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God wants me to trust Him for all that I need. **God provides all that I need and gives me forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Son.**

Bible Words

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15–16

Fun Facts

- Camels can drink up to twenty gallons of water at a time!
- Baby camels are born without humps.
- Camel mothers kick their babies soon after birth to make them get up. In the wild, this protects them from predators.
- Babies can run within hours of birth.
- Camels live in social groups that travel the deserts together in search of food and water.
- Camels played such an important role in Arabian culture that there are over 160 words for “camel” in the Arabic language.
- Asian camels have two humps. Arabian camels have only one.

Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24

After Sarah died, Abraham did not want their son Isaac to marry a local girl, a likely idolater. When Isaac was forty years old, Abraham sent his most trusted servant to their previous home to find a wife for Isaac.

With Abraham’s assurance that God would make his mission succeed, the trusted one set out to find a wife from among Abraham’s relatives. In faith, while standing by a well in Haran, the servant asked God to show him the right woman by having her offer him a drink and also offer to water his camels. Before he finished speaking, Rebekah approached the servant and did these things.

Kind, hospitable, strong, hardworking, and friendly, Rebekah became even more perfect when the servant realized she was related to Abraham. She was the granddaughter of his brother Nahor.

Hearing the servant’s story and receiving the gifts Abraham sent, her family and Rebekah herself consented to marry Isaac without delay. Rebekah probably never saw her family again, but she and Isaac built a good life together.

From these people, as promised, God brought His only Son, Jesus, into the world to become our Savior. Jesus gave Himself up for God’s family, cleansing us by the waters of Holy Baptism and making us holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25–27).

Marriage Customs

Most marriages in Bible times were arranged by parents. This time, although Rebekah’s father and brother consented to her marriage, they also asked if she agreed.

Rebekah took “her young women” (Genesis 24: 61), probably servants and her childhood nurse Deborah (35:8). Isaac loved her, and she comforted him after his mother’s death.

Prayer

*Lord God, lead our family and show us how to serve You with joy.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

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