



## (7) Isaac Marries Rebekah, Birth of Jacob & Esau, Esau Sells Birthright

Genesis 24-25

### Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

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4. **Make a big jar of water.** So the servant went to Abram’s country. When he got there, he made his camels lie down and prayed, “Make me successful today. I’m standing beside this spring. The daughters of the people who live in the town are coming out here to get water. I will speak to a young woman. I’ll say to her, ‘Please lower your jar so I can have a drink.’ Suppose she says, ‘Have a drink of water, and I’ll get some for your camels too.’ Then let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. That’s how I’ll know you have been kind to my master.”
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- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
- Have kids give **Petitions** (needs/please help)
- Have kids give **Thanksgiving** (what are they thankful for)
- Remind them that in a public prayer, we typically pray that God forgives us, but we don’t get specific in our **confessions**.
- Lead kids in prayer.

### **BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: (5 minutes)**

#### **Game: Speed.**

Pass out bibles and set a timer to 2 minutes. (Have all 66 books in a hat/cup.) Pull a book out of the hat and have kids race to find. As soon as one person finds the book, pull out another book and have everyone look it up (this keeps those that struggle with this practicing, but not feeling like everyone notices). After the timer goes off, see how many they got. (Another option is to put popcorn, candy or marbles in a bowl to see how they did. If it’s food, then they share the snack.)

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2. **Make a hand then Read Genesis 24:1-2:** “Put your hand under my thigh.” What? That’s weird! Not back then. In our culture, taking an oath usually

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3. **Make a giant "X" and Read Genesis 24:5-7:** Abraham was clear that Isaac was not to go. Why do you think this was? (Perhaps, if Isaac went back and liked it, he might stay and God had promised Abraham all of Canaan for his family. He wanted Isaac to have it.)
4. **Make a "?"** So the servant went to Abram's country. **Read Genesis 14:11-14:** The servant asked for God's help and had a plan for how he'd know he was on the right track.
5. **Make a camel with one hump or two.** While making camel, ask kids to reinforce what the plan was. **Read Genesis 24:15:** He had not even finished praying and God was answering his prayer! The bible tells us in the next verse that she was very beautiful.
6. **Make an "R" and you'll see why. Read Genesis 24:17-19:** It happened just as he had planned! This was the girl. What was her name? Rebekah.
7. **Read Genesis 24:26-27:** The servant gave God the glory. Is this something you do regularly? Do you give God the glory when good things happen? **Make the word "Glory"** Rebekah goes home to her brother Laban. Laban talks to the servant and grants him his request. Rebekah gets to marry Isaac!
8. **Make praying hands. Read Genesis 25:21-22:** Unfortunately, Rebekah couldn't have children so Isaac prayed and God answered his prayer. Rebekah became pregnant! Not only was she going to have a baby; she was going to have twins! The babies struggled with each other inside her. Rebekah wondered why? God told her it was because two nations were in her body and one would be stronger than the other.
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10. **Read Genesis 25:27-34:** Esau became a hunter and was his father's favorite son. Jacob liked staying home with his mom and was her favorite. We see that Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of soup! Like in our game, "Would You Rather," Esau would *rather* have soup than his birthright, the rights of the oldest son. **Make an "E" if you'd rather be a hunter and "J" if you'd rather work at home.**

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