

## Rebekah: Cowgirl Heroine

**Illustration Suggestions:** Use a One Gallon Bucket or Jug AND a Five Gallon Bucket Filled with Water.

### **Introduction:**

Abraham had a promise from God. God told him that he would father many people. His son, Isaac was born when Abraham was an old man. Now it was time for Isaac to have a wife so that they could have children and the promise would be fulfilled, that is, come true.

Abraham was living in a country where people did not worship the Lord God and so he wanted to make sure his son's wife was not from there and the belief system of that land. He wanted her to be a follower of the only True God. So he sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. The custom limited how much say you had in a life partner. However, GOD was at work and this turns out to be a great love story, made in Heaven.

Reference: *Genesis 24*

### **No Fear Cowgirl:**

*Genesis 24: 4-8 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land.....And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear of this my oath...."*

As we start the story of Rebekah [and Isaac] note that Abraham and his servant have a conversation about "What if she doesn't want to leave her family and come here to marry a man she has never met?" If she had not followed the Lord's leadership, she would have missed her man and missed being in the line of mothers/grandmothers that led up to the Messiah, Jesus, being born from her family line.

### **God's Plan Comes to Rebekah:**

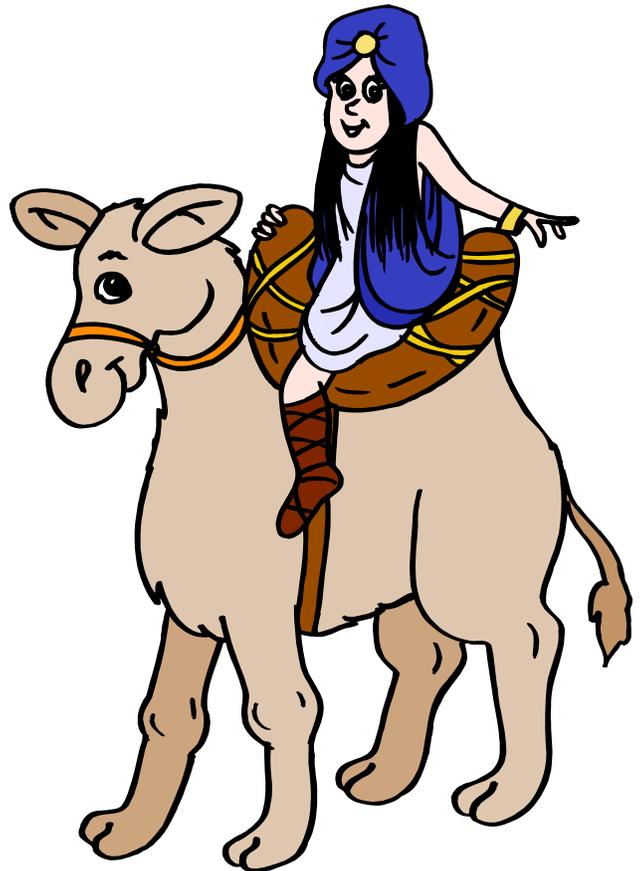
Rebekah lived with her parents and her brother, Laban.

She is minding her own business; living a godly life. We will see her as an extremely hard working young lady and a young lady that TAKES GOD AT HIS WORD without question. She hasn't been wasting time wondering what to do with her life. She isn't portrayed as rebellious in ANY shape, fashion, or form.

In fact we see her portrayed as:

- ✚ Hard-Working
- ✚ Hospitable [ that is helpful & putting others first]
- ✚ Adventurous [ not afraid to follow the leadership of the Lord]
- ✚ A nice looking young lady; one who takes care of herself, obviously athletic, not given to gluttony or vanity.
- ✚ AND like all heroines, she makes some major mistakes along the way in her lifetime, if you read on further than today's lesson. But she also knows how to tap into God's Mercy when she falters.

So because she is walking in the Lord's Will, that is, HIS PATH for her life, then she is in the RIGHT PLACE to be blessed at the RIGHT TIME.



