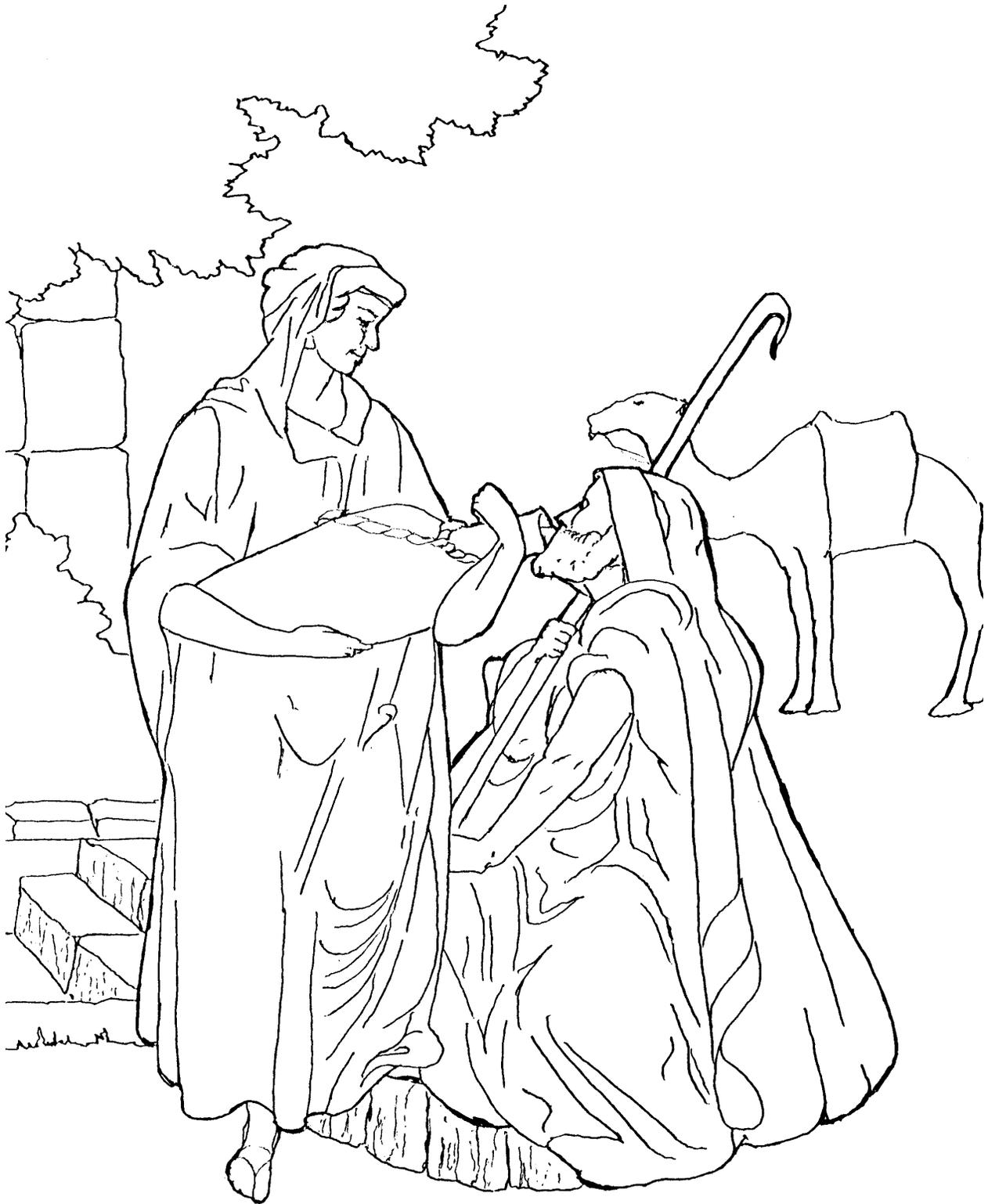


Isaac's Marriage to Rebekah

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. The Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. Now Abraham knew it was time for his son Isaac to get married. He wanted a wife for Isaac who believed in the Savior. Abraham told his oldest servant that it would be his job to find a wife for Isaac, but not from the unbelieving Canaanites, who lived in the land. Abraham made the servant promise that he would find Isaac a wife from Abraham's own family. That meant that the servant would have to travel many miles to go where Abraham's family still lived. "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 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 her family had room at her father's house for him and his camels to stay with them. Rebekah told him that she was Nahor's granddaughter. (Nahor was Abraham's brother.) She also told him they had room and plenty of food. The servant immediately 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 in their home and to eat with them. But, the servant would not eat until he told Laban why he had come and what had happened at the well. When 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. Then 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 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 their family.

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

Activity One - Answer the following.

1. Name the people in today's lesson who trusted in the Lord.
2. Write the words of Abraham to his servant that show Abraham trusted in God.
3. Why did the servant ask the Lord for help in finding the right woman to become Isaac's wife?
4. Why was it so important that the servant find a wife for Isaac from among Abraham's family?
5. Who was the important Person who would come from Isaac and Rebekah's family someday?

Activity Two - Think about the lessons we learned from today's story and what they mean for you today and talk about the following.

1. Whose help do we need as we live our lives on this earth?
2. What did you learn you should do when the Lord has helped you?
3. Isaac obeyed his father. Rebekah respected her parents and her older brother. What do we learn from these examples?

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

Activity Three - Write the words that answer these questions. Use the WORD BOX.

1. What did Rebekah cover with her veil when she saw Isaac for the first time? _____
2. What gift did the servant give Rebekah to be worn in her nose? _____
3. What was the name of the man who was getting married?

4. What time of day are we told the servant arrived at the well? _____
5. What was the name of Rebekah's grandfather?

6. What did the servant want Rebekah to give him?

7. Rebekah was Laban's _____

Nahor
Ring
Sister
Face
Evening
Drink
Isaac

Now, write the first letter of each word in your answers above, and you will find that a very special blessing from the Lord is

Christian _ _ _ _ _ .

Passages

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

Matthew 21:22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

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."

---Underline the passage which tells us that God is more powerful than our enemies.

---Circle the passage that tells us that the Lord has given us our parents to help guide us in our lives.

---Put a box around the passage that tells us that the Lord wants to help us.

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 Father in Heaven,

We want to thank You for making us Your children through faith in Jesus. We know that even as Your children our pathway to heaven will not always be easy. We know that we need You to keep us on the right path. Please guide us in all we say and do. Please give us Christian friends to cheer us while we live, and one day bring us all safely home to You in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen