#### Lesson 11:

#### The Search for Isaac’s Wife

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Genesis 24

MEMORY WORK:

Genesis 1:1

Days of Creation

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Because marriage is part of God’s plan for happy homes, I must be very careful whom I choose to marry.

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| **LESSON STARTS HERE** |

INTRODUCTION:

We have learned a lot from Abraham and how he obeyed God. Who was his son? (Isaac) Today, we are going to talk about Isaac finding a wife.

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

* + 1. As we have talked about before, from the time of Adam and Eve, God planned for one man and one woman to be husband and wife for life. God planned for marriage so that we would not be lonely and so that we would have someone to help us get to heaven. Today, in our country, young people go out on dates and spend time together and make their own choices about whom they will marry. But in Bible times, parents chose a husband or wife for their children (Parents still make these choices for their children in some countries and cultures.). The parents were very careful about choosing the man or woman they thought was best for their daughter or son.
    2. Sarah died at the age of 127, and Isaac missed his mother very much. Isaac was 37 years old when his mother died, and he still wasn’t married (cf. Genesis 17:17; 23:1). His father, Abraham, was quite old (137) and was concerned that his son was so lonely. But Abraham didn’t want Isaac to marry a woman from the idol-worshipping people around them. He wanted a wife for his son who would worship the one true God. So he sent his oldest and most trusted servant (probably Eliezer, cf. Genesis 15:2) back to the land he had left many years before to find Isaac a wife.
    3. The servant asked God to help him find the right woman to be Isaac’s wife. He asked God to give him a sign: if he asked a young woman for water and she also watered his camels, then the servant would know that young woman was the right one. After a very long journey, the servant finally arrived at the city of Nahor (Describe the servant’s long trip and the scene at the well with Rebekah.). Rebekah was not only willing to help him; she was willing to do even more than she was asked (Rebekah was the granddaughter of Abraham’s brother, Nahor.).
    4. Rebekah’s father, Bethuel, and her brother, Laban, gave permission for her to go with Abraham’s servant and marry Isaac. The servant gave many gifts to Rebekah and her family, as was the custom at that time. She willingly left her family and traveled for months to a faraway country she had never seen, to marry a man she had never met God had promised Abraham that he would have a son. Abraham waited 25 years for this promise to be fulfilled. He was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Because Isaac was the only son that Abraham and Sarah had together, he was very special to them.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISUALS (note disclaimers):

##### Betty Lukens’ felt pieces

* ABeka Flash-a-Card Series (DISCLAIMER: use the cards, not the lesson book)
* Free Bible Images – Saved on flash drive. Can be presented on classroom tv. Script included in lesson file.
* Wedding album
* Act out stories with props: Bible costumes, bracelets, bucket/pail

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS:

##### “Father Abraham”\*

Father Abraham had many sons

And many sons had Father Abraham

And I am one of them and so are you

So let’s all praise the Lord

(Right arm)

V.2 (Left arm)

V.3 ( Right foot

V.4 (Left foot)

V.5 (Chin up)

V.6 (Tongue out)

V.7 (Turn Around, sit down)

\*Discuss how God kept his promise to Abram that he would have a big family – many sons. Christians are adopted into the family of Abraham through Christ. This is how we are sons of Abraham.

**“3 Wandering Jews”**

Once there were 3 wandering Jews (repeat)

Wandering, wandering, Jew-Jew-Jews (repeat)

Once there were 3 wandering Jews.

The first one’s name was Abraham (repeat)

Abra-Abra-ham-ham-ham (repeat)

The first one’s name was Abraham

The second one’s name was Isaac (repeat)

I-I-saac-saac-saac, (repeat)

The second one’s name was Isaac

The third one’s name was Jacob(repeat)

Ja-Ja-cob-cob-cob, (repeat)

The third one’s name was Jacob.

The all went down to Canaan land, (repeat)

Canaan, Canaan, land, land, land, (repeat)

They all went down to Canaan land.

### SUNDAY

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Wedding Albums – Bring pictures of modern day weddings. Discuss how the wedding is the beginning of the marriage. Emphasize the importance of choosing a good spouse.
* Make Bracelets - Use pipe cleaners and pony beads to make bracelets. Discuss how Rebekah was given bracelets as a gift when she agreed to marry Isaac. Discuss how married couples exchange wedding rings today.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review Sunday’s lesson. (See [Review Questions](http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/4-24-32RQ.pdf) for example questions.)

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* This is a good time to do a review of all the Abraham lessons using a basic gameboard such as candyland. Refer to review questions from previous lessons. For large classes students should play in pairs or as teams.

### Review Questions

### 1. How old was Sarah when she died?

### a. .127

### 2. How old was Isaac when his mother died?

### a.37

### 3. Where did Abraham send his servant to look for a wife for his son?

### a. Nahor

### 4. Why did Abraham send his servant to Nahor instead of the city that he lived in?

### a. He wanted someone from his family to marry Isaac.

### 5. Who did the servant ask for assistance to find Isaac a wife?

### a.God

### 6. Where did the servant find Isaac’s wife?

### a.By a well

### 7. How did he know that she was the one?

### a.Because she helped the servant water his camels, and she invited him back to her house, as the servant had prayed

### 8. What was Isaac’s wife’s name?

### a.Rebekah

### 9. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac?

### a.Got off her camel and covered her face with a veil

### 10. How many years had Isaac’s mother been dead when he got married?

### a. Three

### Additional Notes / Activities Performed & Curriculum Feed Back

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