Along comes God's Will one afternoon during evening chores down at the well.

Abraham's servant is on the road with 10 Camels loaded in gifts, provisions [no grocery stores along the way, no hotels], for a round trip if necessary if he doesn't FIND a wife for Isaac. He goes not knowing what she will look like, which place to look at in the City of Nahor. He gets to town about late afternoon. He parks his camels at the well where the people come in the evening to draw water and he prays.

*Genesis 24: 12-14 "... Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and ....let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink and I will give thy camels drink also; let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master."*

### **BEFORE He finished Praying the Answer Comes:**

*Genesis 24: 15-16 " And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out...with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any known her, and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up."*

Oh how wonderful when God answers your prayer quickly! He does not always do so, but when He does, it is an exciting moment because you have NO DOUBT it is God that has already prepared the answer in advance!

Rebekah is not praying about anything that we are told. She is just doing what is RIGHT, going to the well, doing her evening chores. We are told she is fair to look on. We are told she is a virgin, which means she has not been inappropriate with young men prior to marriage. Her good reputation is in place.

Abraham's servant is so excited to see her come while he is praying. He has made a long journey with a pack of camels and servants and is in a position that he MUST find a wife for Isaac; he MUST get the right young lady to take back; if he does not then the future of Israel will be at stake. There is great pressure on him. But he is a praying man. God rewards his faithfulness. He runs to meet her at the well.

### **MOMENT of TRUTH:**

*Genesis 24: 17- "...the servant ran to meet her, & said "Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord; and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking....."*

So let's illustrate here [ use the one gallon bucket and the filled five gallon bucket and let kids try to lift this & think about how many times she lifted water voluntarily]:

- ✚ TEN Camels
- ✚ One camel can drink 50 gallons of water after a desert trip.
- ✚ Ten multiplied by 50 = 500 gallons of water she pulled up out of that well and gave to the camels.
- ✚ Weight of ONE Gallon of water is about 8.35 pounds
- ✚ 500 x 8.35 = 4175 pounds of water

*Genesis 24: 21 "And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.*

So at this point, the servant asks about her family. He finds out that this is indeed distant relatives to Abraham, same nationality, same faith, and same customs. GOD has gone before him! Walk in His will, receive the reward.

*Genesis 24: 27 "...I BEING IN THE WAY, THE LORD LED ME to the house of my master's brethren.*

The Story is great reading at this point if you have time: *Genesis 24.*

### **Rebekah leaves family behind and Goes for God's Will:**

After conversation and contemplation Rebekah decides to immediately go back with the servant and be the wife of Isaac. THIS TAKES FAITH. There are not words to describe her excitement.

She has been obedient in her role as a child/ young adult in her family's household. She has been a hard-worker. She has waited for God's will in her life in her choice of a life-partner. God has delivered! Now she is on her way to meet the man she will marry, whom she has never met, but whom she absolutely knows is God's will for her life. She trusts God. By Faith she gets on a camel and rides away from all she knows to a land she does not know.

Sometimes God will require things of you that do not make sense to your family; but you KNOW in your heart God has asked you to do. It may be that He wants you to go to the mission field; it may be that He wants you to leave behind a lifestyle that hinders and weighs you down so that you cannot serve God effectively. Whatever He requires, be a Cowgirl Heroine and go for it.

### **Isaac and Rebekah:**

*Genesis 24: 61-67 “ And Rebekah....rode upon the camels....And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.....”*

So it's almost like a fairy tale ending to this sweet true story. She runs into the arms of Isaac, a marriage is made, and some years later we see them raising twin boys.

This girl was full of energy, enthusiasm, and willing to follow God. He gave her the blessing of being the mother/grandmother of multitudes and eventually Jesus is born into her family line.

The life of Isaac and Rebekah continues with Genesis chapter 25 and thereafter. The Bible is FULL of great TRUE stories of people of faith that can inspire us to live according to God's principles and be “*IN THE WAY.....*” as the servant said.

But to be in God's will, you first have to be born-again/saved.

[Plan of salvation presented here.](#)

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