

# Isaac and Rebekah

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**Abraham** Isaac is already old enough to marry.

I shall have to find a good wife for him.

**Narration** Abraham decided to find a wife for Isaac. But Abraham did not want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman. He thought of Haran his homeland. Abraham called for a trustworthy servant.

**Abraham** Go to Haran and get a wife for my son Isaac.

God will guide you.

**Narration** The servant left for Haran with ten camels as a gift for Isaac's wife-to-be

**Narration** Finally the servant arrived in Haran around dinnertime. Exhausted from the long journey the servant sat by the well just outside the city to rest. The well was surrounded by many women drawing water to prepare for dinner.

**Servant** Where am I to go to find Isaac a wife?

**Narration** The old servant felt frustrated. But then, he remembered Abraham's words.

**Abraham** God will guide you.

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**Narration** The servant knelt by the well and prayed to God.

**Servant** Lord! The women of this town will come by this well to draw water. Of these women, the one that provides me water and also provides water for the camels, I will know to be Isaac's chosen wife-to-be.

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**Narration** Soon, a woman with a jar approached the well. She was a lovely and innocent-looking woman. The servant watched as she drew water from the well. He approached her and said:

**Servant** Will you give me a little water from your jar?

**Rebekah** Drink, my lord. I'll draw water for your camels too.

**Narration** The servant was surprised when he heard this.

**Servant** Ah, the Lord has heard my prayer. This woman must be the one for master Isaac.



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**Narration** The servant was overjoyed to have found Isaac's wife-to-be.

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**Narration** The woman's name was Rebekah. The servant gave Rebekah a ring and two bracelets as a gift and he went to meet her father. Rebekah's father and mother were welcoming of the servant. The servant told Rebekah's father the reason why he was there.

**Servant** I am the servant of Abraham. My master has a son called Isaac. I have come here to find a wife for master Isaac.

**Father** This is the work of the Lord. Here is Rebekah; take her and go and let her become the wife of your master's son.

**Narration** The servant received Rebekah's father's approval for marriage. Rebekah also said she was willing to go with him.

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**Narration** Early the next day, the servant and Rebekah left for Abraham's home. It so happened that Isaac was also out in the fields meditating.

**Isaac** Who is that woman?

**Narration** Isaac approached the servant. The servant told Isaac of everything that had happened and Isaac brought her into his home. Isaac and Rebekah were married in the blessings of many. They lived happily, loving each other dearly.



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