



21st March:
ISAAC &
REBEKAH



Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.

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-The Children's Team

Isaac & Rebekah

Genesis 24-27

When Abraham was very old he told one of his servants to go to his home town and find a woman for Isaac to marry. So the servant left. When he arrived at the town of Nahor he stopped at a well. He saw a woman at the well so prayed to God that if this is to be Isaac's wife she would give him water for his camel when he asked her for water for himself.

After he prayed he asked the woman for some water. She offered him water to drink. Then said whilst he drank she would give water for his camels too. Just like the servant prayed she would.

Once the camels finished drinking the servant asked to stay at the woman's house. When they arrived the servant told them about his promise to Abraham, and his prayed to God. When he finished his story Rebekah's parents knew it was from God and. Told the servant to take Rebekah back with him to marry Isaac. When they were ready to leave Rebekah's brother and mother wanted her to stay longer, so they asked Rebekah what she wanted. She agreed to go, so they listened to her wishes and they left.

When they arrived back at Abraham's place the servant told Isaac about everything that had happened. Isaac then married Rebekah.

Isaac & Rebekah

Genesis 24-27

When Isaac was sixty years old he and Rebekah had twin boys, Jacob and Esau.

Esau became a skilled hunter and a country man, whereas Jacob was content to stay at home. Isaac loved wild game so favoured Esau, and Rebekah favoured Jacob.

One day when Jacob was cooking stew Esau asked him for some. Jacob said Esau must first sell him his birth right, as Esau had come out first so was the first born and would receive everything and every blessing of the first born. So Esau swore to Jacob that he could have his birth right.

When the twins were forty, Isaac grew old and weak. One day he called for Esau to give him his blessing before he died. Rebekah heard this and told Jacob. She then told Jacob to prepare food for her so that she could give him her blessing before she died. She then told him to also take it to Isaac so that he would give Jacob his blessing before he died, instead of Esau.

Jacob said they are not similar and he would be seen to trick his father. So Rebekah said for the curse to fall on her. Jacob then took the food to his father and pretended to be Esau. Isaac was convinced that it was Esau he was speaking to so blessed Jacob as he should have blessed Esau. Jacob then left just as Esau came in from hunting.

Isaac then realized he had been tricked, and told Esau that he had blessed Jacob to lord over him. Esau wanted revenge so planned to kill Jacob. When Rebekah learnt of the plan she sent Jacob to hide. After Jacob married and had children, Isaac died at the age of 180. Both Jacob and Esau were there to bury him as they had reconciled.

TAKE-AWAY

God's good character

In the story we can see a few times about God's good character.

First when the servant was sent to find a wife, he judged the woman on how caring she was. This tells us that when we pick our friends and people we surround ourselves with, it is important that they are.

We then later see again about God's good character when Jacob and Rebekah trick Isaac into giving Jacob Esau's blessing. While Isaac and Rebekah had favorites, God does not.

Though Jacob stole the blessing, Esau did not miss out. God still blessed him and loved him.

God also kept his word and blessed Jacob even though he stole it. He also did not punish them for their trickery.

God does not play favorites. He also does not hold our bad behavior against us. Neither should we.

Prayer:

Is there anyone in your friendship group that you feel uncomfortable when they say or do things. Do you question if they are good or if you should hang out with them? Speak to God and your parents about this friend. Ask if you should keep the friendship and how you can help them

Speak to God about a time you have been hurt by someone and wanted revenge. Ask Him to help you let go of that grudge.

ACTIVITY:

1: Draw your friends. Write down all their good character traits.

2: Write down any grudge you have. Write down how you would get revenge. Pray to God and ask Him to take this feeling away. Pray for the person. Then tear up the paper and throw it away.