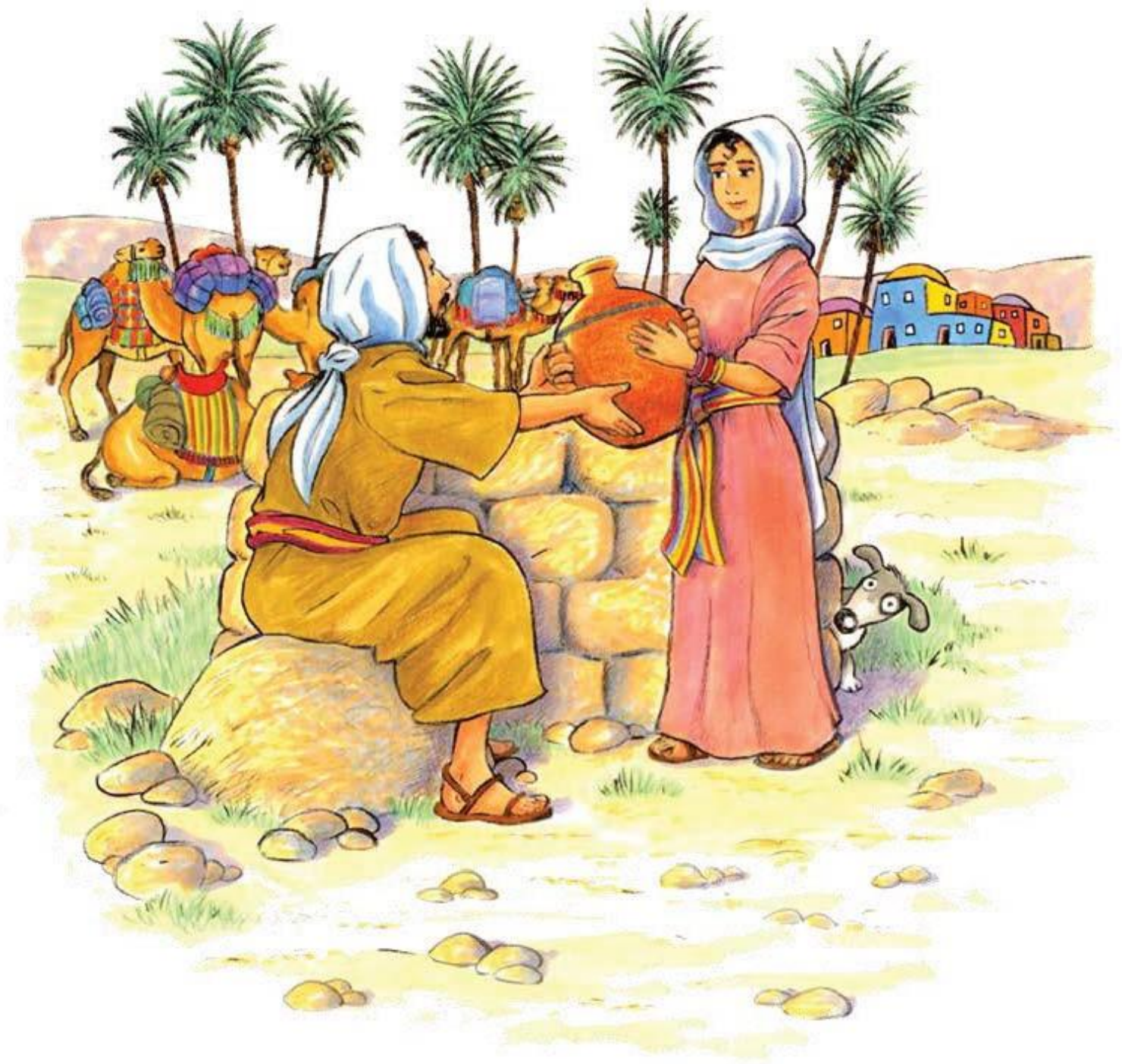


ELIEZER AND REBEKAH

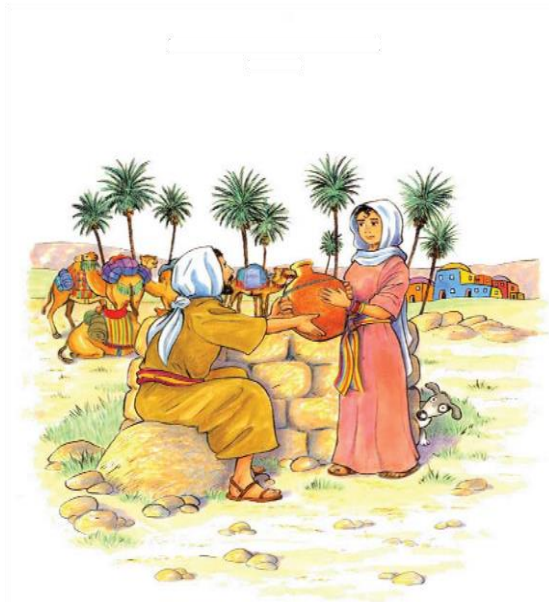
Genesis 24



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Message	God will guide those who trust Him and pray for His guidance.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Eliezer prayed to God to help him find the right wife for Isaac.■ We can ask God for His help to make good decisions in our lives.
Bible Text	Genesis 24

Eliezer and Rebekah



Abraham was very old. The Lord blessed him in all things. Abraham called his eldest servant, Eliezer, into his tent and said to him, "Go and find a wife for my son Isaac. Do not look for her in our country. Go to the country where I am from and find a wife there."

Eliezer replied to Abraham, "If the woman will not follow me back to this land, should I take Isaac to her home to meet her?"

Abraham answered Eliezer, "Isaac should stay here. God will go with you. He will send His angels to go before you and prepare the way for you."

Eliezer took ten camels and travelled to the land of Mesopotamia. Just outside the city there was a well. Many women and maidens were coming to the well to draw water.

He looked up into the night sky and prayed, "Lord God, give me success today! The young woman whom I ask to give me a drink from her pitcher and who replies to me, 'Drink. And I will give your camels something to drink also,' will be the one you have chosen for Isaac."

Just when Eliezer ended his prayer, a young maiden came to the well. She drew water and filled her pitcher. Before she started on her way back, Eliezer approached her and asked, "Please give me a little water to drink from your pitcher."

The young woman answered, "Please, drink." She held out the pitcher to Eliezer. He drank until his thirst was satisfied. She then said, "I will give your camels something to drink as well." She drew lots and lots of water for the camels to drink.

Eliezer thanked God for His guidance. He gave the young woman two beautiful bracelets and a golden ring. He learned that her name was Rebekah. She was a granddaughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother.

Rebekah hurried home. She told her family of her experience and showed them the precious gifts.

