

UNIT 2 | SESSION 4

Splash 12/11/24

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

GENESIS 24-25



KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 100:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God was faithful to provide a wife for Isaac. Abraham's servant brought back Rebekah so Isaac could know and love her. God sent His servant—Jesus—to seek and save people from sin and death. Jesus was faithful. He died and rose again so that people could know and love Him.

STORY POINT: God gave Isaac a wife to keep His promises to bless the nations.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

LEADER Bible Study

In Genesis 24–25, we find the next step in God’s plan for Abraham: finding a wife for Isaac. The first verse reveals that God blessed Abraham in everything. Abraham had trusted in God, who had taken him from his native land and had sworn to provide for his every need. Now, he trusted God to fulfill the next step in His promises, believing God would guide his servant’s steps in the search for Isaac’s wife.

How do we see God’s continued faithfulness to His promise in the story of Rebekah and Isaac? How can that encourage us today?

Abraham wanted to make sure his son’s wife would be from his own land and people, not from the land of Canaan. So, he sent his trusted servant on a mission to find the wife God would provide. Prayerfully, the servant asked God for favor on this journey. But before he had finished asking God to bless him on this mission, God was already answering his prayer.

God had gone before Abraham’s servant to provide for Isaac. The servant’s immediate response to Rebekah’s kindness was worship to the God who “has not withheld his kindness and faithfulness.” Rebekah’s family knew Abraham’s servant had likewise been blessed by God and answered in response to this marriage proposal: “This is from the LORD; we have no choice in the matter.” They trusted in God’s goodness on their behalf and allowed His plans to unfold, just as He had spoken.

God’s promise to bless Abraham hinged upon His provision of a wife for Isaac. Yet, God’s provision is not contingent upon human reason or ability. God demonstrated His sovereign kindness to Abraham, his family, and his servant through fulfilling His Word to them. The same is true in God’s plan of redemption; He provided the ultimate One we needed—Jesus—to fulfill the covenant He made in Genesis! Jesus was sent to us to be the Servant we needed to fulfill God’s mission of restoring our relationship to Him.

Ask God to continue revealing Himself to those learning of Him through today’s session. Pray that He would make His ways known to them, that redemption and salvation would take hold of their lives as they grow to understand His great love for them in Jesus.



PREPARE

THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach;
plan the session



WELCOME

10–15 MINUTES

Greet kids
and open
the session



LEARN

25–30 MINUTES

Teach kids
the story of
the gospel



LOVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to
love the God of
the gospel



LIVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to live
out the mission
of the gospel



PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

Keep a regular supply of the following items available at all times: Bibles, pens or pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue or tape, paper.



WELCOME

Activity Page

- ☐ "What's Missing?" activity page

Session Starter (Option 1)

- ☐ stuffed animals, 10
- ☐ blue construction paper



LOVE

Review & Bible Skills

- ☐ Small Group Timeline and Map Set (optional)



LIVE

Activity Choice (Option 1)

- ☐ buckets, 2 or 3

Activity Choice (Option 2)

- ☐ play dough canisters, 1 per kid

Reflection and Prayer

- ☐ Bible Story Coloring Page (optional)



LEARN

Introduce the Session

- ☐ countdown video
- ☐ Story Point Poster

Big Picture Question

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster

Review the Timeline

- ☐ Giant Timeline

Tell the Bible Story

- ☐ "A Wife for Isaac" video
- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster
- ☐ Old Testament Mediterranean Map (optional)

Questions from Kids

- ☐ "Unit 2, Session 4" Questions from Kids video

Missions Moment

- ☐ "Reliant Church" missions video

Key Passage Activity

- ☐ Key Passage Poster
- ☐ "The Lord Is Good (Psalm 100:5)" song
- ☐ worship song of your choice (optional)



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY 🗨️ Have you ever had to search for something you lost or maybe just something you wanted? What was it? Did you ever find it? 🗨️

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “What’s Missing?” activity page.

SAY 🗨️ In today’s Bible story, we’ll see how Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. 🗨️

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: HIDE AND SEEK

Before the session, hide 10 stuffed animals around the room. Lay a sheet of blue construction paper on the floor and tell kids it to pretend it is a “well of water.” Challenge kids to seek out the 10 animals. Encourage kids to work together to find the animals. Consider placing some animals in easy to see areas, while making others more challenging to find. Once they find an animal, invite them to bring it to the blue piece of paper, pretending the animals need a drink of water.

SAY 🗨️ You all worked hard to search and find the animals. Today, we will learn how Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant didn’t know exactly who he was supposed to find, but he prayed and asked God for help. Let’s get ready to hear how **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES TO BLESS THE NATIONS.** 🗨️

☐ OPTION 2: MAY I?



