



LESSON 2
ISAAC AND REBEKAH

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 24

GOD'S BIG STORY: Abraham's servant travels to find a wife for Abraham's son Isaac. God provides a bride, Rebekah, and proves faithful in keeping His promises.

WORD OF WONDER: Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. —from Deuteronomy 7:9

CURIOSITY

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FAITH

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Faithful Preschool Spotify playlist



LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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I often read the Bible and wonder how people could mistrust God. He spoke directly to you! You heard Him with your own ears. How could you not trust that He will do what He said?

But I look back at my own life and realize that even if I heard God's audible voice, I would still struggle to trust. It is who we are. God shows up in smoke and fire and a booming voice, and the next day we wonder if it really happened. The enemy continues trying to persuade us to mistrust—*did God really say that?*

When have you struggled to trust Him, despite God's past faithfulness to you?

The journey with Jesus isn't a sprint. Abraham had a long road with God—ups and downs, caused by Abraham's unfaithfulness. But by the end of his life, Abraham seems to have finally realized that God is faithful and knows He will provide a wife for Isaac.

As I ponder this story, my prayer is that it won't take me until the end of my life to consistently put my faith in the Lord. May my trust overflow as I look back and see how God showed up. May I be able to remember that God is faithful.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

The “best servant” in Abraham’s house is likely the same head servant mentioned in Genesis 15:2. His name was Eliezer of Damascus. He oversaw all of Abraham’s possessions. Before Ishmael and Isaac were born, he was considered the heir of Abraham’s fortune and property.

WHAT?

Isaac has grown up. Abraham knows that part of God keeping His promise of having as many descendants as the stars means his son will need to marry. Abraham sends his servant to find a woman from Abraham’s home country for Isaac. His servant finds Rebekah, and she marries Isaac.

WHERE?

Abraham is living in Canaan, which is the land God promised to give him and his children (Genesis 17:8). It’s found in modern-day Lebanon, southern Syria, and Israel. Abraham’s servant travels to Abraham’s home country of Mesopotamia in the Euphrates Valley.

WHEN?

Abraham probably lived between 2100 to 1800 BC. Sarah had just died, and Abraham purchased a place to bury her from the Hittites (Genesis 23) who were a major power in the nineteenth century BC. Abraham died soon after Isaac was married, and he left everything to Isaac.

CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY

Through Isaac, God’s promise to Abraham grows. Isaac and Rebekah have a son named Jacob whom God blesses and calls Israel. Israel is the nation from whom the Messiah would be born. Israel’s Messiah—Jesus—fulfills the Abrahamic promise through which the blessings of God open to all nations.



Curiosity

Belief

Faith

Identity

LESSON 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Play Stations

SUPPLIES: baby dolls, stuffed animals, toy food, plates, spoons, bowls or plastic containers, bins or tubs (2), water, coloring utensils, large towel (optional), small miscellaneous toys (optional)

RESOURCES: [Isaac and Rebekah Coloring Sheet \(1 per kid\)](#)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

"Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today? "

Play Station: Animal and Doll Play

Set-up: Set out baby dolls, stuffed animals, toy food, plates, and spoons.

Play: Encourage kids to have fun as they practice feeding and taking care of animals and baby dolls. Tell them they'll be learning today about someone who fed some animals.

Play Station: At the Well

Set-up: Set two bins or tubs filled with water on a table. Consider placing tubs on a large towel or having one available for easy cleanup. Place various plastic containers and spoons next to the tubs.

Play: Allow kids to play and explore water by transporting water between the two tubs using the provided containers.

Play Station: Isaac and Rebekah Coloring Sheet

Set-up: Print one copy per kid of the Coloring Sheet. Set out the Coloring Sheets and coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw gifts they would send if they were meeting a special person.

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, colored paper (1 sheet of each: blue, red, green, yellow), marker

WORD OF WONDER

Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God.

