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For Children

Lesson 17

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Patience, Faith and Rebekah

Isaac travelled around with his mother Sarah and father Abraham, and learned many things from them.

Learning faith and patience day by day is what helped Isaac to wait for God's best.

One day God gave him something he'd wanted for a long time. He wanted a wife and to have children and a family of his own.

Abraham, his father, wanted to make sure he got the very best—someone who was kind and thoughtful, and someone who loved and obeyed God.

Rebekah was the name of the sweet woman who God chose to marry Isaac. After a while God then gave them two children — twin boys. Their names were Jacob and Esau.



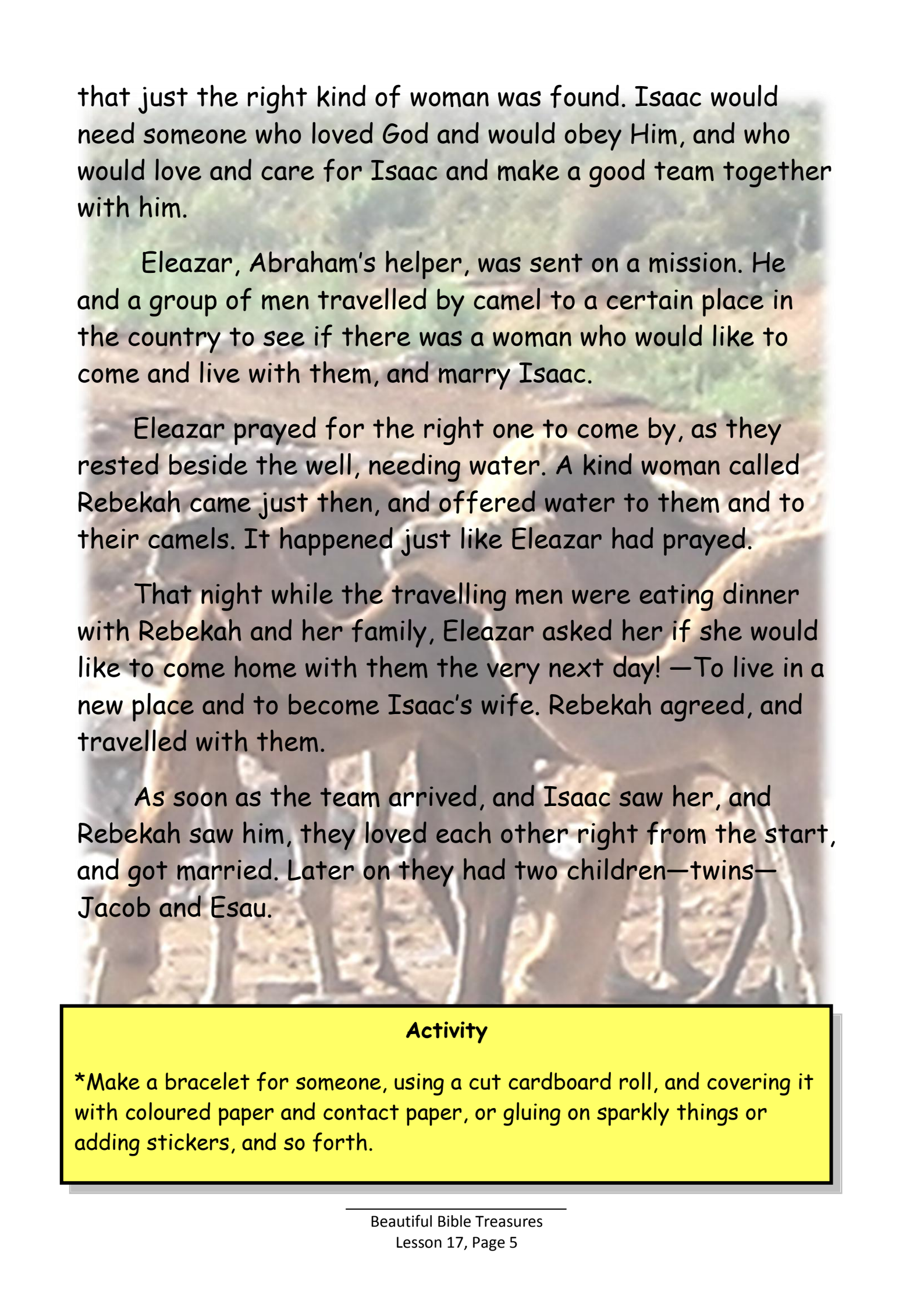
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Isaac had to learn patience, faith, and trust in God. Faith helps you know that things will work out for the best, because you know God won't fail to keep His word and promises to you. You know that He's in control and is working all things out for the best.

