

LESSON 15

God Provides a Wife for Isaac

GENESIS 24



BIBLE TRUTH

GOD'S PLAN AND OUR PRAYERS WORK TOGETHER

LESSON SNAPSHOT

1. OPENING REVIEW 5 MIN

Use last week's lesson outline to review with the children what they learned.

2. BIBLE STORY 10 MIN

Read Genesis 24:42–51 from the Scriptures or read story 15, “God Provides a Wife for Isaac,” from *The Gospel Story Bible*.

3. OBJECT LESSON 1 10 MIN

Telling the Story with Props

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ clay jug
- ✓ gold ring
- ✓ two gold bracelets
- ✓ straw

4. TEACHING/DISCUSSION 10 MIN

5. OBJECT LESSON 2 10 MIN

Finish the Question

6. SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5 MIN

7. ACTIVITY TIME 10 MIN

Coloring Activity

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ coloring page 15—one copy for each child

8. CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN

9. BONUS OBJECT LESSON 15 MIN

At the Well

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ simple costumes such as a beard for Abraham and the servant and a few sheets/towels for clothing

TOTAL 80 MIN

PREPARING TO TEACH

TEACHING POINTS

Abraham knew God would be faithful—When Abraham was old he wanted to send his servant on a journey to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham knew God would provide a wife for his son. There was no doubt in Abraham’s mind about that. Abraham’s faith came from remembering what God had already done. He knew God could be trusted completely.

Abraham’s servant prayed in faith—The prayer of Abraham’s servant was clear, specific, and detailed. He obviously believed God was able to hear and answer prayer. Why did he believe that?

As Abraham’s oldest and most trusted servant (Genesis 24:2), he certainly knew that Isaac’s birth had been miraculous. He knew that Abraham trusted God completely, and he must have seen Abraham worship God. Perhaps he had been serving Abraham long enough to see the many wonderful things that God had done. Maybe he had accompanied Abraham and Isaac to Mount Moriah and witnessed Abraham preparing to sacrifice his son. Just like Abraham, this servant trusted God because he had seen for himself that God is faithful.

God perfectly answered the servant’s prayer—What a wonderful demonstration of answered prayer! Rebekah fit the exact description the servant had prayed to God, and God arranged for everything. Rebekah appeared even before the servant stopped praying. This is just as Jesus said to his disciples, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Matthew 6:8b).

WHERE IS JESUS? _____

How does today's Bible story fit into God's greater plan of redemption?

Read Ephesians 1:3–5, 11.

Paul tells us that as Christians we are predestined, or chosen, according to God's plan. This is similar to how God chose Rebekah for Isaac. Abraham's servant prayed for God to show him a certain kind of woman for Isaac, and at that moment God had Rebekah walk to the well. God had already planned it!

God had an even larger plan in mind. Rebekah became Isaac's wife, and from their descendants Jesus was born. Long before Jesus was born God chose people and arranged the events of their lives in order to carry out his plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. Isaac's wife became an important part of that wonderful saving plan!

THE LESSON

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Tell the story and pass around the objects from the story when you get to them. The objects should bring interest to the story as you read it.

TEACHING/DISCUSSION 10 MIN

Using the teaching points, teach through the lesson for today.

OBJECT LESSON 2 10 MIN

Finish the Question

Even before Abraham’s servant finished his prayer, God was answering it (see Genesis 24:15). In order to emphasize God’s amazing ability to know our prayers even before we ask (Psalm 139:4), ask the children to give you the second half of the questions below. Share the “Question Start” and ask them to guess the “Question Finish”—and then answer the question.

No.	Question Start	Question Finish	Answer
1	What president can be found ...	on the quarter?	Washington
2	Who was crucified ...	next to Jesus?	Two thieves
3	What treasure can you find at ...	the end of a rainbow?	A pot of gold
4	What are the two professional football teams ...	in the state of Pennsylvania?	Steelers and Eagles
5	What did Benjamin Franklin ...	discover with a key and kite?	Electricity
6	How many pennies ...	make one dollar?	One hundred
7	Who was the first man ...	on the moon?	Neil Armstrong
8	What happened when Moses ...	put his staff on the ground?	It turned into a snake.
9	How many ears of corn ...	are there in one dozen?	Twelve
10	Who bombed ...	Pearl Harbor?	The Japanese

Then ask the class the following questions:

- What do we learn about God when we realize he was able to answer the servant's prayer even before he was finished praying?
(We learn that God is all knowing and all powerful; all knowing because he knew what the servant was going to pray even before he finished and all powerful because he was able to arrange for the circumstances to happen exactly as the servant requested in his prayer.)
- How should knowing this story encourage our faith in Jesus?
(If God could answer prayer for Abraham's servant, he can answer our prayers too.)
- What is the most important thing we can ask God for?
(The most important thing anyone can pray is that God change their heart and save them.)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5 MIN

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

ACTIVITY TIME 10 MIN

Coloring Activity

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ coloring page 15—one copy for each child

While the children are coloring, engage them by asking the following questions:

- What was the sign Abraham's servant prayed God would fulfill so he would know the right woman?
(The servant prayed that God would allow the right woman to be the one who offered both him and his camels a drink.)
- What do you think the servant thought about God after Rebekah offered both him and his camels water?
(The servant's faith in God must certainly have been strengthened and his confidence in choosing the right wife for his master's son grew because of the answered prayer. At first he was afraid, but after God answered his prayers, he was not afraid anymore.)

CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN

Pick several children to pray prayers based on the day's scripture passages.

BONUS OBJECT LESSON 15 MIN

At the Well

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ simple costumes such as a beard for Abraham and the servant and a few sheets/towels for clothing

Explain to the children that you are going to act out the Bible story and need their help. You are going to play the role of the narrator and want to know who would like to participate in the skit.

Select children to play the following roles:

Abraham

Abraham's servant

Rebekah

Ten camels (increase or decrease the number of camels to include the entire class if you wish)

Share the story, and when Abraham's servant sets out on his journey (Genesis 24:10), have him lead the camels around your classroom. Stop for a minute to allow them time to travel before going on to read Genesis 24:12. Then continue with the story. When you are done acting out the drama, ask the class, "What does this story teach us about Abraham? about Abraham's servant? about God?" Use the teaching points from this lesson to help your students come up with answers.

LESSON 15 - GOD PROVIDES A WIFE FOR ISAAC

