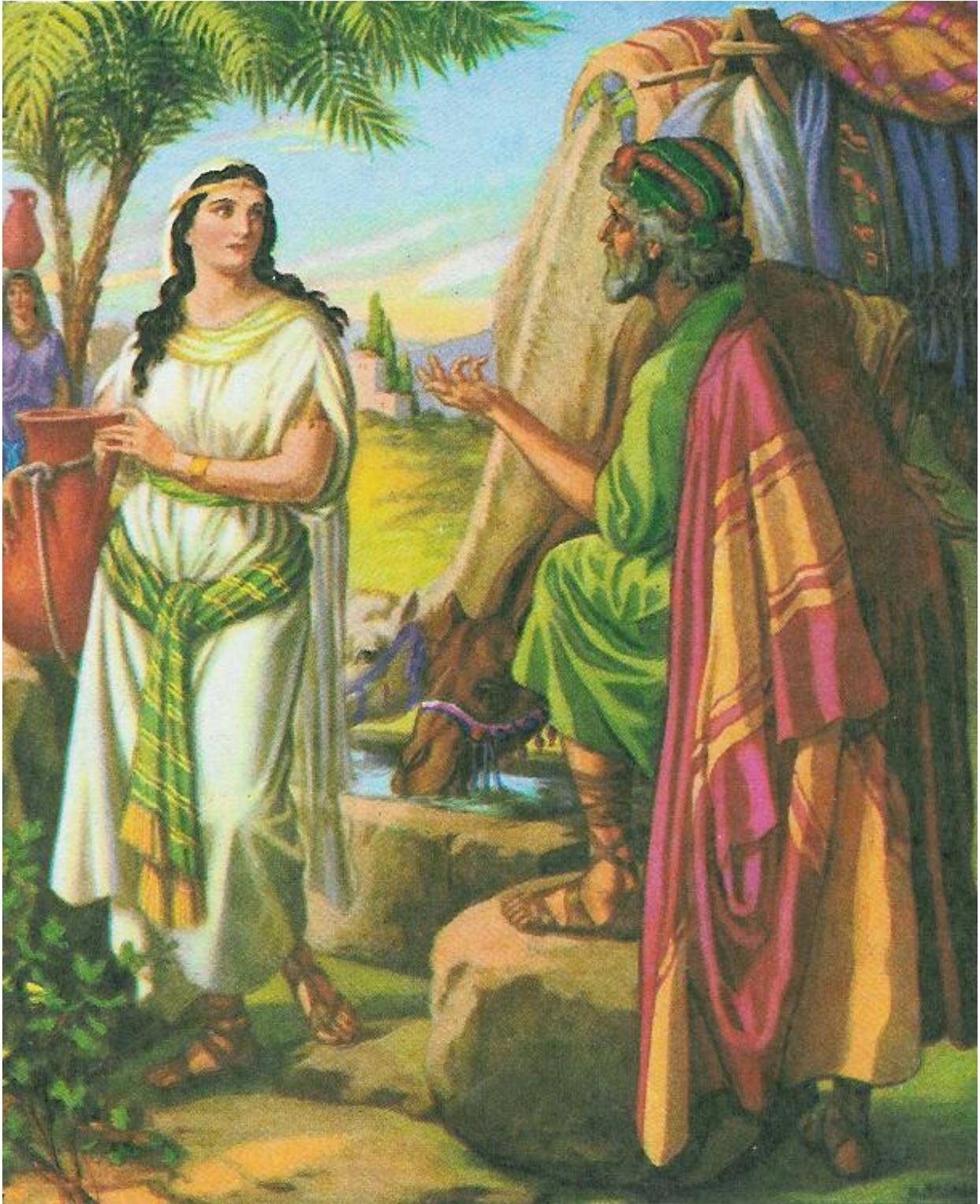
Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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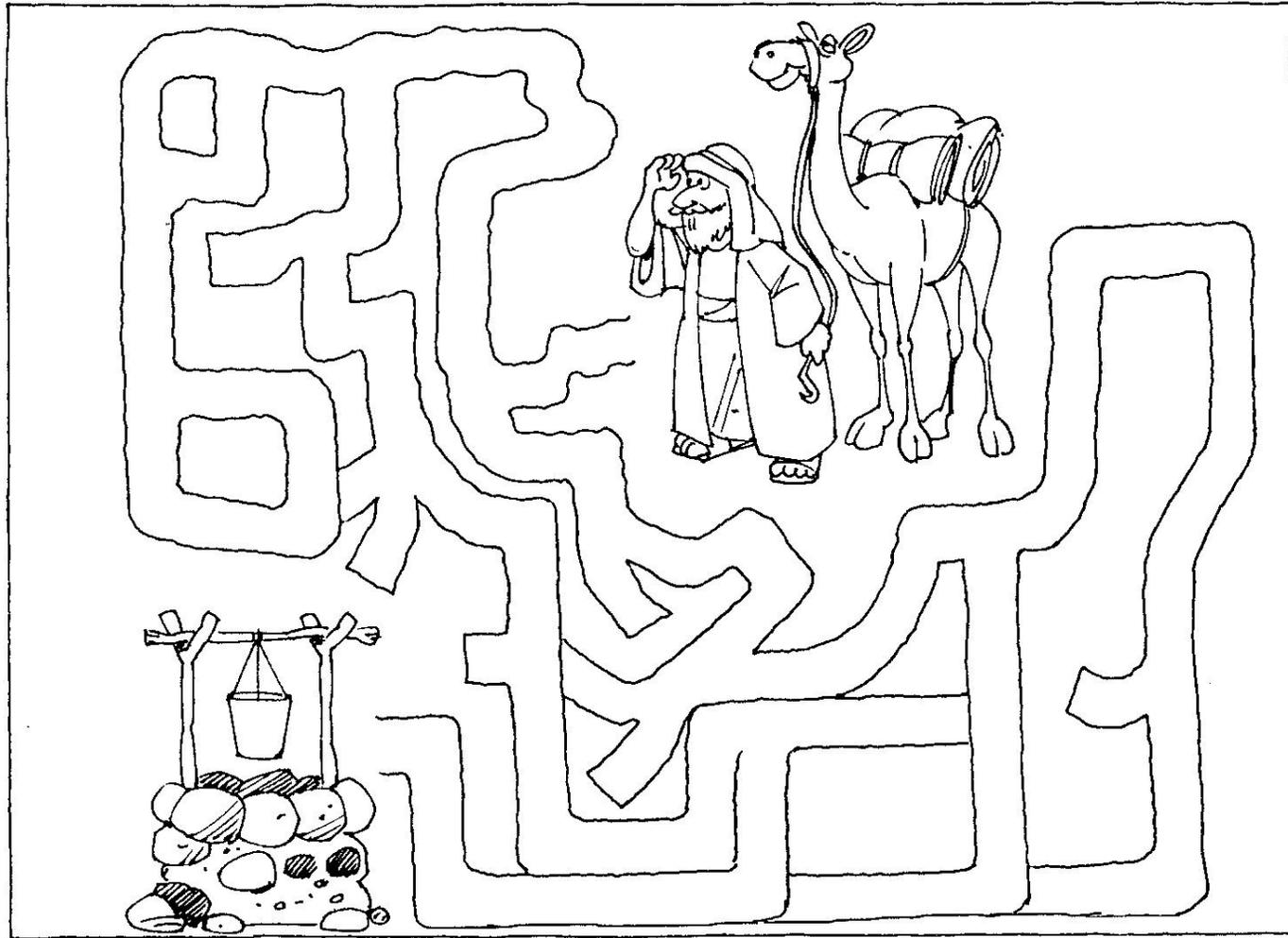