Patience is waiting, no matter how long it takes, with a calm and trusting attitude. You know that eventually you'll get what is good for you, and what God wants you to have. Patience can be shown by not getting upset easily when things don't turn out as you had hoped, or when people don't act as nicely as they should.

One wish that Isaac had to wait a long time for was to get married and have a family. Abraham wanted to make sure



A background image of a desert landscape with a well and camels. The scene is set in a dry, arid environment with sparse vegetation. In the foreground, several camels are gathered around a well, some with their heads lowered as if drinking. The background shows a hazy, mountainous horizon under a clear sky.

that just the right kind of woman was found. Isaac would need someone who loved God and would obey Him, and who would love and care for Isaac and make a good team together with him.

Eleazar, Abraham's helper, was sent on a mission. He and a group of men travelled by camel to a certain place in the country to see if there was a woman who would like to come and live with them, and marry Isaac.

Eleazar prayed for the right one to come by, as they rested beside the well, needing water. A kind woman called Rebekah came just then, and offered water to them and to their camels. It happened just like Eleazar had prayed.

That night while the travelling men were eating dinner with Rebekah and her family, Eleazar asked her if she would like to come home with them the very next day! —To live in a new place and to become Isaac's wife. Rebekah agreed, and travelled with them.

As soon as the team arrived, and Isaac saw her, and Rebekah saw him, they loved each other right from the start, and got married. Later on they had two children—twins—Jacob and Esau.

Activity

*Make a bracelet for someone, using a cut cardboard roll, and covering it with coloured paper and contact paper, or gluing on sparkly things or adding stickers, and so forth.

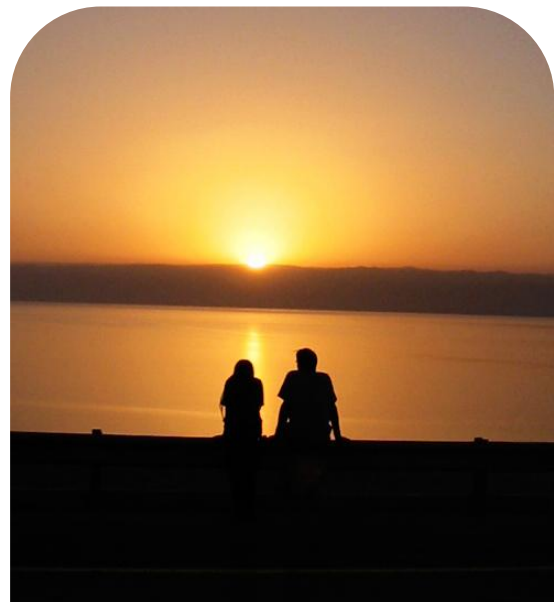
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Abraham's son Isaac had to learn all the same lessons as his mother and father did! — To obey God, trust Him, wait for the best, be kind, and talk with God. He saw things working out for good for him too. It may have taken years and years of waiting, but it wasn't time wasted, as in all the waiting he was learning faith and patience. These were two things he needed more than anything any shop has to offer.

Having these qualities will help you accomplish what you need to. They will help you to endure hardship, and learn skills that you'll need to know in order for you to be able to provide what you and your family need: Faith in God that He's going to make all things right in the end; patience to wait, to keep going, to live peaceably, to be kind to others, to not lose your cool or temper, to try again and again when you most feel like giving up, to not feel you have to have all you need right away, but to wait for the best time. These are things that Isaac also learned.

Isaac waited till he was about 40 years old until it worked out for him to get married. But he'd learned to talk with God, and so he wasn't alone. He'd spend lots of time outside, praying and communicating with God. One wonderful day as he was outside, having quiet time in thought and prayer, he looked up to see that Eleazar's team of camels had returned. And he was in for a wonderful surprise!