Play a game similar to “Mother, may I?” by choosing one kid to be It. Lead It to stand at one end of the room, while the remaining kids stand at the other end of the room. It will then call out the name of a kid and say, “[Kid’s name], take two steps forward.” The kid must then ask, “May I?” If It says, “yes,” then the kid may move. If It says, “no,” the kid remains in place. Tell kids that if they move without saying “May I?” they are out. Play until one kid is the first to reach It. Play again as time allows, choosing a new kid to be It.

SAY 🗨️ Before you were allowed to take a step, you needed to ask. Today, we will see that before Abraham’s servant found a wife for Isaac, he asked for God’s help. The servant trusted that God would provide the right wife for Isaac. Let’s get ready to hear how we can always trust God too. 🗨️

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “Welcome, kids! My name is [your name], and I am so glad you’re here. If you have your Bible with you, will you hold it up? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

When we read our Bible, we learn how God provides for His children. God loves us and wants us to trust that He will take care of us. As we hear today’s Bible story, we will see how God provided a wife for Isaac, Abraham’s son. We’ll learn how **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES TO BLESS THE NATIONS**. [Display the Story Point Poster.] Let’s ask God to help us trust in His promises and that He will provide as we listen to our story today. [Invite kids to pray with you.] ”

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

SAY “Does God keep His promises? Do you remember the answer? [Allow responses.] **Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.** God always tells the truth, and He always does what He says He will do.

Last week, we learned that God kept His promise to give Abraham a son. **God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.** Today, we will see how God continued to keep His promise by providing a wife for Isaac so that Abraham’s family would grow into a great nation. ”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “God called Abraham to move to a new land and made a promise to bless the world through Abraham’s family. When Abraham was 100 years old, his son Isaac was born. God was faithful to His promise. Last week, we learned that Abraham trusted God even when he didn’t understand God’s plan. Today, we will see how **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP THE PROMISE HE MADE TO ABRAHAM TO BLESS THE NATIONS.** ”



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story



1 TELL THE **BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER** (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Genesis 24:1–25:18. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “A Wife for Isaac.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

“ Abraham lived many years. Before he died, he wanted to find a wife for his son Isaac. He asked his best servant to find Isaac a wife—not from the Canaanites who lived near them, but from his own people. This was a hard job because the woman would need to agree to move away from her family and come to the land God had promised to Abraham. **Abraham said, “The Lord will send an angel before you.” God would help the servant with this task.**

The servant took 10 camels with him on the journey to Abraham’s homeland. When the servant arrived, he stopped with the camels at a well outside of a town. In the evenings, women would come and draw water from this well.

The servant prayed to God. He said, “When the young women come to draw water, I will say ‘May I have a drink, too?’ If one of the women says, ‘Drink, and I’ll also draw water for your camels,’ let her be the woman you have chosen for Abraham’s son Isaac.”

Before the servant had finished his prayer, Rebekah walked up to the well with a jug on her shoulder. She was not married, and she was part of Abraham’s people. The servant saw that she was very beautiful. She could be a perfect wife for Isaac!

The servant said, “Please let me have a little water from your jug.” Rebekah replied, “Drink, and I’ll also draw water for your camels.” God had answered the servant’s prayer; this was the woman God had chosen!

The servant gave gifts to Rebekah—a gold ring and two gold bracelets—and asked if he could stay in her father’s house for the night. When she said yes, the servant knelt and worshiped God. God had showed His faithfulness and kindness to Abraham. They went to Rebekah’s house, where **the servant met her father Bethuel and her brother Laban.**

The servant told Bethuel and Laban all that had happened. They agreed with Rebekah that she should be Isaac’s wife. The servant gave the family many gifts, and then they returned to Canaan. **Isaac loved Rebekah, and she became his wife.**

Christ Connection: God was faithful to provide a wife for Isaac. Abraham’s servant brought back Rebekah so Isaac could know and love her. God sent His servant—Jesus—to seek and save people from sin and death. Jesus was faithful. He died and rose again so that people could know and love Him. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Make prayer hands: Invite kids to hold their hands like they are praying when you share how the servant prayed to God.

Map it out: Display the Old Testament Mediterranean Map and show kids the land of Canaan (F10) and the land of Rebekah’s family (D10).



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ Abraham was growing older and wanted his son Isaac to find a wife. But he didn’t want Isaac to marry a woman from the land of Canaan. The women in Canaan did not follow the one true God. Where did Abraham send his servant to find a wife for Isaac? **[Allow responses.]** Abraham sent his servant back to the land he was from. The servant was faithful to do what Abraham asked.

The servant stopped at a well. What did the servant do while he waited for the women to come to the well? **[Allow responses.]** He prayed and ask God to show him the woman Isaac should marry. Before the servant had finished praying, God provided an answer to his prayer. God hears our prayers and is faithful to give us what we need and based on what He knows is best for us.

