



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 35

The Search for Rebekah

Lesson Aim: To challenge children in each job they have been given to obey, pray, and give themselves away.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the hardest job you have ever been given?

GAME: Secret Message

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE SERVANT SEARCHES FOR REBEKAH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God tested Abraham's faith.

Today, we will read how Abraham's chief servant was sent to search for a wife for Isaac. Abraham wanted her to be from his homeland because they believed in God. The servant neared the town of Abraham's brother Nahor. Point to Mesopotamia. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 24:34-51. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 24:48. Pray. **Today, we will be given a special mission: "OPERATION O.P.G." Let's listen to the servant's successful O.P.G. Mission.** Read Genesis 24:34-51.

THE WAY OUR MISSION: OBEY, PRAY, GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

What job did Abraham give his servant? (Find a wife for Isaac.) **Why did Abraham want Isaac's wife to be from far away?** (He wanted her to be from his homeland where they followed God.) **What did Abraham make his servant do before leaving?** (Swear an oath, which is a promise, to complete his job.) **These O.P.G. folders hold clues that will help us complete our mission.** Distribute Operation O.P.G. folders.

What did the servant do when asked to do this job? (He obeyed.) **The first part of our Operation O.P.G. job is to obey. Print the letter "O"**

on the first blank in your O.P.G. folder. When given a job to do by God, our parents, or teachers, we should obey.

Who did the servant ask for help? (God.) **Abraham said God would send an angel to help him. What sign did the servant ask for?** (The woman would give water to him and his camels.) **What happened?** (Rebekah appeared and did exactly as he had prayed.) **What did the servant do then?** (Praised and thanked God.) **The "P" in Operation O.P.G. stands for "Pray." Print the letter "P" on the second blank.**

Not only did the servant obey and pray, but he also gave his best effort to complete his job. The "G" in Operation O.P.G. stands for "give away." That means to give your time, energy and best effort so you will do a great job. Print the letter "G" on the third blank. How did the servant give himself away? (He gave his time, his energy, his best effort, and the jewelry Abraham had sent with him.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

2000 years later, Paul wrote to the Ephesians about giving yourself away. Paul's advice to the slaves in Ephesus is true for us today. Reveal Ephesians 6:5-8. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **God wants us to do our best work, as if He was the one who gave us the job. He wants us to obey with a smile, pray for help, and give our best effort.**

What three things should you do when given a job? (O.P.G. = Obey. Pray. Give yourself away.) **What are your chores or jobs? List your jobs in your O.P.G. folder. In the jobs you have been given, what are some ways you can obey, pray, and give yourself away?** If time allows, use the I CAN O.P.G. discussion located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Operation O.P.G. folder
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Abraham's servant praying at the well
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Secret Snack

GAME: What's My Job?

DISCUSSIONS: The Rest of the Story, I Can O.P.G.

CRAFT: Watercolor Messages

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW