

## GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

### PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH #3 – “Rebekah, an Answer to Prayer” Genesis 24, 15:2

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You can ask God to guide you.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Trust God and He will Guide You”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Isaac Marries Rebekah”

SONG: (2 minutes)

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PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the class in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

**Psalm 37:5** – ***“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

After you have read this verse from your Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Choose one child to stand at the front of the class facing away from the rest of the children or perhaps behind the flannelboard. The class says the verse together. At the end of the verse, point to one of the children who says the reference by himself. The child in front tries to guess who said the reference. The child who said the reference is the next one to stand in the front with his back to the class.

HYMN FOR PATRIARCHS: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

**PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH #3 – “Rebekah, an Answer to Prayer”**

(See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind them to stay for a few minutes so you can counsel them.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children’s responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Patriarchs of Our Faith #3. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #20.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing “God’s Way” while child comes to look in the “Go and Tell” Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #19 using the “Go and Tell” Box and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Story: *Until the Letter Came*. Teach the part of the story for Week #11.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

**“Match the Shoes”** – You will need eight squares cut from posterboard, backed for the flannelboard and numbered 1 through 8. Back the shoes for the flannelboard, and cut them out. (See attached pattern.) On the flannelboard, place one shoe behind each of the eight squares. The matching shoes are to be put into a small paper bag. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may reach in the bag and pull out one shoe. He then chooses one square on the board, trying to find the match. If the shoes match, the child will keep them until the end of the game. If they do not match, he must put them back.

Explain: Have you ever lost one of your shoes? You may have found it under the bed, in the family room, or in the closet in a pile of shoes. In today’s review game, we have eight pairs of shoes that are all mixed up and hidden behind these squares and in a bag. When you answer a review question, you will have an opportunity to match the shoes. Let’s see if we can find the match for all eight shoes.

Review questions for PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH #3:

1. **Why did Abraham not want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman?** (They did not worship the one true God)
2. **Who did Abraham have promise to help him find a wife for Isaac?** (Eliezer, his servant who was in charge of everything he owned)
3. **Where was Eliezer to go to find a wife for Isaac?** (The city of Nabor where Abraham’s relatives lived)
4. **What did Eliezer do at the well to get guidance?** (He prayed to God.)
5. **How would Eliezer know which woman was to be Isaac’s wife?** (She would not only give Eliezer a drink of water, but also give water to his camels.)
6. **After Eliezer prayed, a woman showed up at the well. Who was she?** (Rebekah, a relative of Abraham’s)
7. **What did Rebekah do when Eliezer asked her for a drink?** (She drew water from the well for him and also for his 10 camels.)
8. **What did Eliezer do when Rebekah said he could stay with her family?** (He bowed his head and thanked God.)
9. **After Eliezer told Laban why he had come, what was Laban’s response?** (He told Eliezer Rebekah could go with him to be Isaac’s wife.)
10. **What did Eliezer give to Rebekah, her brother Laban, and her mother?** (He gave jewelry and clothes to Rebekah and expensive gifts to her brother and mother.)
11. **Laban and his mother tried to delay Eliezer, but when Rebekah was asked, “Will you go with this man,” what was her response?** (“I will go.”)
12. **If Jesus is your Saviour, who can you ask to guide you?** (God)

\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for the older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time Notebook/Take Time to Review, Patriarchs of Our Faith #3

# Trust God and He Will Guide You

Hold this page in front of a mirror so you can read the backwards words.

 Write the missing words on the lines. Read Proverbs 3:5 and 6 in your Bible to see if you read the words correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

Lord

heart

with all thine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ not unto

thyself



"ACKNOWLEDGE"  
MEANS PAY  
ATTENTION TO,  
OBEY.

thine own \_\_\_\_\_ ; in all

LEARN

WAYS

thy \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge Him, and He

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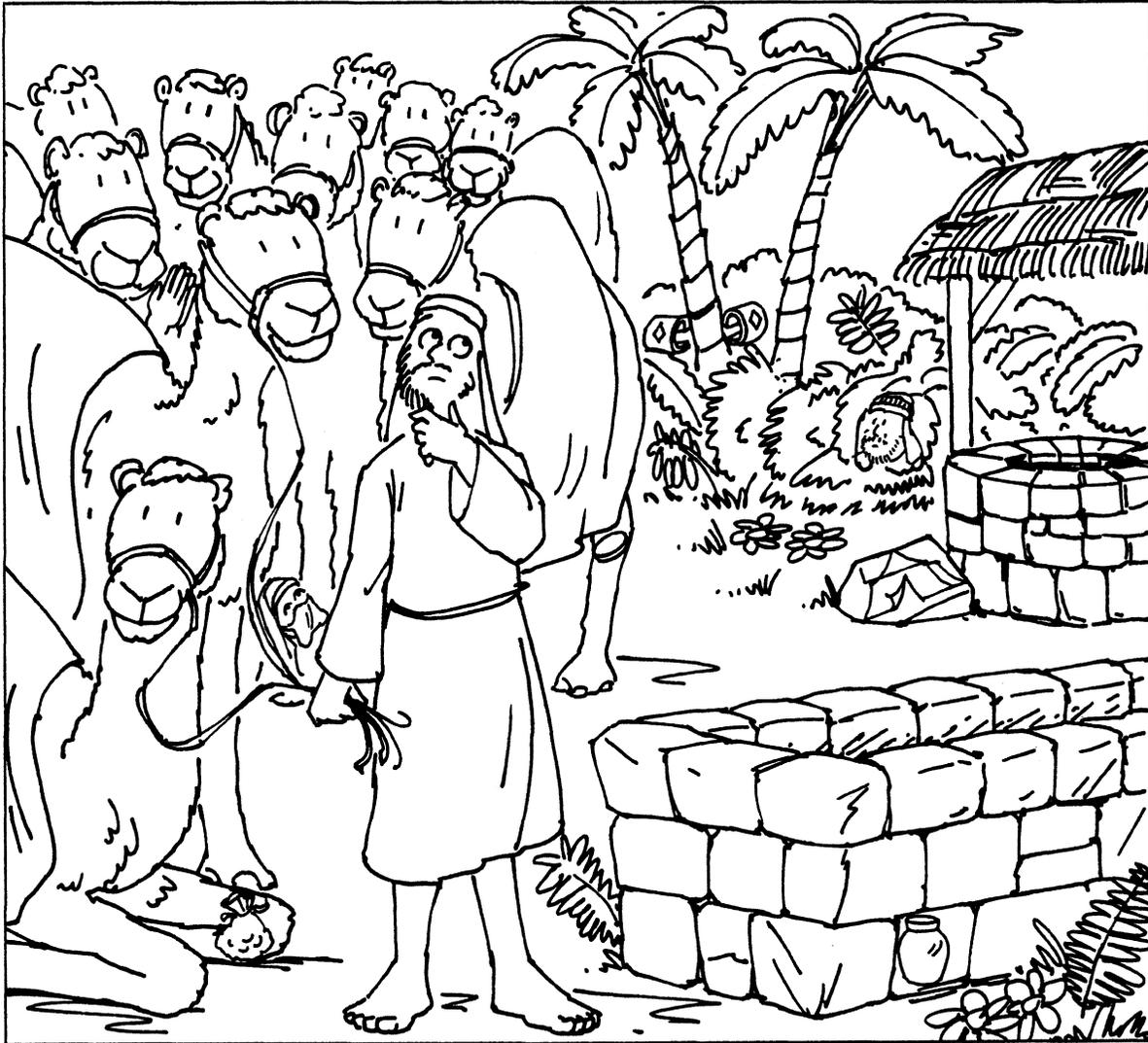
shall \_\_\_\_\_ thy paths.

trust

# Isaac Marries Rebekah

**A**braham's servant found a woman to marry Isaac.  
She gave water to his camels.

Circle these things  
hidden in the picture:



“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him . . . .”

