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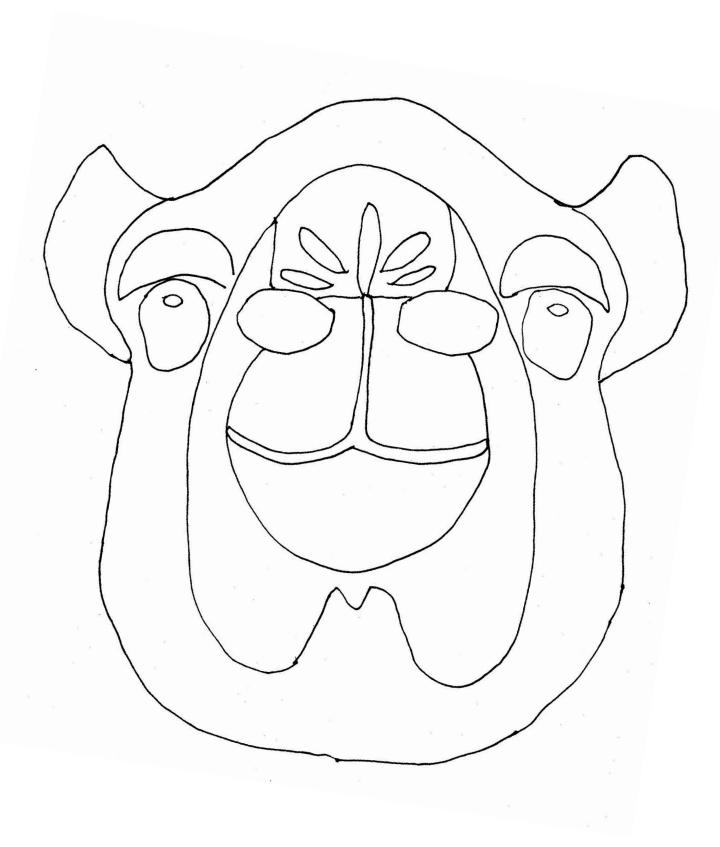


Hold up a piece of cardboard with a cup on one side of it. Ask for a child to volunteer stand on the other side of the cardboard blindfolded and try to drop the penny in the cup. Move the cup each time so that the penny always falls in. Ask the child why they think they always got it in. Because of their skill? Let the other children tell them you were moving the cup each time. Ask who was in control (the teacher). Explain that God is in control of our lives, and is able to adjust situations for us to help things go a certain way.

Use a large cardboard box to serve as a well, with filled water bottles behind it. Print the camel faces to tape to the opposite wall. Divide children into two teams. Have a relay race to see which team can bring their water to the opposite end to give to the camels.

Have volunteers re-enact the story (using a prop veil, ring and camel masks) This story reminds us of our relationship with God. It might sound weird, but the Bible calls Christians the bride of Christ (point to children playing Isaac and Rebekah). We're not literally married to Him, but like in this story, God the Father (point to child playing Abraham) wants our hearts to be united with His Son (point to child playing Isaac). He sends God the Holy Spirit, whose nickname is "The Helper," (point to child playing servant) to speak to our hearts. When we choose to give our hearts to Jesus, we leave behind our old life and follow Him in a new life as a Christian. And just like with Rebekah, God will never force us to do this. He wants us to choose if we will follow Him.







ISAAC AND REBECCA



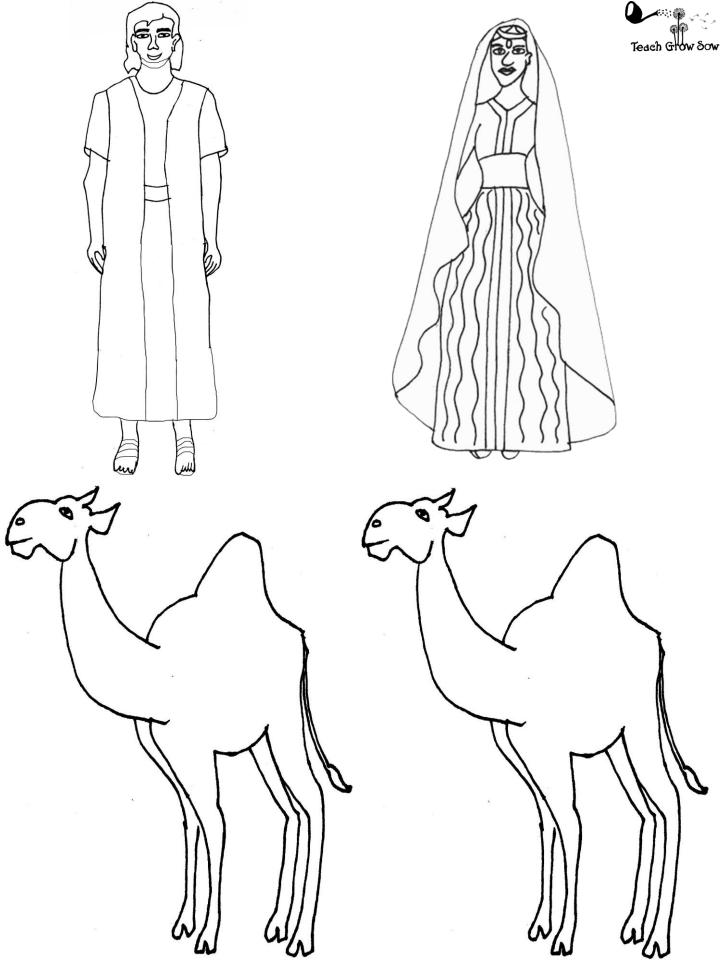
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Lower Elementary

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- Children color and cut out Rebecca, servant and camels.
- Teacher folds cardstock horizontally in half, then folds each half the same way.
- Teacher staples cup to center of pop-up cardstock.
- Children glue people and camels to cardstock.



Preschool





Encourage children to draw a picture of the story or of God helping them. Ask child what God helps them with and write the word on the line.

<u>Modeling dough:</u>

Encourage children to make something from the story, such as a ring, a camel, a well or people.

<u>Game:</u>

Encourage children to act out Rebekah's hospitality in a play house, or create one with a table or large box. One child can play Rebekah or her father, offering a cup or food to other children. Everyone can take turns showing hospitality. Remind children it is important to share and to show kindness to other people.

Isaac & Rebecca



Name:

God can help me _____