

Lesson 12: Isaac with Rebekah – Isaac Gets Married

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Genesis Chapter 23-24: Sarah dies and Abraham finds a wife for Isaac
- 2) Learn the importance of being kind and hospitable.
- 3) Do activities that remind students to be kind and helpful to others.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- A Kind Girl Rebekah Activity Sheet - one per child

Optional:

- Be Kind Snow Scene – one per child
- Glue sticks- enough to share
- Cotton balls – enough for each child to have 10-15 each
- Goodie Bag Template printed on cardstock paper – one per child/2 per page
- Small candies or chocolates individually wrapped – 6 per child for each basket
- Tape or Glue- enough to share
- Curly ribbon – one piece each bag – 12 inches long approximately.
- Storybook of this chapter in Genesis with pictures to show kids (if available) and/or
- Flannel Display Board and characters to show the story of this chapter. (if available)

Snack:

- Star shaped cheese or other star shaped snack enough per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance. Once children are seated say:

Today we will learn about Abraham's son Isaac and how he got married!

2) Sarah Dies

5-10 minutes

Read the story in Genesis **23:1-4, and 19-20** and then ask the following questions:

How old was Sarah when she died? 127 years old

Where was Sarah buried? In Hebron in a cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre.

Any questions? If not move on to next activity.

3) Isaac and Rebekah

10-15 minutes

Optional: if you have a book with pictures, visual aids, or flannel characters, etc. you can use those as visuals while reading from the Bible.

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to **Genesis 24**. Read **Genesis 24:1-27**.

Ask the following questions:

What did the servant of Abraham's do to make sure he got the right girl before he even saw her? He prayed to God for help!

What did he pray would happen? That the right girl would come and not only give him water but his camels also. *This would be someone who was very strong, able, and kind as camels needed a lot of water and she would have to go and fill and carry her jar many, many times!

Who was Rebekah related too? She was Abraham's brother Nahor's granddaughter.

What did Eliezer do in verse 27? Praised God and thanked Him!

Read **Genesis 24:28-32** and **49-67**

Did she go with the servant? Yes

Did Isaac marry her? Yes.

And what does it say about Isaac and Rebekah in verse 67? Isaac loved her and she comforted him.

What are some ways we can be kind like Rebekah today? Allow students to list various ways.

Allow for questions, state that you will come back next week with answers if the questions are too big for you to deal with this week and address the person next week if appropriate. Then, move on to the next activity. Always have the children look to the Bible for their answers and help them find the verses they need.

4) Kind Girl Activity Sheet

10 minutes

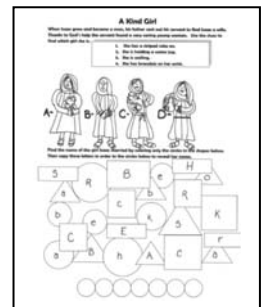
Hand out one sheet to each student along with pencil crayons. Read the directions aloud and have students draw a line to the correct girl. Then read the next set of directions

And have students color the circles to reveal the name of the girl Isaac married Rebekah! ***Remind them to color ONLY the circles and to go from left to right starting at the top when copying the letters to the circles below.

Discuss:

What kind things did Rebekah do? Helped a stranger, cared for animals, was hospitable and went to her family to see how they could help Eliezer as well.

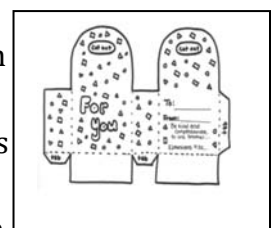
ANSWERS: D Rebekah



5) Optional: Goodie Bags - Be Kind to Others

10-15 minutes

Hand out one template of the Goodie Bag to each child. Hand out pencil crayons and have children color the goodie bag. Have them write the name of the person they are going to give the gift too. Then when they have colored it, hand out scissors to cut out the bag. Cut out the ovals at the top as well where the handles will be, but do not cut out the tabs. Then fold tabs and glue or tape them together. Once the bag is complete hand out candies to put in each bag and have



them put them aside to hand out to their special person after church - remind them the importance of giving and being kind and not to eat the candies for themselves! Tie the ribbon on the top of the bag to close it. *Save a candy for each child and after they are all done and have cleaned up give them each one candy for a job well done to eat as a treat.

6) Memory Verse**1-2 minutes**

Recite the Memory Verse **Genesis 15:6** as a group. You can choose from one of the following:
Abraham believed God, and He (God) accounted it to him for righteousness. (NKJV)
Abram believed the Lord, and He (God) credited it to him as righteousness. (NIV)

7) Optional: Be Kind Snow Scene Activity Sheet**10-15 minutes**

Hand out one template to each child of the boy shoveling snow. Hand out crayons, glue, and cotton balls. Read the directions on the sheet aloud and have the children follow along coloring the page, putting on cotton balls with glue and then discuss the following questions as they work:

What does the verse say on the page? Children are known by their actions as being good or bad.

What is this boy doing that is good? Shoveling snow.

What are some kind or good things you have done this week? Allow students to answer.

What are some kind things you think you could do this coming week or today? Allow students to answer.

Let's all try to do something kind every day this week!

Any questions? If not move on to next activity after cleaning up.

8) Optional – Snack: Cheese cut in Star Shapes or other star shaped snack 5 minutes

Hand out star shaped snacks to each child along with a glass of water or juice to each child.

Explain that, **“When we studied before we learned that God promised to make Abraham’s descendants too numerous to count, more than the stars in the sky. These snacks are to remind us of how we are each a descendant of Abraham because we too believe in God and have faith in God like Abraham! It also reminds us of Isaac and Rebekah – Isaac was the son of Abraham.** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

9) Optional – Songs**5 minutes**

Have children sing songs with you. Some examples:

- 1) **Old Testament Books of the Bible – Sung to the Alphabet song**
- 2) **Twinkle, Twinkle – Abraham’s family son** – see lyrics from lesson 5
- 3) **Father Abraham Song with Actions** – see lyrics from lesson 3.

10) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Pray that we can remember to be kind like Rebekah and seek opportunities to show others we are kind.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!