Psalm 37:5

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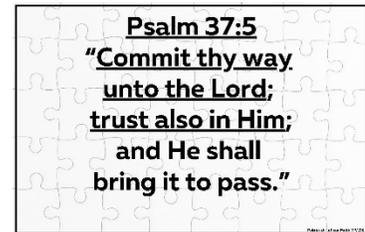
# MEMORY VERSE HELPS

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Patriarchs of our Faith #3- "Rebekah, an Answer to Prayer"

## Psalm 37:5

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him;  
and He shall bring it to pass."



### **Introduction:**

Ask for a volunteer to join you. While placing a small prize into his hand say: "(Child's name), I am committing this prize to you." Ask the group what they think it means to commit something to someone. (Allow for a response.) Explain that committing (the prize) to (child's name) means to give it to him for safekeeping.

In our verse today, God gives a special promise to His children. As I read the verse, listen for two things God wants you to do to receive His promise.

### **Presentation:**

(Read the verse from the Bible. Then show the flashcard and have the children read it with you.)

### **Explanation:**

*Commit* – give something to another for safekeeping.

*thy (your) way* – everything about your life (i.e. what you do, where you go, the choices you make).

*unto (to) the Lord* – to the living God who made you and loves you.

*trust also in Him* – believe what God says He will do.

*and He (God) shall (will) bring it to pass* – God will work things out in your life the best way.

### **Application:**

(Saved) If you have trusted the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour from sin, you can commit all areas of your life to Him rather than worrying about how things will turn out. When you commit your way to God and trust Him, you can know that He will work everything out in the best way for you.

(Unsaved) If you have not yet trusted Jesus to save you from your sin, you can do that today

### **Repetition:**

Choose one child to stand at the front of the class facing away from the rest of the children or perhaps behind the flannelboard. The class says the verse together. At the end of the verse, point to one of the children who says the reference by himself. The child in front tries to guess who said the reference. The child who said the reference is the next one to stand in the front with his back to the class.

**Teaching tip** for reinforcing the memory verse in the class hour:

*Have children write on 3x5 cards one thing they want to commit to God for Him to work out. Place a paper bag in the center of the group. Tell the children to silently talk to God about the item on their card. They may place their cards in the bag to show they are trusting God to work out their problem.*

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# INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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## Patriarchs #3 – “Jacob and Esau, the Birthright and the Blessing”

MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

**Psalm 37:5 – “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him . . . .”**

Can be sung to tune of “Seek Ye First.”

**“Commit thy way u-n-t-o th-e Lord;  
trust a-l-so i-n H-im . . . .”** (Repeat both lines.)

### BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

Progression: ~ Have the children put their thumbs up if the Canaanites did worship the one true God or have them put their thumbs down if they did not.

Flashcard 3-1 ~ Have children say, “Eliezer.” [ehl – ih – EE – zer]

~ Have children count to 10 for how many camels, pack for journey, and walk in place.

Flashcard 3-3 ~ Have children form a “well” with their left fingers. Then have “walking” fingers come down their arms to represent the woman walking to the well.

~ Have children pretend to draw water from the well and pour into a trough for the camels.

Flashcard 3-4 ~ Have children pretend to take off sandals and wash their feet.

~ Have the children put their thumbs up if they think Laban will let Rebekah go and thumbs down if they do not think Laban will let Rebekah go.

Flashcard 3-5 ~ Have the children put their thumbs up if they think Rebekah will say yes or down if they think she will say no.

~ Have the children say, “I will go.”

### BIBLE LEARNING GAME: “Where Is Rebekah?”

You need a picture of Rebekah. This could be the flannel graph figure. You may want to cover it with clear contact paper. Or, you could just draw a stick figure on a piece of paper.

