Preschool–Grade 6

Rebekah at the Well

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God wants me to be kind.
Bible passage: Genesis 24. Read Genesis 24:1–67 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "I will draw water for thy camels also" *Genesis 24:19 (KJV)*. **Draw water** means get water from the well. **Thy** means your.
You need: a Bible, paper cups, a bowl of blue paper squares (the "water"), an empty box (the "trough"), crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Genesis 24. Put the bowl and the box on opposite sides of the room.

1. Opening game: Camels, Kneel Down! (5 minutes)

Kids are camels. Call out: "Camels, walk!" (they walk slowly on hands and knees), "Camels, kneel down!" (they sit back on their knees), "Camels, drink!" (they lap like they are drinking). Then each child carries one cup of blue paper "water" from the bowl to the box. Say: "Today we will hear a true story about a kind girl who gave water to ten thirsty camels."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Genesis 24. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Abraham sent his servant on a long trip (Genesis 24:2–4). *(Walk in place.)*
The servant took ten camels (24:10). *(Hold up ten fingers.)*
The camels knelt down by a well (24:11). *(Kneel down.)*
The servant prayed to God (24:12). *(Fold your hands.)*
Here came Rebekah with her water jar (24:15). *(Hold a jar on your shoulder.)*
She gave the servant a drink (24:18). *(Pretend to pour.)*
She said she would give the camels water too (24:19)! *(Point to the camels.)*
She ran to the well again and again (24:20). *(Run in place.)*
Say it with me: "Rebekah was kind!"
The servant thanked God (24:26–27). *(Lift your hands up.)*
Rebekah said, "I will go" (24:58). *(Nod your head yes.)*
She went to be Isaac's wife, and he loved her (24:67). *(Hug yourself.)*
Say it with me: "God wants me to be kind!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. What did the servant do at the well? *(He prayed, Genesis 24:12)*
2. Who gave water to the camels? *(Rebekah, 24:19–20)*
3. How many camels were there? *(Ten! Count on your fingers, 24:10)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "Rebekah said, 'I will draw water for thy camels also.' That means, 'I will get water for your camels too!'" Teach the motion: pretend to pull a jar up from the well, hand over hand, then pour it out. Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Genesis 24:19" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Rebekah's Water Jar (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a big water jar and a trough, a long box, full of water. They color the water blue. While they color, ask: "Who gave water to the camels? How many camels?" Kids who finish early can play Camels, Kneel Down! again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, for hearing my prayers.
Help me be kind like Rebekah. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: let every child carry a cup of "water" to the trough and count the camels together. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

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