Eleazar was Abraham's most trusted helper and had just returned with his team of helpers and all their camels. Abraham had sent him on a mission to try to find a wife for his son Isaac—someone who knew God and would follow Him too. It wasn't an easy job and the journey was tiring.

Sitting at last by the well of the place they'd travelled to, Eleazar had prayed: "Let the woman who is right for Isaac be the one that offers water to me and also to give water to the camels." Giving water to the camels which were very thirsty from the trip would take a long time, and a lot of strength too, lifting bucketful after bucketful—as the camels needed to drink a lot!

But then the miracle happened! A sweet woman called Rebekah—God's chosen wife for Isaac, just the one He knew Isaac would really love—came and did just as Eleazar had prayed. After she gave water to the camels, Eleazar gave Rebekah golden jewellery, telling her that he'd explain more later.

The travelling team of men needed a place to stay, and dinner, as well as a place for the camels to rest and food for them to eat. Rebekah and her family said there was room and food at their house for the men and their camels to eat and stay the night. It was then, while they all sat down to eat in Rebekah's house, that Eleazar told his story to her and her family, and asked if Rebekah would return with him to be Isaac's wife.

That was a big question to think about! What would she decide? She made up her mind and chose to go—the very next day. What a memorable day that was. From one day to the next her life was very different. She said good bye to friends and family and packed up her things and left with Eleazar and his team to return to their home.



As the camels came closer to Abraham's camp, Isaac was watching, wondering if they came back with only those servants who left on the trip, or if...Could he dare to hope?

Then he saw Rebekah, though her face was covered with a veil. Isaac knew he loved her, right from the start. Rebekah loved Isaac too. They got married and were happy together. Their journey of faith and patience continued — this time together, as a couple, and in time as parents of two lively, talented twin boys—Jacob and Esau, Abraham's grandsons. That was the beginning of the "many descendants" that God had promised. It had started, and it just kept on going.

Let's Talk About It

*If you had been in Rebekah's place, needing to decide about going to a new place, to live with people you had never met before, but it seemed like a good thing—perhaps something you'd wanted to do for a long time, but there was a chance that you wouldn't come back again, at least not for a long time—what would you have said or felt or done?

*What kinds of qualities are most important to have in a friend, in a team, in a partner, in order to get along well and live together for a long time? What kinds of things would make it easy for you to get along?

Activity

*Take turns acting out some part or someone in the story, and have the others guess who you are portraying, or what part of the story you are acting out.

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Connect and Communicate

*ABC prayers: Choose a topic or word for each letter of the alphabet to string together into a prayer, till you get to Z! (For example: Jesus, please ABUNDANTLY supply for BENNY today, as he CONTINUES to help the needy. DON'T let him get sick, but give him ENERGY..." etc.)

Study Fun

Highlight: The places where prayer and communing with the Lord are mentioned.

Copy: The names of Rebekah and Isaac's families that you know of, both from here in this passage and elsewhere, in a "family tree" style on paper or on the white board, ending with the twins' names.

Count: The miracles, answered prayers, and the Lord's provision and supply in this amazing story.

Genesis

24:10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

24:11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

24:12 And he said O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

24:13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

24:14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

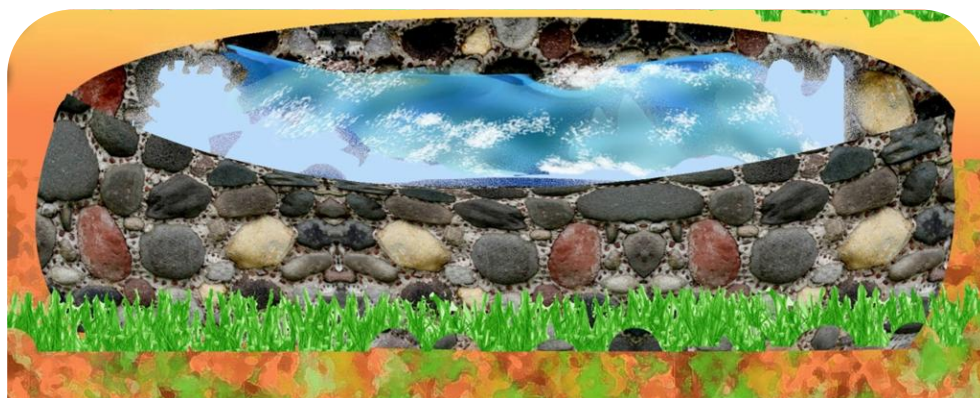
24:15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

24:16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon... and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

24:17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

24:18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

24:19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.



