



A WIFE FOR ISAAC

GENESIS 24

GOAL

To help children see that the beauty of this love story is the faith and obedience that each character demonstrated. Abraham trusted in God's mercy, and he received mercy on every count. He had already demonstrated faith by leaving his hometown and traveling to a strange land; believing God for a son in his old age; and being willing to obey God's orders to sacrifice his son, Isaac, believing for a miracle. In this story, Abraham trusted God to choose a wife for Isaac, and God continued to be merciful by leading his servant to Rebekah. Abraham's servant also acted in faith and with great courage when he set out on a 500-mile journey to find a wife for Isaac. The servant's first inclination when he arrived was to pray and ask God for guidance. At every revelation of God's glorious plan, the servant responded with thanksgiving and worship to God. Rebekah's family believed the report of God's faithfulness brought to them by Abraham's servant, and they released their precious daughter to marry Isaac. Rebekah also believed the amazing things the servant told them and insisted on leaving right away to marry a man known only to her by the servant's testimony.



CHARACTERS



▶ **1. Abraham:** He was the great patriarch of the Jewish nation from which the Messiah, Jesus, would be born centuries later. He was a man of great faith and obedience to God. By faith he left his hometown to go to a place he knew nothing about; by faith he believed God would give him a son; by faith he offered up his only son, believing God would give him back; and by faith he trusted God with his eternal future in a heavenly kingdom—a place designed and built by God Himself.

2. The Servant: The servant in this story was most likely the same servant, Eliezer, that Abraham had for many years. He was a very close and trusted servant—the right hand man to Abraham. He was so well-trusted that Abraham sent him to his hometown to choose a wife for Isaac. The faithful servant swore to Abraham that he would do exactly as instructed. He sought God for guidance, and he demonstrated worship to God each time he was shown a little more of the divine plan for the patriarch's family.

3. Rebekah: Rebekah was God's choice as a bride for Isaac. She had been specially prepared and selected by God, and in faith she left her home in order to travel to the land of Canaan and be Isaac's wife. She became the mother of Jacob and Esau, the fathers of two great nations. Jacob was renamed "Israel," and the nation of promise moved forward toward redemption.

4. Isaac: He was the son of promise, miraculously born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. He was an answer to prayer, and God would fulfill his promise to make Abraham's descendants a great nation through Isaac. It was important that he marry God's choice of bride. God prepared and chose Rebekah for Isaac—and from the moment they met, Isaac loved her.



MEMORY VERSES

▶ **Genesis 24: 26-27:** The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord and said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master’s kinsmen.”

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MEMORY VERSES MEANING

Genesis 24:26-27: Abraham’s servant is marked by his faithfulness and his worship of God. After each event of the Lord’s provision he stops to worship Him.

1 Peter 2:9-10: When you have been bought with the blood of Jesus, you belong to God, which makes Him the authority on who you are. By an act of God’s grace, you are accepted and favored; you have been chosen as a treasured possession; you are a child of the King and co-heirs of Christ’s suffering and His future glory; you have been set apart by God to serve Him and to worship Him; and you are a recipient of underserved mercy and salvation.

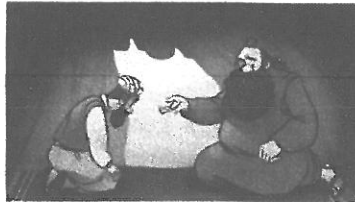
OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Genesis 24:** The story of Isaac and Rebekah is a love story written by God. It begins with God calling Abraham to be the father of a great nation and then with Abraham believing God’s word. Everything had to be right. He needed to go where God directed him to go, and he needed to do what God asked him to do; finding a wife for Isaac required the same considerations. He gave this most important task to his most trusted servant, and made him promise that he would find Isaac a godly wife, not like the Canaanite women in the area who worshiped idols. This required that the servant journey back to Abraham’s hometown. Abraham made him swear to a second requirement, that he would not take Isaac with him when he left. The servant set off on the long journey. When he arrived, God directed him to a well, and he prayed that God would bring him the right woman. God was very faithful.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



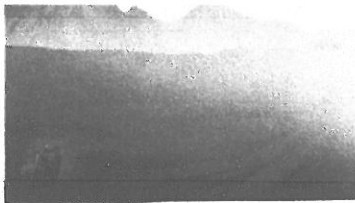
Q1a: What did Abraham ask his servant to do?