Have children sit in a circle. Choose one child to be “Eleazar.” While “Eleazar” covers his/her eyes, another child hides “Rebekah” somewhere in the room. (Most of her should be visible without touching anything.) Then children call together, “*Eleazar, come find Rebekah.*”

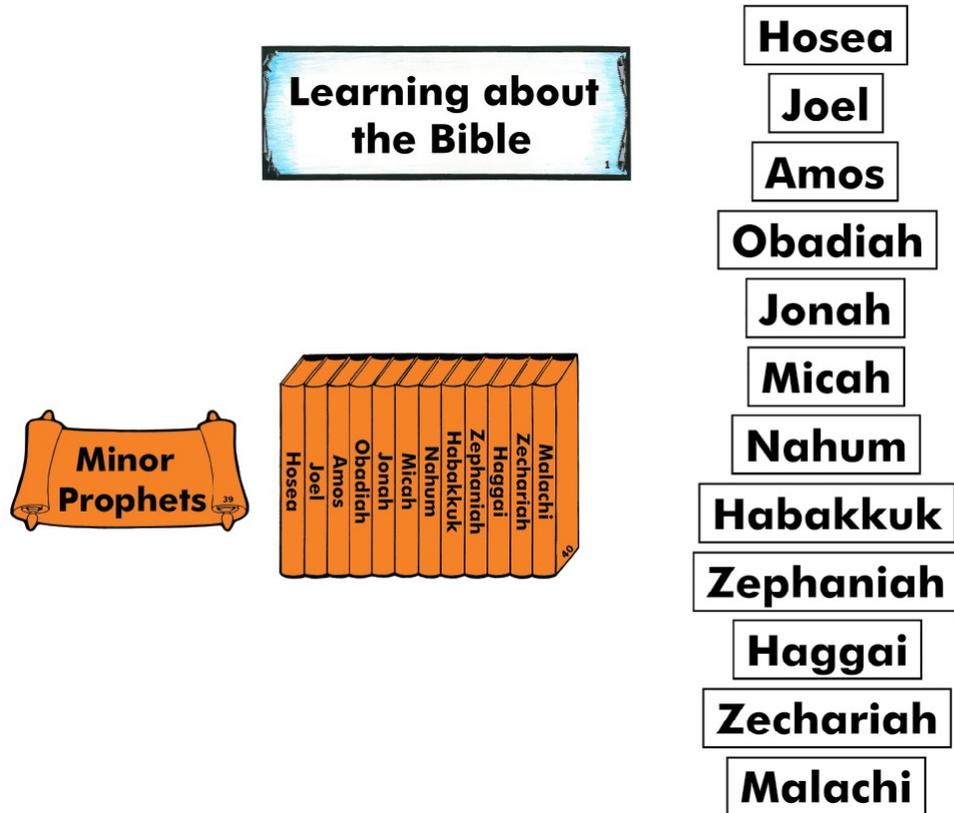
While he/she searches, children in circle help him/her by saying, “*God will guide you,*” softly when he/she is far away, loudly when close. When “Rebekah” is found, say, “*Boys and girls, if you belong to Jesus, God will guide you in your life too.*” Play again.

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# LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

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WEEK #20



*(Place figure #1.)* So far we have learned about ten of the Minor Prophets. Let's see if you can recall all ten: *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai.* *(Place figures #39 and #40.)* Today, we are going to learn about the last two Minor Prophets which are also the last two books of the Old Testament. They are Zechariah and Malachi. *(Place Zechariah wordstrip.)* Zechariah wrote about the coming Messiah. The prophecies about Jesus in this book are among the greatest of the Minor Prophets. He wrote about events that would be fulfilled when Jesus came to earth the first time and about other events that have yet to be fulfilled when He comes the second time. *(Place Malachi wordstrip.)* The last Minor Prophet, as well as the last book of the Old Testament, is Malachi. The Jews had forgotten about the judgment their nation had received from God a little over 100 years before, so God used Malachi to warn the people and remind them that His judgment is loving and has purpose. Let's say the books of Zechariah and Malachi together. We have now learned the 12 books of the Minor Prophets. Let's say them all again: *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.*



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# GO AND TELL BOX

## WEEK #19 – GREAT COMMISSION PART 1

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### INFORMATION

*(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – the word “GO”.)*

What do you think this word has to do with *going and telling*?  
*(Let the children share their ideas.)*



Just before the Lord Jesus went back to Heaven, He said some important words to His disciples, “. . . ***Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature*** (person).” **Mark 16:15.** We call these words the Great Commission, which is God’s command to share the Gospel of Christ with every person. God loves each person in the world, and He wants everyone to hear about His Son, so they can have the opportunity to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Christians have been telling others the “Good News” about Jesus for almost 2,000 years, but are we reaching every person?