Rebekah draws water for the camels

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**Help
Abraham's
servant find
his way to
Abraham's
homeland to
find a bride
for Isaac.**



**When Isaac was old enough to get married,
Abraham sent his servant back to his homeland to find a bride for Isaac.**

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Abraham was getting older and his son Isaac had not yet married. Abraham wanted Isaac to be married, but not to the wrong woman. Abraham's servant promised Abraham that he would not

find a wife for Isaac that was from the land of Canaan. Abraham wanted Isaac to have a wife from the country that he came from.

The servant took 10 camels with him to Abraham's country. He had the camels kneel down near the well that was outside of the town. It was almost evening time when the women came out to get water.

The servant prayed and asked God to show him which woman would be Isaac's wife. If a woman offered the servant and the camels a drink of water, she would be the one Isaac would marry.

Before the servant finished praying, Rebekah came near him with a water jar. He asked her for a drink and she gave him one. She also gave the camels water to drink.

The servant knew that this was the woman God had chosen for Isaac to marry. He gave her a gold nose ring and gold bracelets. Then he went to meet her family.

For more details, please read Genesis 24:1-28 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Abraham want his servant to do?
2. What did the servant pray about?
3. How did God answer the servant's prayer?
4. Why do you think the servant gave Rebekah gifts?

MEMORY VERSE

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1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

found a servant Isaac

Abraham's wife for

Abraham's _____

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