A1: Abraham asked his servant to find Isaac a wife.

Q1b: Is there anything you can't find in your city?

TN: Maybe there isn't a movie theater, a water park, or certain store that we like. Not having these kinds of things means we have to travel to other cities or towns that do have these amenities. Abraham and his family were living in an area where the people did not follow and worship God. Abraham wanted his son, Isaac, to marry a godly woman, *but to find such a woman, someone would have to journey a long way to Abraham's homeland. Somethings are worth going out of our way to get!*

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What was the servant's one concern?

A2: The servant worried that he wouldn't be able to find a woman willing to leave her home and travel far away.



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q3a: How did Abraham's servant pray he would recognize the woman who was meant to marry Isaac?

A3: He prayed that the woman who was to marry Isaac would offer water to him and his camels.

Q3b: If you were meeting someone you'd never met in person or seen a photo of, how would you find him?

TN: Well, we could ask every single male we encounter at the meeting location if he is our friend. An easier solution would be to wear something specific or carry something that would make each of us identifiable, like wearing a red shirt or clown shoes, or carrying a red flower or a stuffed animal. Abraham's servant was at an even greater disadvantage than just not knowing what this woman looked like, he didn't even know her name or what kind of personality she had. He was looking for a suitable wife for his master, meaning he couldn't just pick out a pretty face and hope she was a good person. Picking a good wife would mean spending a lot of time getting to know the people in this village in order to determine which of the maidens had good character. Rather than spend all of that time, the servant asked God to make the woman who was to be Isaac's wife as identifiable through an action. When Rebekah did exactly as he prayed, it was as if she were wearing a T-shirt that said "Isaac's future wife."



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Once the servant knew that Rebekah was the one for Isaac, what did he give her?

A4: The servant adorned her with jewelry.

Q4b: If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?

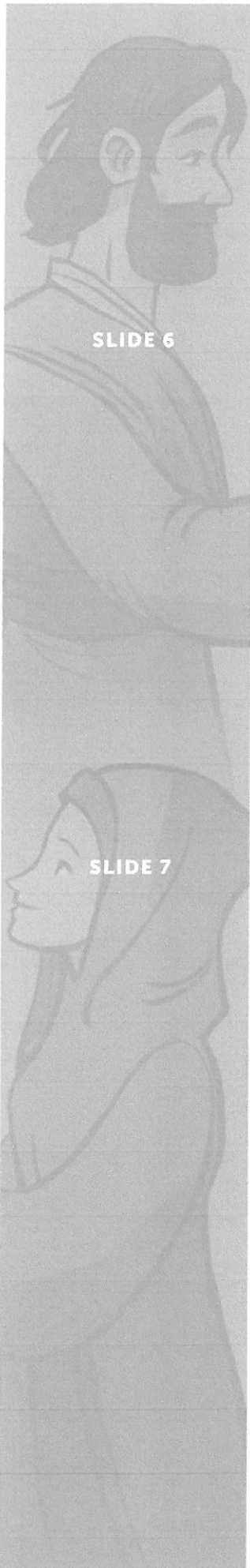
TN: More than likely, we'd pick someone famous or important. When Laban saw the number of camels Abraham's servant had, he recognized that this man was important. Laban immediately invited him to stay with him. Laban knew that helping important people could be advantageous for him.

SLIDE 5



Q5a: How long did Rebekah's brother and mother want her to stay with them before leaving.

A5: They wanted her to stay another 10 days.



SLIDE 6



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q6a: Who did Rebekah see in the distance?

A6: She saw Isaac.

Q6b: If you were dirty, sweaty, and smelled like a camel, would you be willing to meet an important person?

TN: Smelling like a camel is not really going to make a good first impression. Usually we'd rather take a shower, clean up a bit, and put on some clean clothing. Rebekah had been traveling through the hot, dusty desert for days on the back of a camel. She was on her way to meet her future husband. So when she saw him off in the distance, even though she was excited to meet him, she wanted to take a minute to put herself together as best as she could before meeting Isaac.

SLIDE 7



Q7a: How long after they met were Isaac and Rebekah married?

A7: They were married the same day.

