LESSON 21

FINDING A WIFE FOR ISAAC



Aim: **To teach the children that God guides us clearly when we trust him.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 24:1-31; 24:50-67**

Memory Verse: **Genesis 24:27**
"Praise be to the Lord … who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness …"

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Ask the children to tell you about the preparations their families make for a wedding.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Abraham was a very old man by now and his son, Isaac, was still unmarried. So he called his trusted servant and told him to go and find a wife for Isaac. The servant had to travel a long way, back to the land Abraham had come from. That was because Abraham did not want Isaac to leave the Promised Land, but he also didn't want him to take a wife from the heathen tribes among whom they were living. Abraham made the servant swear a special oath that he would follow his master's instructions. **Show Picture 21**. Abraham also told the servant that God would guide him in his search (24:1-9).
2. The servant took 10 of Abraham's camels loaded with gifts. He travelled to the city of Nahor and asked God to guide him to find the right wife for Isaac (24:10-14).
3. As the servant was resting his camels at the well outside the city, a beautiful young woman named Rebekah came to fetch water for her family. She willingly drew water for Abraham's servant and his camels. Then the servant knew she was the right wife for Isaac (24:15-21).
4. When the servant went to meet Rebekah's family, he discovered that she was the daughter of Abraham's own brother! He praised God for guiding him and answering his prayer (24:22-27).
5. Abraham's servant was welcomed into Rebekah's home and the marriage arrangements were made straight away (24:28-31, 50-61). The servant repeatedly thanked God for his faithful guidance.
6. That is how Rebekah became Isaac's wife (24:62-67).
7. Abraham died when he was 175 years old. All his life he had trusted God to guide him. God had called Abraham to follow him and he blessed Abraham and his descendants, just as he had promised he would.

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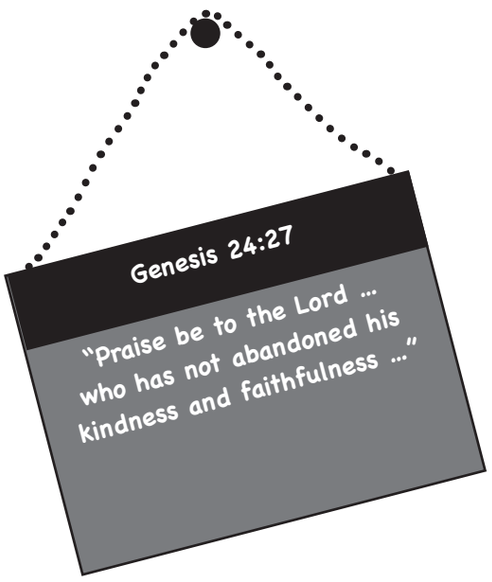


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

We can learn from the example of this servant, who knew he could not carry out Abraham's instructions without God's help. So he prayed and then he repeatedly thanked God for his faithful guidance. He also told other people how God had guided him.

Share an example of God's guidance in your own life.



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