Rebekah showed a kind heart that was willing to help others. What did she do for Abraham’s servant? **[Allow responses.]** She not only provided water for the servant but also for his camels. Then she was willing to leave her family and her home to marry Isaac. Isaac loved Rebekah, and she became his wife.

Abraham sent his servant on a mission to seek a wife for Isaac and bring her back to Canaan. God was faithful to provide a wife for Isaac. Abraham’s servant brought back Rebekah so Isaac could know and love her. God sent His servant—His Son, Jesus—to seek and save people from sin and death. Jesus was faithful. He died and rose again so that people could know and love Him. ”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY “ God loves us more than we can even imagine. He proved His love for us when He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Do you know the love of God? Have you asked Jesus to save you from your sins? ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 2, Session 4” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. If God knows everything and our every need, why do we need to pray?
2. How has God provided for our greatest need through His Son, Jesus?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY “ Chris and Kayla McCormick were both raised in Indiana and are now helping start churches in Indiana. They are passionate about helping others know and follow Jesus. They also serve people by helping with foster care and adoption. The McCormicks are members of Reliant Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. ”

Play the missions video. Pray that Reliant Church will trust that God will provide everything they need, just as God provided for the needs of Abraham and Isaac. Ask God to help the church reach more people for Jesus.

Optional. ~ 1m 50sec.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 100:5 together.

SAY 🗣️ God's promise to bless the world through Abraham is passed on to us through Jesus. We are part of the generation who gets to experience the faithful love of God. 🗣️

Lead kids to form a circle, standing close together while holding hands. Choose one kid to say the first word of the key passage and shake the hand of the kid on her right. Then guide that kid to say the second word of the key passage and shake the hand of the kid to his right. Continue to go around the circle until the key passage is completed.

✳️ Lead kids to sing "The Lord Is Good (Psalm 100:5)." You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Dear God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. We put our trust in You because we know You are always faithful. Help us be faithful to Your Word. Amen. 🗣️

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the Old Testament Mediterranean Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Genesis 24. Invite kids to find how many verses are in Genesis 24. Remind kids that books of the Bible are organized by chapter and verse numbers.

Consider pointing out the location of Nahor (D10), where Rebekah lived, on the Old Testament Mediterranean Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Genesis 24:14 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verses aloud.

SAY 🙏 Abraham's servant displayed faith in God by praying to Him. He asked God to provide the right wife for Isaac and asked God specifically to help him know who she would be. God answered his prayer.

God hears our prayers too. He may not always answer how we expect, but He is faithful to listen and give us exactly what is best. We can trust Him just as Abraham's servant trusted Him to provide a wife for Isaac. 🙏

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🙏 When do you pray to God? How has God answered your prayers? 🙏

Answers will vary. Encourage kids to continue praying to God. Tell kids that prayer is a way we trust God, know Him more, and depend on Him. Help kids see that God is delighted to listen to their prayers and will always do what is best for them.

SAY 🙏 Why was it important that Isaac find a wife? 🙏

Discuss how God's promises to Abraham included growing Abraham's family into a great nation. Tell kids that when Isaac married Rebekah, their family had an opportunity to grow. Tell kids that they'll continue to learn how Abraham's family increased to many more people.

SAY 🙏 Rebekah showed kindness to Abraham's servant. How does showing kindness to others display love for God? 🙏

Prompt kids to remember how all people are created in God's image. Discuss how loving others displays love for God because He created people and loves them. Encourage kids to show kindness to the people in their lives and to seek ways to serve others. Discuss how being kind and serving others gives us opportunities to share God's love and faithfulness.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE the Mission

1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: BALANCE THE BUCKET

Tell kids that it was common for women to carry water from the wells during Bible times. Challenge kids to balance an empty bucket on their heads. Lead kids to form two or three lines and provide the first kid in each line with an empty bucket. When you say “go,” direct kids to balance the bucket on their heads and slowly walk to the other end of the room while saying the story point:

GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES TO BLESS THE NATIONS. See who can keep the bucket balanced the longest before it falls. Repeat, allowing all kids to have a turn.

SAY “That wasn’t an easy task. And it wasn’t an easy task for the servant to find Rebekah or for Rebekah to leave her family. But they kept their faith in God’s faithfulness to keep His promises. We can rely on God to help guide us and to provide. He will always keep His promises to us.”

☐ OPTION 2: CLAY CREATIONS



Provide each kid with play dough. Lead kids to use their play dough to create different elements from the Bible story such as clay jars, bracelets, camels, and a well. After kids make their clay creations, invite them to share how they were used in today’s story.

SAY “In every aspect of our story, we saw God’s faithfulness. He was faithful to allow Rebekah to take her water jar to the well. God was faithful to answer the servant’s prayer as Rebekah gave water to the camels and to him. God was faithful to give Rebekah a heart that chose to become Isaac’s wife. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP THE PROMISE HE MADE TO ABRAHAM TO BLESS THE NATIONS.** God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.”

2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids. If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.