Today, the total world population is over seven billion. That’s the number seven with nine zeros after it. Seven billion is a lot of people.

Let’s begin by thinking about America where we live. There are about 333 million people in America. You and I know some of those people who do not understand that Jesus came to be their Saviour from sin. They may be a neighbor, a friend you play with, or someone in your family. You can share with them the things you learn in Good News Club (Released Time Class) so that they can learn about Jesus. Perhaps you can invite them to come with you next week.

*-Adapted from: THE GREAT COMMISSION – MISSIONS (Original content from William Carey Library)*

### PRAYER

**THANK** God for sending Jesus to Earth to be your Saviour.

**ASK** God to help you tell those you know how Jesus can be their Saviour.

**NOTE:** *It would be good to have permission slips for club for those who want to invite a friend or a tract they can share with their friend.*



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Patriarchs of Our Faith  
Review Game #3





**You can ask God to  
guide you.**



- Rebekah's brother/mother, "Let Reb. stay w/us a few days, at least 10, then she can go."

- Eliezer, "Do not delay me, seeing God made my journey successful. Please let me go."

- "We will call Rebekah and see what she says."

- To Rebekah, "Will you go with this man?" (Read Genesis 24:58).

- No hesitation. Rebekah was willing to go

- Reminds me how Jesus was willing to go to cross to take punishment for our sins

**P, E**

**1 Peter 2:24** – "*Who His own self (Jesus) bare our sins in His own body on the tree (cross) . . .*"

- I'm thankful Jesus was willing to go to the cross to take our punishment for sin.

- Eliezer was probably thankful Rebekah was willing to go to be Isaac's wife.

### FLASHCARD 3-6

- Rebekah's family blessed her and sent her off with Eliezer to become Isaac's wife (Read Genesis 24:67)

- Eliezer looked to God to guide him to right wife for Isaac.

- God guided him to Rebekah who said, "I will go."

- She may have prayed for guidance to make impt. decision that would change her life.

- Have you ever made the important decision to receive Jesus as your Saviour from sin and become part of His family?

### INVITATION

**John 1:12** – "*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*"

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P, E  
L**

### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

### CHALLENGE

**G** – Go over **MT**

**YOU CAN ASK GOD TO  
GUIDE YOU**

**R** – Review **PAS** verse

**Psalms 37:5** – "*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.*" (MV)

**O** – Overview **PAS** examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**W** – Will you do it?

## Patriarchs of Our Faith #3

Genesis 24; 15:2

- What does a guide do? Like a guide at a cave, museum, hiking trail, school's open house, or a guide dog?

- A guide helps someone navigate or know which way to go. A guide leads you, so you don't get lost.

- We need a guide through life, to know right way to go, choices to make, answers to problems

- Who can help us? Parents? Teachers? Other grown-ups? Yes, but there is Someone great who can help.

- We will learn who in today's Bible lesson. See if you can figure out who.

- Abraham wanted Isaac, his son, to be married, but there was a problem.

- Abraham/family lived among the Canaanites. Did they worship the one true God? No, and that was sin.

**S, PAU**

**Romans 3:23** – "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*"

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- The Canaanites were sinners too, didn't worship one true God like Abraham/family.

- What is why Abraham didn't want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman

- Was Isaac without sin? No. Only One who was and is without sin. Who? Jesus.

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- Isaac had done wrong just like the Canaanites, but Abraham wanted him to marry someone who also worshiped the one true God.

