

# Isaac's Marriage to Rebekah

Genesis 24



## The Story

The LORD leads His children in their lives to do what He wants them to do. In this story you will see how He brought two strangers together so that the Lord might keep a very important promise.

Abraham was getting very old. He wanted his son Isaac to get married. Abraham told his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac, but not from the unbelieving Canaanites, who lived in the land. Abraham told the servant to go back to the land where Abraham's family still lived, many miles away. There the servant was to choose a wife for Isaac. "The Lord will help you," Abraham said.

The servant promised to do what Abraham told him to do. He loaded ten camels with many wonderful things and traveled many miles to a city called Nahor in the land of Mesopotamia. It was in the evening when he got there. The servant made his camels lie down by the well outside of the city. He knew that the women of the city would come to the well in the evening to get water. He also knew that he needed the Lord's help to find the right woman to be Isaac's wife. So the servant prayed and asked God for a sign. He said, "Lord, please be kind to me and help me find the woman You want to be Isaac's wife. When the women come to get water I will ask them for a drink. Let the young woman who gives me a drink and also offers water for my camels, be the woman You have chosen for Isaac." Before the servant finished praying, a beautiful young woman, named Rebekah, came to the well and filled her pitcher. The servant asked her for a drink and she said, "Drink sir." After he drank his water, she said, "Now I will also get some water for your camels."

The servant watched her water his camels and wondered if this could be the woman God wanted Isaac to marry. When the camels had finished drinking water, the servant gave Rebekah a beautiful gold nose ring and two gold bracelets. He asked who she was and if there was room at her father's house for him and his camels to stay with them. Rebekah told him that she was Nahor's granddaughter and that there was room for him to stay at their home. The servant knew that Nahor was Abraham's brother.

Immediately the servant bowed his head and thanked God for leading him to Abraham's family. Rebekah ran home to tell her family what had happened at the well. Then her brother Laban came back to the well and invited the servant to come and stay at their home and to eat with them. But, before the servant would eat, he wanted to tell Laban why he had come so far to find them and what had happened at the well. After Laban and Rebekah's father heard all that the servant said, they answered, "This is the Lord's doing. Here is Rebekah. Take her and go. Let her be your master's son's wife." The servant was so happy and thankful to God for helping him find Rebekah that he bowed down and worshiped God. The he gave jewelry and clothes to Rebekah and many precious things to her family.

The very next morning the servant wanted to leave. Rebekah's

family did not want her to leave so soon. They asked if she could stay for a few more days. The servant said they must leave right away. Laban asked Rebekah if she would go and she said that she would. Rebekah's family prayed for her. Then Rebekah and the servant left.

Many days later Isaac was out walking in the fields. He looked up and saw the camels coming. He walked out to meet them. Rebekah saw Isaac coming to meet them and asked the servant who he was. The servant told her it was his master, Isaac. Rebekah took a veil and covered her face. The servant told Isaac all the things that had happened on his long trip. Then Isaac took

Rebekah as his wife and he loved her. God had promised that He would send a Savior Who would take away the sins of the whole world. God had promised Abraham that the Savior would come from his family. Because Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's son the Savior would come from Isaac's family too. It was important that Isaac marry a woman who believed in the Savior as Isaac did. The Lord led the servant to Rebekah because she was the special person He chose to marry Isaac. The Savior would come from the family.

***The LORD led Isaac and Rebekah into marriage for His saving purposes.***

**Activity One** - Use the picture on page 1 for these activities.

1. Draw a circle around each person who trusted in the Lord for help.
2. Put a gold nose ring and two gold bracelets on the person the Lord wanted Isaac marry.

**Activity Two** - Circle YES if the answer is true. Circle NO if the answer is false.

1. YES NO The servant trusted in Abraham to help him find Isaac's wife.
2. YES NO Rebekah wanted to marry Isaac because she knew Isaac was rich.
3. YES NO Isaac wanted to obey his father and marry the girl his father chose for him.
4. YES NO The servant thanked God for helping him find the right woman to marry Isaac.
5. YES NO Someday Jesus would come from Isaac and Rebekah's family.
6. YES NO We should trust in the Lord to help us with all of our problems.

7. YES NO The Lord will help us find someone to marry when we are old enough.
8. YES NO We should only obey our parents when we like what they tell us to do.
9. YES NO We should thank God every day for everything He does for us.
10. YES NO Jesus was born to save us all from our sins.

***In order to carry forward the family tree of the Seed/Savior, the LORD joined Isaac with Rebekah.***

## Passages

Romans 8:31b "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

## Hymn - TLH #625 v.2

Oh, blest that house where faith ye find  
And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will!

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

We need You to lead us. Please show us the right way to go and the right things to do all our lives. Thank you for mothers and fathers and for giving us Christian friends. We love them and we love You. Amen.

**Activity Three** - Cut out the rocks from the bottom of this page that show us how keeps us on the path to heaven. Glue them below starting from when you were born ending at the word "HEAVEN". You will not use all the rocks.

**Our pathway to heaven is long and sometimes not easy.  
The LORD will lead us on our way.**

**HEAVEN**

