



“Always pray.”

The Search for Rebekah - Genesis 24:34-51

“Delbert, maybe it’s over here,” Lello called across the field.

“Haw! I thought we looked over there already,” Delbert called back.

Delbert and Lello were searching all over the farm but they were having a hard time finding what they were looking for. Granny B had been watching them for a while and she was becoming more and more curious. Finally, she called out to them, “Little ones! What are you two looking for?”

Delbert and Lello stopped their searching and walked over to Granny B. They both looked a little discouraged. “Pops sent us on a mission to find the tallest sunflower on the whole farm,” Delbert said. His excitement began to rise again.

“Baa. But, there are so many plants and flowers on the farm, I’m not sure how we’ll ever find it,” Lello added.

Granny B thought for a moment, then her eyes lit up. “I know,” she began, “you can be like Abraham’s servant.”

Delbert and Lello looked confused. Lello asked, “We don’t remember that story. Can you read it to us, Granny B?”

“Well, Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham told him the Lord would send an angel to give him success. So, the servant obeyed and began his search. When he came to a well of water, he stopped to pray. To see his prayer, let’s look inside the Bible.”

He prayed, “Lord, you are the God of my master Abraham. Please give me success on this journey I’ve made. I’m standing beside this well. A young woman will come out to get water. I will speak to her. I’ll say,

'Please let me drink a little water from your jar.' Suppose she says, 'Have a drink of water. And I'll get some for your camels, too.' Then let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son."

"What happened next?" Lello asked eagerly.

"Well, a maiden named Rebekah came out with a jar of water on her head and did exactly what the servant had prayed for," answered Granny B.

"Wow! So, the servant knew she was the one!" Delbert exclaimed.

"Yes, but did her family let her go with the servant to marry Isaac?" Lello worried.

"The servant told them everything and here is what the family said:"

"The Lord has done all of this. We can't say anything to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah. Take her and go. Let her become the wife of your master's son, just as the Lord has said."

"Wow!" Delbert exclaimed. "God helped Abraham's servant on his search. God can help us, too!"

Granny B smiled. "That's right, Delbert, but we need to remember two things the servant did: he obeyed and he prayed. God asks us to do those things, too."

Lello jumped up. "Come on, Delbert. Let's go pray and ask God to help us find the tallest sunflower. I know He can help us!"

Delbert and Lello thanked Granny B and then trotted off to continue their search.