

Children's Church at Home 5 July 2020

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67.

A burden of responsibility.

Craft ingredients: card, paper doilies (or paper to cut out 'snowflakes') glitter, sparkly Christmas ribbon, Pritt stick, Sellotape, pens, scissors, a picture of a pretty lady from a magazine or print out from the internet. **And / or** corrugated cardboard, some scraps of fabric, (felt, cleaning cloth, maybe), string, something to make a hole with, ribbon or 'bigger' string, kitchen foil, pens, scissors, Pritt stick and Sellotape.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story (Abraham trusted God even when facing the saddest possible test)

Introduction: Have you been to a wedding? What was the best bit? Did you have to do something important, like being a bridesmaid or page boy? Or have you ever had to do something important at school, like taking something up in assembly? How did it feel?

Story: The story is in the Lion First Bible, P.48-55. Or you can read the Easy to Read Version here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+24&version=ERV>

Video: <https://youtu.be/xrwZrMzX09o>

Quiz: What did the servant have to do? Where did he go? What did he pray? What happened next? What did the servant do then? What did Rebekah's family say? Did Rebecca go with the servant? Near the end of the journey, she spotted someone. Who was it? What happened when they got to Abraham's home?

Think: The servant had a tricky job to do! How do you think he felt about that? What did he do when he was feeling anxious?

Craft: see video.

Activity: on YouTube there is a video of some young people acting out the story. (It's very dark but you could watch a little bit to get the idea <https://youtu.be/hOsf7Mya0GE> .) Maybe you could make a video or a stop motion animation using Lego or some other toys as your actors. Revd Jon and I would love to see what you do!

Prayer: Dear God, you know just how each of us is feeling right now. When we have a tricky job to do, help us to do our very best. Remind us to ask you for help whenever we need it! Let us know that you're there for us when we're feeling worried or anxious. Amen.

Father God, please bless everyone in our family, our friends and our teachers at school. Give us everything we need and answer our prayers, like you did for Abraham's servant. Amen.

And let's finish with the Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.