

FAMILY WORSHIP

The Story of Isaac and Rebekah



Read the story in Genesis 24:1-67. Since it is long, you may want to read key parts of the story aloud and summarize the other parts.

With young children, you may want to read [The Story of Isaac and Rebekah Retold](#).

Or divide the story into five parts for younger children as suggested by Willard D. Pendleton in *Worship Stories from Genesis*. Read and discuss one part each day.

Genesis 24:1-14	The Journey
Genesis 24:15-28	Rebekah at the Well
Genesis: 24:29-49	Rebekah's Family Welcomes Abraham's Servant
Genesis 24:50-60	The Answer
Genesis 24:61-67	Rebekah and Isaac

Discussion Ideas

1. The servant was to take a long journey to find a wife for Isaac.
2. The servant took 10 camels with him on the journey to the city of Nahor in Mesopotamia. Talk about why camels were ideal for transportation.
3. Why did the servant wait by a well of water outside the city? Why were wells a good place to meet people?

4. How did Rebekah's family welcome Abraham's servant? Discuss the tradition of hospitality among ancient peoples and in many desert cultures today.
5. What parts of this story show that the Lord was leading the servant to find Rebekah for Isaac?
6. What gifts did the servant give to Rebekah? (see Genesis 24:22, 53)
7. What kinds of gifts are exchanged when people marry today?
8. Rebekah put on her veil when she was about to meet Isaac (Genesis 24:65). Discuss the custom of brides wearing veils, then and now.
9. The Lord led Isaac and Rebekah to marry, and they loved each other.

Extending the Experience by Acting Out the Story (for younger children)

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) Now pretend to be Rebekah's brother, Laban, welcoming the servant. Unload the camels and give them straw and food. Bring water to wash the feet of the servant. Then bring him food to eat.
- d) Be the servant refusing to eat until he tells them that he has come to find a wife for Isaac, and how the Lord led him to Rebekah.
- e) Now girls can be Rebekah riding on a camel to Isaac's home. Boys can be Isaac walking in the field and looking to see if Rebekah is coming.