



## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY TRINITY 4 (Proper 9)



We are following the Old Testament readings from Genesis for the next few weeks. Isaac is now grown up. Today we meet Rebekah, who become his wife.

Today, two people who love each other and decide to get married have usually spent quite a long time getting to know each other and thinking about how well they get on together.

Today's Bible reading tells us that Isaac loved Rebekah, but the way that they met is very different to what might happen today!



Have you ever been camping? What do you like about living and sleeping in a tent? Is there anything you don't like very much? Abraham's family didn't live in a house in one place like lots of us do today. They lived in tents and moved around, taking their sheep and belongings with them. Do you think you would like to live like this?

*Today's Old Testament Reading is from Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49 and 58- end.  
Also see the Slideshow on this Bible Images site  
<https://freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-isaac-wife/>  
Or you could watch this video (please pre-watch to check it is suitable) <https://youtu.be/JCuNVYC7HrE>*

## THE CAMEL TEST...

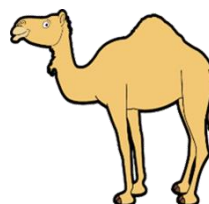
Abraham's servnt wanted to make sure that the lady he asked to come back to meet Isaac was the right one! He prayed, and asked God to help him. He decided that he would ask someone for a drink of water. If the lady gave him a drink, then noticed that his camels were thirsty too and offered to give them a drink, he would know that she was the right one.



*Did you know that a camel can drink 200litres of water in 3 minutes!!! Can you measure out a litre of water? Would you be able carry this very far? Rebekah would have to collect 200 of these jugs for just one camel! And the servant had 10 camels!*

*Rebekah was a lady who would take on a BIG TASK and not give up! Is there a BIG TASK that you could help with? Ask the grown ups you are with.*

Can you imagine the 10 camels crossing the hot desert? There would be people leading them, and the camels would be laden with all the things needed on the journey.



**Draw or paint what you imagine!**

Nothing can live without water, and water is very precious, especially in the dessert. What will you do with your litre of water? Would you or someone with you like a drink? Do you need to water any plants or leave some out for your pet or the birds and animals? Could you make sure that they always have some water?

You could dip your fingers in the water and thank God that we have clean fresh water to drink.