Laban, who was Rebekah's brother, hurried down to the well and brought Eliezer home with him. Laban bowed before Eliezer and said, "Come inside, blessed one of the Lord. Stay one night with us. I will give you and your servants something to eat and will also attend to your camels."

Eliezer told Rebekah's family how he found Rebekah. Then Laban spoke, "This must come from the Lord! Here is Rebekah. Take her and return with her to your master!"

The next morning Eliezer wanted to go back to his home. Rebekah's mother and brother asked him to stay a few more days. Eliezer answered, "Do not keep me from going back, as the Lord has given his blessing to my journey. Let me return to my master." Finally, they asked Rebekah whether she wanted to leave so soon.

She answered, "I will go at once." Her family blessed Rebekah. Soon, Eliezer and Rebekah were on their way to meet Abraham and Isaac.

Isaac was in the field where he often prayed when he saw the camels approaching from afar. Rebekah saw the man. Eliezer said, "It is my master." Rebekah quickly slipped from the camel, took her veil and covered herself. Isaac then took her into the tent that belonged to his mother, Sarah. Rebekah became Isaac's wife.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.
Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like water, vessel,

Lead-In

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How does Eliezer fulfil his task? (He asks God for a sign. He finds the wife for Isaac.)
- How does Rebecca react? (She allows nothing to stop her.)
- What could have stopped her from leaving home?
(parents, brother, relatives, surroundings, animals, house, ...)

Have the children repeat...

- Eliezer prayed to God to help him find the right wife for Isaac.
- We can ask God for His help to make good decisions in our lives.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- God will guide us if we ask and believe as Eliezer did.
- We prepare ourselves here on earth to "move" to heaven one day.
- How can we do this?
(Like Eliezer, we do not want to allow anything to hinder us on our way to our goal.)
- What could hinder us? (Earthly priorities only, ...)

Repeat the Message
God will guide those who trust Him and
pray for His guidance.