Q7b: Can one person's blessing end up blessing others?

TN: Even if this blessing belongs to one person, the blessing can affect the lives of other people. For instance, if we get a bike for our birthdays, the bike belongs to us; however, because we now have transportation, our parents don't have to drive us everywhere. We can ride our bikes to visit our friends who live close by. In the case of this story, God blessed Isaac and Rebekah with a happy marriage. This happy marriage led to Jesus' birth—something that blessed every single person on the planet. This one wonderful blessing led to miraculous grace!



**MEMORY
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BIG IDEA

▶ When we trust in God even when it's scary to do so, we will experience blessings.

**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▶ Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You have our best in mind. Please help us to seek You in prayer and by reading Your Word. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER KEY

Across

3. As the servant and Rebekah neared the home of Abraham, **(Isaac)** came walking towards them from the field.
4. How many camels did the servant take with him on his trip? **(Ten)**
5. The servant prayed for a sign from God pointing out the right wife for Isaac. He prayed that she would not only give him a drink from the well, but that she would also offer to water his **(Camels)**.
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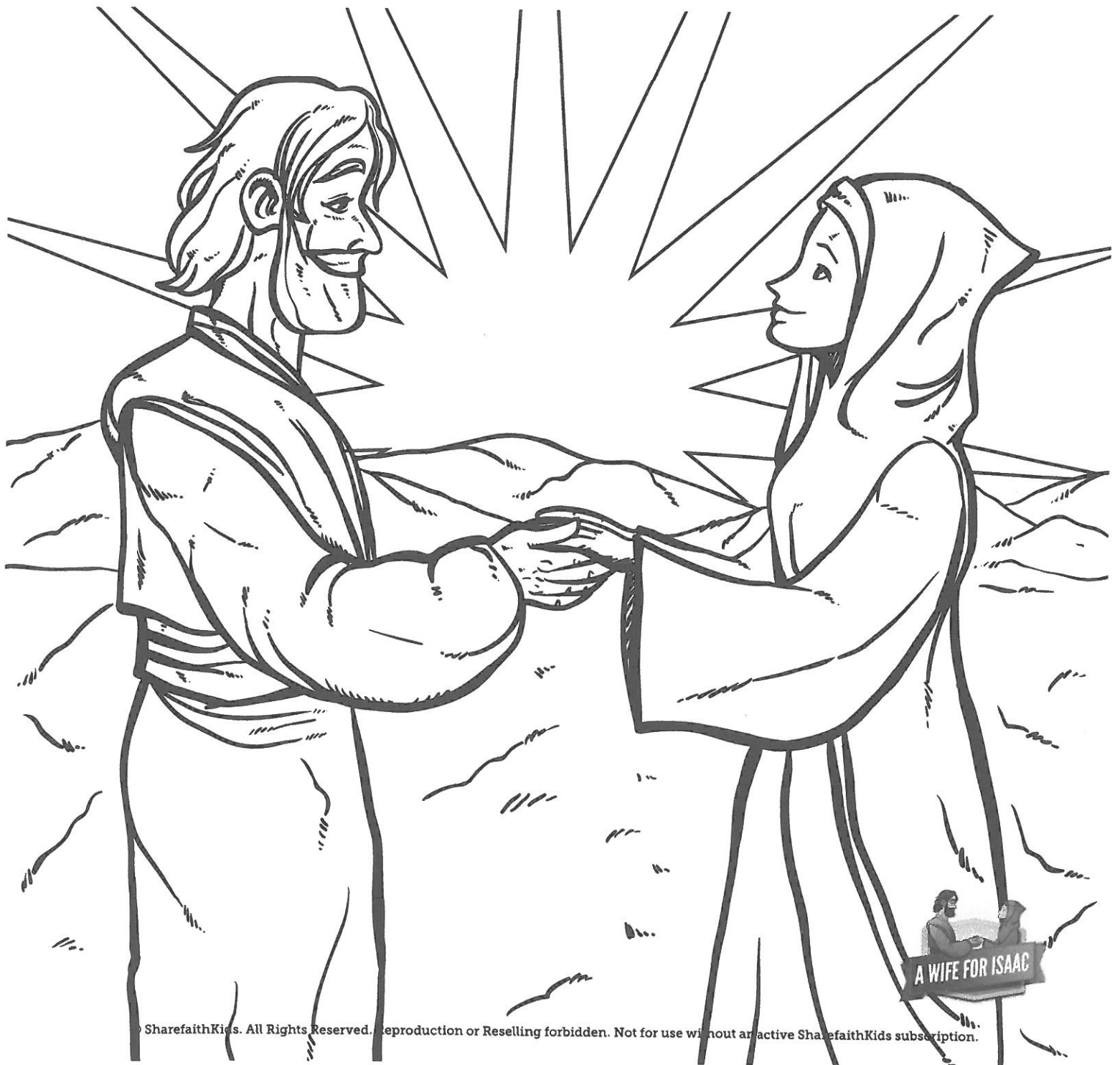
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Genesis 24:26–27

