

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.

MEMORY VERSE: Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. —from [Deuteronomy 7:9](#)

CURIOSITY

Four options for interactive hands-on activities to help kids begin thinking about the wonder of God.

- Free Play
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Curiosity Activity: Looking For...



BELIEF

A deep and interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Memory Verse: [Deuteronomy 7:9](#)

FAITH

An intentional interactive discussion that helps kids discover the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own.

- Circle Time: Discussion
- Prayer and Blessing

IDENTITY

An interactive activity to keep kids engaged during pick-up time and reinforce the lesson.

- Closing Game: Well Relay

INVITATION

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

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, all 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.

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 from the Hittites a place to bury her ([Genesis 23](#)). The Hittites 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

LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

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

Free Play

As kids arrive...

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and 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.

Worship Playlist

During free play...

Play a spotify playlist as background music while kids play.

Clean Up

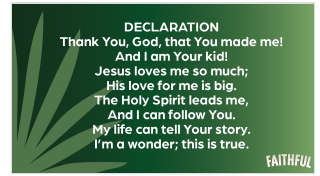
At the end of free play...

Play the Clean Up video to signify time to clean up toys and activities. Gather kids on sit spots, chairs, or benches to begin the lesson.

Declaring God's Wonder

SUPPLIES: Early Childhood Declaration [Slide](#)

Display the Declaration [Slide](#) and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.



Hello, friends! I am so glad to be here at church with you today. Let's get started by saying our declaration together. We say these words every week to remind us of what God says is TRUE about me and you! Repeat after me.

Thank You, God, that You made me! (*Kids repeat.*)

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (*Kids repeat.*)

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much; (*Kids repeat.*)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (*Kids repeat.*)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, (*Kids repeat.*)

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. (*Kids repeat.*)

March like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story, (*Kids repeat.*)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. (*Kids repeat.*)

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").

Curiosity Activity: Look For...

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

Has anyone ever made a promise to you? Allow the kids to respond. **Did the promise happen immediately, or did you have to wait?** Allow the kids to respond. **Did you ever stop to think about how God makes promises but sometimes asks us to wait patiently until they come true?**

Today we'll discover that God is faithful as we learn about a man named Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Abraham knew God wanted him to find a wife for his son Isaac, so Abraham sent his servant on a journey to look for her. You're going to go on a journey right now to find something I tell you to find. 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.

You did a great job of finding what I told you to look for. In our story today, we hear what happened when Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son, Isaac. It may have seemed like it would be difficult, but God is faithful!



Belief

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Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

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MEMORY VERSE: From Deuteronomy 7:9

Worship

SUPPLIES: Worship music videos

Today we'll learn about how God is faithful and does what He says He will do. Let's sing about God's faithfulness together!

Play songs and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for each kid and leader here today. Help us hear You and Your Word today through the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

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.

**God's Big STORY SCRIPT:
ISAAC AND REBEKAH**

SUPPLIES: Bible, [God's Big Story Video](#), [Isaac and Rebekah Pictures](#)

Ahead of time, print a set of the [Isaac and Rebekah Pictures](#).

Many years after God protected Noah and his family in the great flood, a man named Abraham trusted and obeyed God, and God promised to bless him with a big family and take really good care of Abraham and his family. Abraham and his wife Sarah (hold up picture #1, Abraham and Sarah) were blessed with a baby boy even though they were really old, and they named him Isaac. Hold up picture #2, Abraham and Sarah with a baby. Then Isaac grew up, and Abraham wanted him to get married, so Abraham asked his servant to go back to Abraham's hometown and look for a wife for Isaac. Show kids picture #3 and point out Isaac as a grown man.



Leader Tip: Consider attaching the Isaac and Rebekah Pictures to a wall as you tell the story to give kids an overall visual of it.

Abraham told his servant that God promised to send an angel ahead of him and help as he searched for a wife to come back to where they lived and marry Isaac.

The servant left town with 10 camels loaded with gifts from Abraham. Hold up picture #4, Abraham and servant with camels, and point to all the gifts on the camels. He made it to Abraham's home country and stopped in the town of Nahor. The servant prayed and asked God to help him find the right woman to be Isaac's wife. Before the servant even finished praying, a woman named Rebekah arrived to get water from a well. Hold up picture #5, Servant at the Well with Rebekah, and point out Rebekah to kids.

The servant hurried to her and asked for water. "Of course," she said, "and I'll give your camels water too. As much as they need." As the servant watched Rebekah's great act of kindness, he realized that Rebekah was God's answer to his prayer. The servant gave her expensive gifts and asked to meet her family. Rebekah ran home to tell her family what had just happened. Her family was happy, and they enjoyed a big meal together. Hold up picture #6—Servant, Rebekah, and Family—and point out Rebekah's family.

They were all amazed at God's faithfulness. God always does what He says He will do. Rebekah's family believed that God was at work! "Here is Rebekah," they said, and they told Rebekah to go back with the servant and become Isaac's wife.

The next day Rebekah packed up, gathered her servants, and took off with Abraham's servant on the long journey back to Abraham's home in Canaan. When they arrived, Rebekah met Isaac. Hold up picture #7, Isaac and Rebekah. Abraham's servant told Isaac all that God had done to bring Rebekah to them, and Isaac and Rebekah were married. God kept His promise to Abraham, and through Isaac and Rebekah's marriage, Abraham's family grew. God is faithful.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Isaac and Rebekah God's Big Story!](#)



Connecting the Wonder Truth

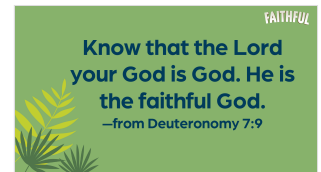
Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD IS FAITHFUL**.

God made an unbreakable promise—a covenant—with Abraham that he would have many descendants (or children and grandchildren) and that his descendants would become a great nation. Through Isaac, Abraham's family grew and grew. Isaac and Rebekah had a son named Jacob, whom God blessed and called Israel. Israel would become the name of God's family—a great nation of people. And Jesus—the promised Messiah and Savior—was born from the nation of Israel. Through Jesus, God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled, and God's blessings are open to people from all nations!

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse Slide

Display the Memory Verse Slide.



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.*

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.

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

Divide kids into smaller groups for discussion and prayer.

Circle Time: Discussion and Prayer

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 about our story.

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.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their discussion, pray with them, thanking God for His faithfulness.

God, You are always faithful. Long ago, You made a promise to Abraham and Isaac, and You kept it. Everything they needed You provided and prepared, and You do the same for us today. You are our faithful God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God is good and keeps His promises, so may you always expect Him to be faithful. The same God who kept His covenant to Abraham will remain faithful to you because He does not change. In seasons of waiting, may your faith grow, and may your life tell of God's faithfulness.

Use the following activity to keep kids engaged during pick-up time and to reinforce the lesson.

Game: Well Relay

SUPPLIES: buckets (4), paper cups (2), blue pom-poms (20)

In the story today, Rebekah helped get water for the servant and the camels. You're going to play a game where you can practice carrying water from a well just like Rebekah did in God's big story!

Divide the kids into two teams and give each team a paper cup. Put a bucket filled with blue pom-poms at the starting line of each team. Put one empty bucket for each team at the finish line on the other side of the room. Kids will take turns using a paper cup to scoop up a few pom-poms from the full bucket and carry it to the empty bucket. After they dump the pom-poms into the empty bucket, they'll run back and tag the next player. The team that empties the full bucket first wins!