

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 6 • Week 4

ISAAC AND REBEKAH—TRUST IN GOD

OBJECTIVE:

To teach trust in God through the story of Abraham trusting God to choose a wife for his son Isaac.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Supplies: Jigsaw puzzle with 500 or more pieces

Do: Gather children around a table or in a circle on the floor. Now dump out the puzzle pieces. Let each child choose one puzzle piece. Then give them a few minutes to try to find a piece that fits with theirs. The children will see how difficult it is to find the piece they need.

Say: Today we will learn how Abraham trusted God to find the right wife for his son among many thousands of young ladies.

BIBLE LESSON:

Tell the story of Isaac and Rebekah in Genesis 24 or read from a children's Bible storybook. One you may like to use is *Stories of God and His People*, by Gross and Mueller (Concordia Publishing House, 1992, pp. 30-31).

Say: Abraham wanted to find the right wife for Isaac. He sent his servant to where his family used to live, but neither Abraham nor his servant knew who Isaac's wife would be. Abraham did not expect God to do everything in finding Isaac a wife. He was willing to do his part in searching for the one God may be selecting.

Ask: What would you do if you were Abraham's servant in order to find the right wife?

Response: Children may have different answers...prayer is the key.

- Discuss: How the servant prayed to God for guidance. Show what he prayed and how Rebekah responded.
- Ask: What kind of girl do you think Rebekah was?
- Response: Kind, serving, respectful, etc.
- Read: Verses 18-20 that relate to Rebekah.
- Read: Verses 26-27 that tell how the servant thanked God for leading him to make a right choice.
- Say: We have choices to make between doing what is right and doing what is wrong. We must have God's help and trust Him to help us make right choices.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Have students act out a little play of the story. Begin with the servant coming to the well and Rebekah drawing out water for the servant.

MUSIC:

"Honor Your Father and Mother" by Steve Green. This is on the tape *Hide 'Em in Your Heart*, Bible Memory Melodies, Vol. 2 (The Sparrow Corporation, P. O. Box 5010, Brentwood, TN 37024-5010). There are many songs on this tape suitable for Sabbath School classes.

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalms 56:4 "In God I have put my trust; I will not fear."

family activity

THE POINT:

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ASK ME...

- To tell the story of Abraham wanting to find a wife for Isaac.
- What did Abraham's servant do?
- What did Rebekah do that showed she was the right one.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Talk about the following points:

- Abraham first of all wanted his son to find a Godly woman—just like we want for our children.
- Abraham made an effort to locate a suitable wife. He did not simply expect God to bring one to him. We have to do our part if we want God to help us.
- Ask your child what kind of woman Rebecca was and why they think that way.

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