—from Deuteronomy 7:9

Ahead of time, write the Word of Wonder on colored paper with parts of the verse on each color, as follows:

- Blue paper—Know that the Lord
- Red paper—Your God is God.
- Green paper—He is the faithful
- Yellow paper—God.

Open your Bible to Deuteronomy 7:9. Practice saying the verse with the kids several times. Once kids are familiar with the verse, ask them to sit in a circle. Place the colored verse sheets in the middle of the circle and mix up their order. Challenge kids to put the parts of the verse in order without using their hands, only their elbows or feet. Even kids who cannot read can still help put the verse in order according to the colors you call out. Help kids get the verse in the correct order by calling out the color of the paper they need to move: blue, red, green, and yellow.

"Being faithful means being trustworthy and doing what you say you'll do. Our verse for this series tells us God is faithful. In our story today, we learned about how God was faithful to Isaac and Rebekah to bring them together in marriage. God keeps His promises and always loves us. God is faithful to us too! Let's remember our verse so we can always remember that God is faithful. "

Leader Tip: Although most kids will not be able to read yet, some kids are beginning to recognize letters. Consider making the first letter on each page extra big and calling out a letter along with the color as an additional hint to help kids put the verse in order. Example: **K**now that the Lord.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **KNOW THAT**—*Point to your head.*
- **THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD.**—*Point up and then bring that hand to your heart.*
- **HE IS THE FAITHFUL GOD.**—*Give two thumbs-up.*
- **FROM DEUTERONOMY 7:9**—*Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.*

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How does it make you feel to know that God is faithful?**
- **How can you praise God for being faithful?**

God's Big Story / Snack

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of Genesis in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible and what do I see? (*Hands together then opening palms up, like opening a book.*)

God's big story, waiting for me! (*Point to yourself.*)

"Let's watch part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Genesis in the Bible. "

Read Genesis 24:1–4, 10–14, 47–51 from an NIV Bible.

Circle Time: Bucket of Questions

SUPPLIES: bucket, paper (1 sheet per kid), marker

Ahead of time, use a marker to number six sheets of paper from one to six. The rest of the sheets will remain blank. Fold up the sheets of paper and place them in the bucket.

"Today we heard about God's faithfulness. When we say that God is faithful that means He is trustworthy and does what He says He will do. Let's find out more about how God is faithful as we answer questions from our bucket.

Allow kids to pick a sheet from the bucket one at a time. If a numbered sheet is pulled, ask the corresponding question from the list below and allow that kid to answer. If a blank paper is chosen, the kids will respond by encouraging all kids in the circle to jump to their feet and say, "God is faithful!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What were the names of the people in today's story who got married?** (*Isaac and Rebekah*)
- **Why did Abraham send his servant away?** (*to find a wife for Isaac*)
- **Where did Abraham's servant meet Rebekah?** (*at the well*)
- **What did Rebekah do to help Abraham's servant?** (*She drew water for him and his camels.*)
- **How do you imagine Abraham felt when his servant returned with a wife for Isaac?**
- **What is something good that God has given you or done for you?**

God made a promise to Abraham that he would have a really big family. Abraham sent his servant to find a bride for his son, Isaac. The servant had no idea what to expect, but he was thrilled when he met Rebekah, who immediately agreed to return and be Isaac's wife. God kept His promise to Abraham because God is faithful. He does everything He says He will do! Let's talk to God now in prayer.

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and to thank God for His faithfulness.

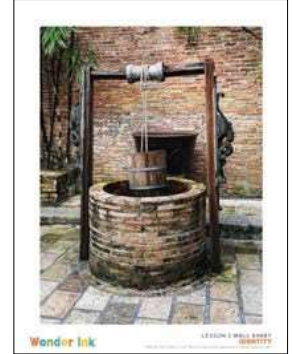
Head to Large Group!