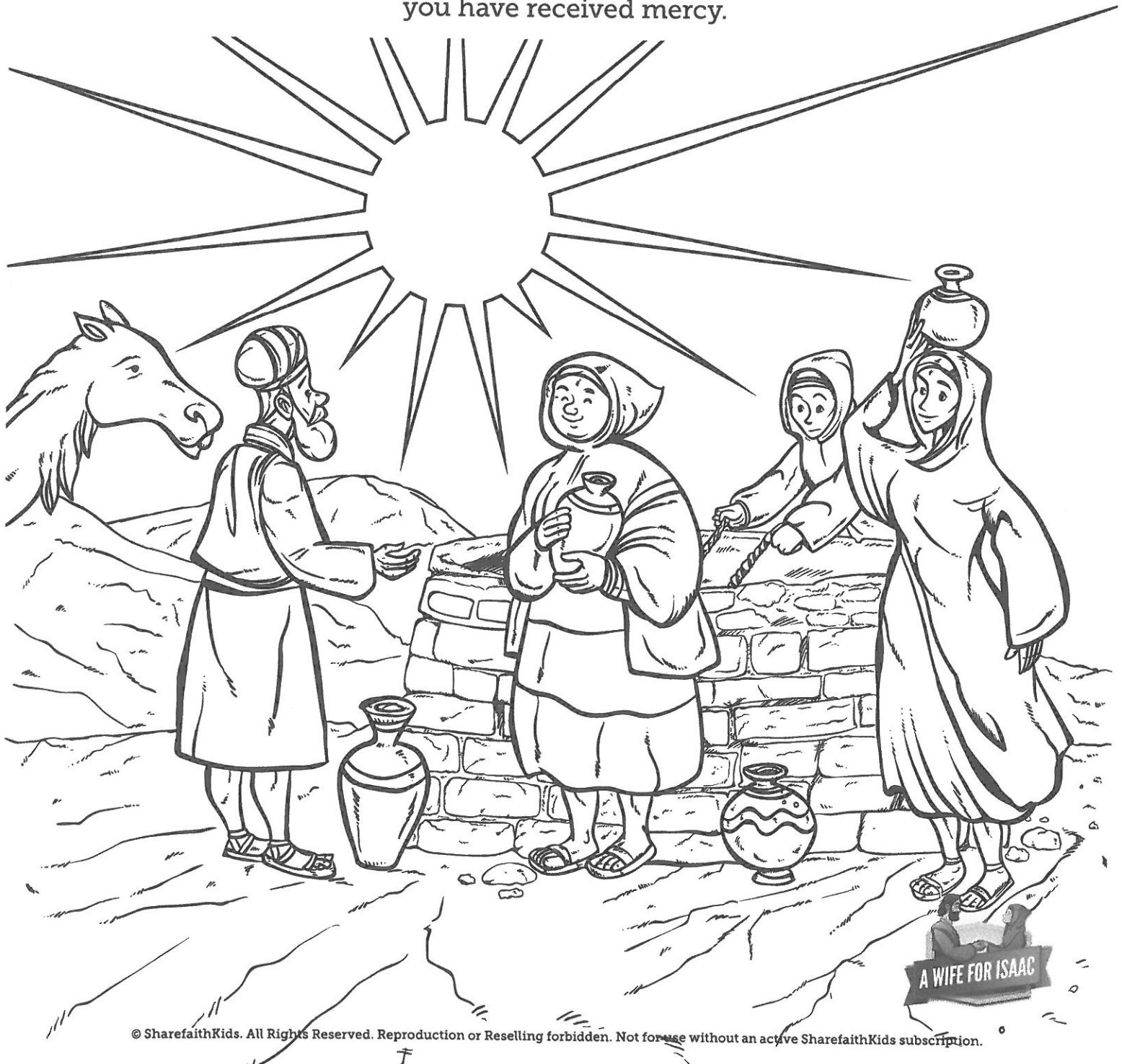
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