

# ISAAC AND REBEKAH

## *A Retelling of Genesis 24*

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.