24:20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

24:21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.

24:22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

24:23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24:24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

24:25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

24:26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord.

24:27 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.

24:28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

24:29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

24:30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

24:31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

24:32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.



24:33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

24:34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

24:35 And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

(Eleazar then recounted to them his prayer and meeting with Rebekah at the well.)

24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

24:51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken.

24:52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth.

24:53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

24:54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

24:61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.



24:62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

24:63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

24:64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

24:65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

24:66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

25:21 And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.



25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Activity

*Each person choose to be a certain character in the story. Then ad-lib the story as if it's happening, each one adding in what might or could have been said or thought. (For example the person being "Eleazar" might say: "This sure is tiring, riding in the hot sun for so long. I do hope things go well on this trip." The one who is "Rebekah" might be saying, while still in her house. "I wish I could find someone who would like to marry me. Oh well, better go and get the water now." Etc.)

Fountain of Faith

1Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.



Sheep and Shepherd

Praise

Psalms 98:1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

*Sing a happy song together, then ad-lib and put in your own words things you're glad about.

(***Note:** See activity below, to be done while hearing and reading the verses.)

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Matthew 18:12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

Ezekiel 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

1 Samuel 17:34-35a And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth.

Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Zechariah 10:2b Therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Isaiah 53:6a All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.

Proverbs 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

Activity

*Check off the points on the lists below as you come across them in the verses.

Sheep Job List

- Know shepherd's voice
- Not follow a stranger
- Listen to shepherd
- Share shepherd with lost
- Follow shepherd
- Take time to rest
- Not go own way

Shepherd Job List

- Goes before them
- Gives life for the sheep
- Seeks the lost
- Fights to save the sheep
- Feeds the flock
- Doesn't leave sheep in trouble
- Diligent to know the state



Topic Treasures

— Finding God's Pathway

Study Fun

Highlight: The "do" instructions in these verses, in order for the Lord to help us follow the right path that He has for each of us.

Copy: A phrase of your choice from these passages on to the bottom of a piece of paper. Illustrate the paper with a mountain-climbing scene, or a map with roads, or various road signs and traffic lights used to guide travellers, or a pilot in a plane, or something else you would like to draw that depicts the idea of finding the right paths, and reaching your destination safely.

Count: All the times that the words "step/path/foot/way" are mentioned.

Psalms 37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Psalms 139:10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Job 23:11-12 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

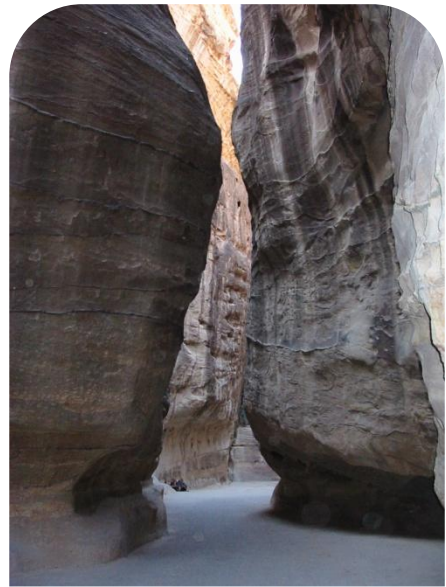
Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalm 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.



Daily Diary

*Where would you like to be, or what would you like to be doing, or be good at, or to have done, in five years from now? Make a note of wishful goals. Then say a prayer and ask the Lord to direct your thoughts and decisions as you go along your life. Ask Him to lead you in His way, making His highest will for you—whatever will truly be best in the end—happen and be a reality for you.

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