### FLASHCARD 3-1

- Abraham had a plan, but he needed help.

- He was old. Sarah had died. So, Abraham asked his servant Eliezer, for help.

- Abraham, "Promise me you will not find wife for Isaac among Canaanites. Promise me you will travel to my family in the city of Nahor to find him a wife, but don't take Isaac with you."

- Remember, God had called Abraham to leave his family and go to the land He would give. Didn't want his son to go back to where he started.

- Eliezer, "What if woman is not willing to follow me? Then should I bring your son?"

- Abraham, "No, if the woman is not willing, you are free of your promise to me."

- Eliezer promised.

- He got ready for the journey.

- He packed tents, food, blankets, gifts for woman & her family (jewelry, clothes, expensive things). Also took 10 camels

### FLASHCARD 3-2

- Eliezer finally arrived in city of Nahor. It had taken several weeks to travel about 450 miles

- He stopped outside the city at the well (a deep hole in ground with water from underground spring).

- They didn't have a faucet. Had to walk to well, lower bucket tied to rope, then pull up bucket with water. Hard work.

- Eliezer knew women from city would get water at the well

- This would be a good way to find Isaac a wife, but which woman? Eliezer needed guidance. Knew there was only One who could help – God.

### MT – YOU CAN ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOU

- A guide leads you, so you know which way to go.

- Eliezer knew only God could guide him to the right woman

- He prayed. (Read Genesis 24:12-14)

- In Bible times, men didn't speak to women who were not part of their family.

- So, it was possible none of the women at the well would speak to Eliezer. He was trusting God to guide him.

### FLASHCARD 3-3

- Before Eliezer was finished praying, a beautiful young woman with pitcher on her shoulder walked to well.

- He ran to meet her, "Let me, I pray you, drink a little water from your pitcher."

- The woman drew water for him to drink. Was she the one? (Read Genesis 24:19-20)

- Was she the one? Eliezer wondered as he watched her draw water for his camels.

- Drawing water for 10 camels was a lot of work. A thirsty camel can drink 30 gallons at once

- Once she was finished, Eliezer asked, "Whose daughter are you? Is there room at your father's house for me to lodge?"

- "I am Rebekah, granddaughter of Nahor. We have room."

- Eliezer realized Rebekah was a relative of Abraham. She was who he prayed for, but was she willing to be Isaac's wife?

- He waited to ask. Instead, he gave her golden jewelry.

- He then bowed down, worshiped God. (Read Genesis 24:27)

- By answering his prayer, God was showing He loved Eliezer

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- God was showing He loved Eliezer by answering his prayer.

### FLASHCARD 3-4

- Rebekah ran to tell her family

- Laban, her brother, came to meet Eliezer. Told him they had room for him/camels/others w/him

- Laban had water brought for Eliezer and other men to wash their feet. Traveling long distance in sandals, imagine how dirty their feet were

- Laban brought Eliezer food, but he would not eat until he told them why he had come

- Eliezer began by telling how his master, Abra., was wealthy.

- Told how Sarah gave birth to a son in old age. Son would inherit everything Abra. owned. This showed that Rebekah would be well cared for if she went.

- Then shared how he promised not to find Isaac a wife among Canaanites, but to travel to a relative's city

- Abraham believed God who guided him would guide Eliezer. (Read Genesis 24:40)

### MT, PAS – YOU CAN ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOU

**Psalms 37:5 – "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."** (MV)

1.

2.

3.

- Abraham believed God would guide Eliezer to the right woman to be Isaac's wife, and God did

- He finished sharing how he prayed to God for guidance, & how God brought Rebekah to him w/water for him & his camels

- Eliezer asked if they would let Rebekah go with him

- How would Laban respond? (Read Genesis 24:51)

- When Eliezer heard this, he worshiped God. Then gave jewelry/clothes to Rebekah and gifts to her brother and mother

- Now he was able to eat

### FLASHCARD 3-5

- Next morning Eliezer prepared to leave