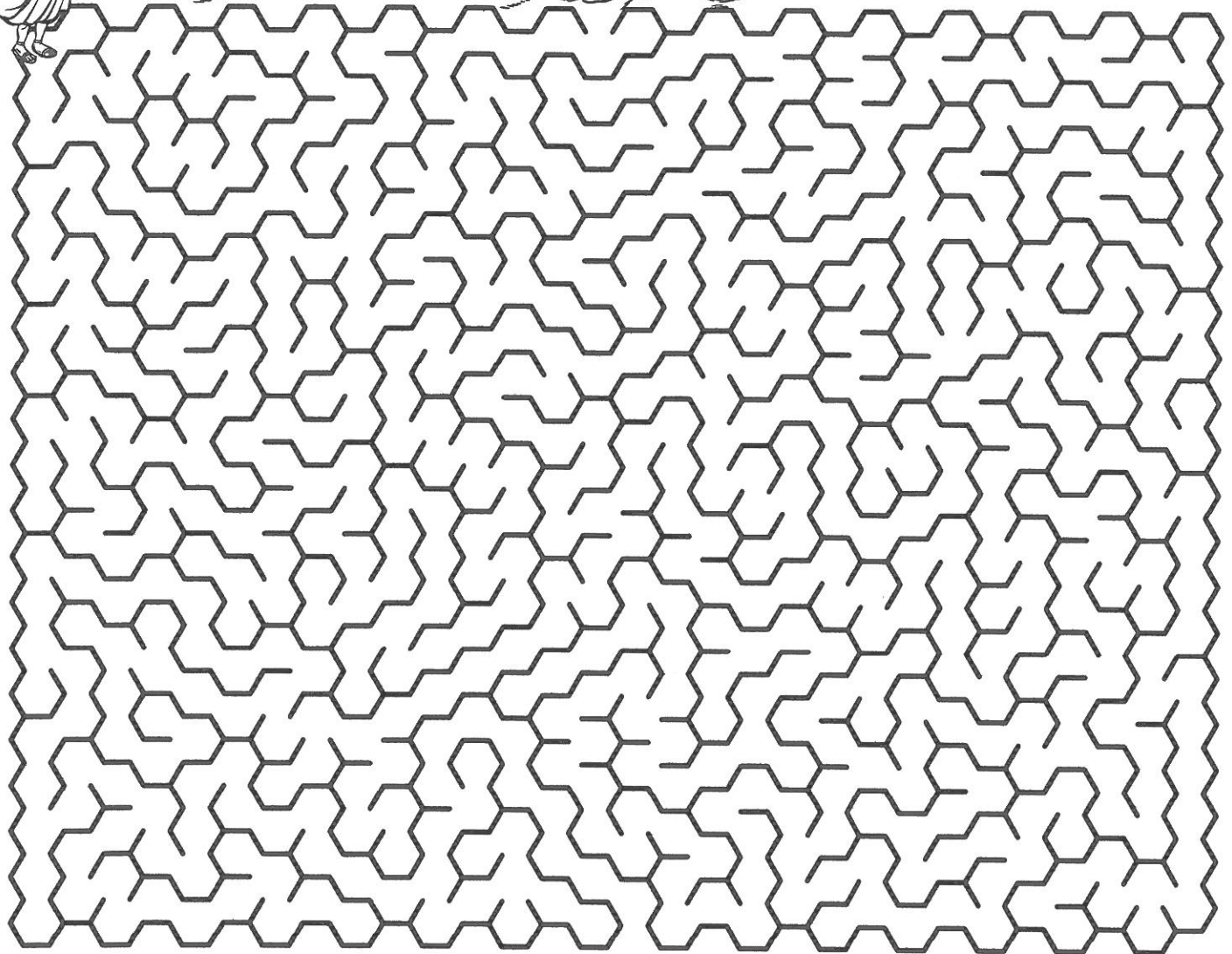