Responding in Worship: Journey of Faithfulness

SUPPLIES: large cardboard box (at least 2' x 2'), coloring utensils, bowls (2), water, ladle or spoons, paper plates (1 per kid), peel-and-stick gift bows (optional), spoons (optional), tarp or towel (optional), tape (optional), real or plastic food (optional), large tablecloth (optional)

RESOURCES: [Well Sheet](#)

Make It Inclusive! Be sensitive to any kids in your group who might be experiencing difficult circumstances over a prolonged period. Acknowledge their pain and assure them they are not alone. Remind kids that God is always with them, and while they are waiting for things to change, encourage them to look for glimpses of God's faithfulness on their journey.



Ahead of time, set up the following stations in your room for kids to engage with during their journey of faithfulness:

1. Gifts of Gratitude: Set out a large cardboard box, coloring utensils, and peel-and-stick gift bows (optional).
2. Well of Waiting: Place two bowls several feet apart. Fill one bowl partially with water. Set out a ladle or plastic spoons. Consider setting the bowls on a plastic tarp or towel to contain spills. For an easier setup option, print the Well Sheet and tape it to the wall or set it on a table as the focal point of the station instead of bowls and water.
3. Promise Prepared: Set out paper plates and coloring utensils. Consider making a display out of real or fake food to serve as a focal point at this station. You could also lay down a large tablecloth and place the food in the center.

Allergy Caution: This activity includes possible food allergens!

Today you'll all move around the room on a journey of remembering God's faithfulness. You'll visit each of the three "faithful stations" and respond to God's faithfulness at each one.

God is faithful! However, just like in today's story, God's faithfulness can take time. Abraham loaded up his camels with gifts because he expected God to be faithful. His servant didn't understand how God would provide, so he waited and prayed. God answered the servant's prayer in a big way and had a bride for Isaac.

Lead kids to the first station: Gifts of Gratitude. **Abraham knew God would provide a wife for Isaac. Abraham was so grateful for God's faithfulness that he loaded up camels with gifts.** Show kids the large box, coloring utensils, and, if you have them, gift-wrapping bows. **At this station, we will practice trusting God for promises that haven't been fulfilled yet, just like Abraham did. Let's decorate this box with pictures and bows of gratitude to show God we trust that He is faithful!**

Allow kids several minutes to decorate the box. They can draw pictures of something they are trusting God for or decorate it like a fancy gift. Draw a picture or stick on a bow and encourage kids to repeat after you:

“God is faithful!”

Next, lead kids to the Well of Waiting. **Who remembers what Abraham’s servant did while he waited at the well? Allow kids to respond. Yes! He prayed! Do you have a prayer you’re waiting on God to answer? When you are ready, come up to our well (point to the bowl) and move water from the well to the other bowl. As you do, remember that God is faithful, and He hears your prayer.**

Have kids take turns using a ladle or plastic spoon to transfer water. If you choose to use the Well Sheet, consider allowing kids to symbolically come up and place their hands on the well as they pray.

Lastly, lead kids to the Promise Prepared station. If you have chosen to set up a tablecloth and centerpiece, allow kids to gather around the tablecloth. **When Abraham’s servant arrived in**

Abraham’s home country, Rebekah was waiting, and her family prepared a special meal for him. God did what He said He would do! Show kids the paper plates and crayons. **Let’s thank God for how He prepares and provides!** Give kids time to draw on the paper plates times they’ve seen God’s faithfulness. Be ready to share an example.

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SUPPLIES: various toys or objects from around the room (such as a marker, toy, hat, etc.)

"Abraham knew God wanted him to find a wife for his son Isaac, so Abraham sent his servant on a journey back to his hometown. It may have seemed like it would be difficult, but God is faithful! You're going to go on a journey right now to find the object I call out. Listen carefully to the instructions and bring back to me what I call out."

Choose a few toys or items found in your room and call them out one at a time as you encourage the kids to find them and bring them to you. When the item is brought to you, ask the kids what color it is. Challenge kids to find another object in the room with the same color. Repeat, using different colors of objects or objects that are the same size, shape, texture, etc.