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Help Abraham's servant search for a wife for Isaac



FINISH



START



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

ISAAC

CAMELS

SERVANT

WELL

WIFE

ABRAHAM

GOD

CANAAN

TEN

GENESIS

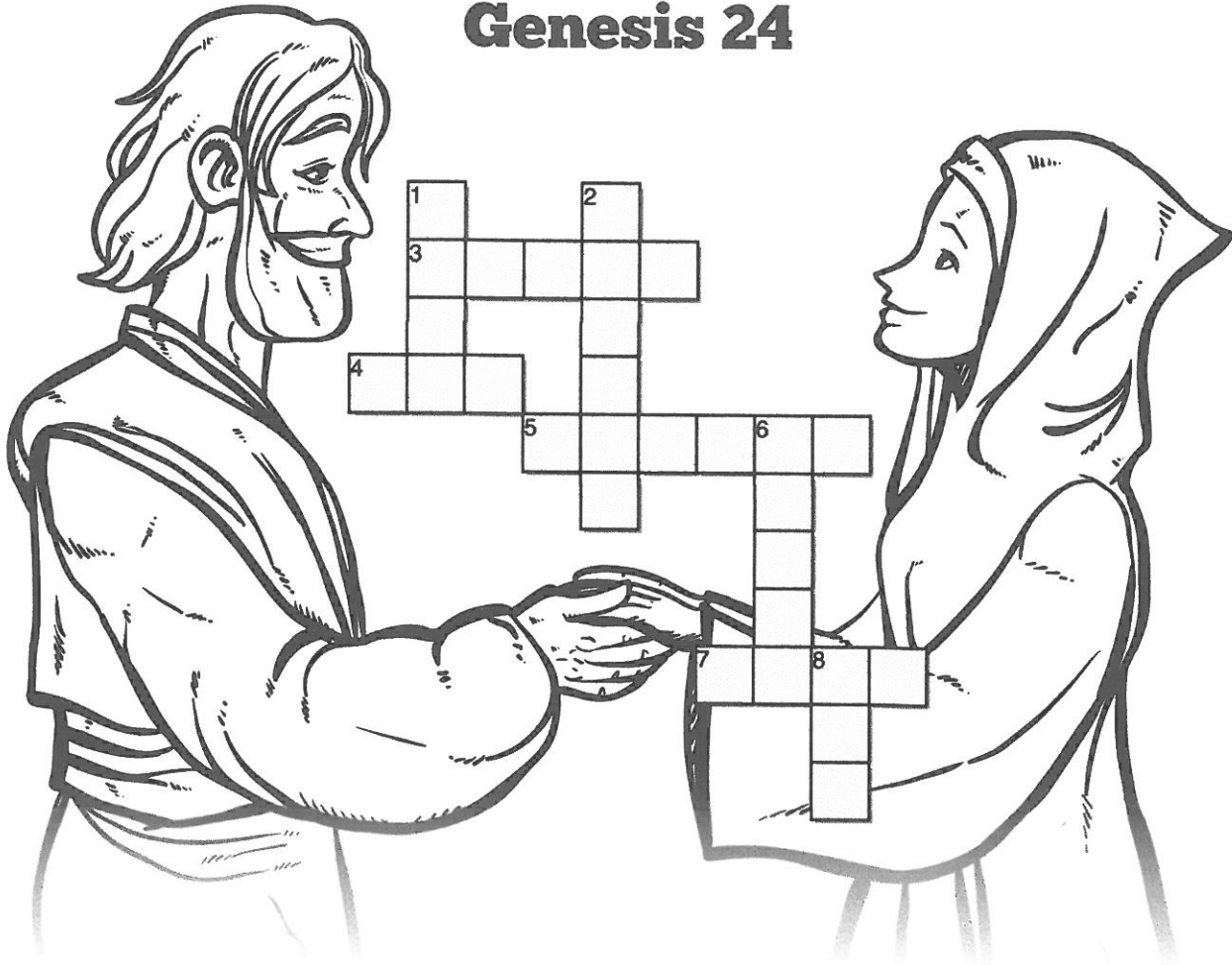
KINSMEN

WATER



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