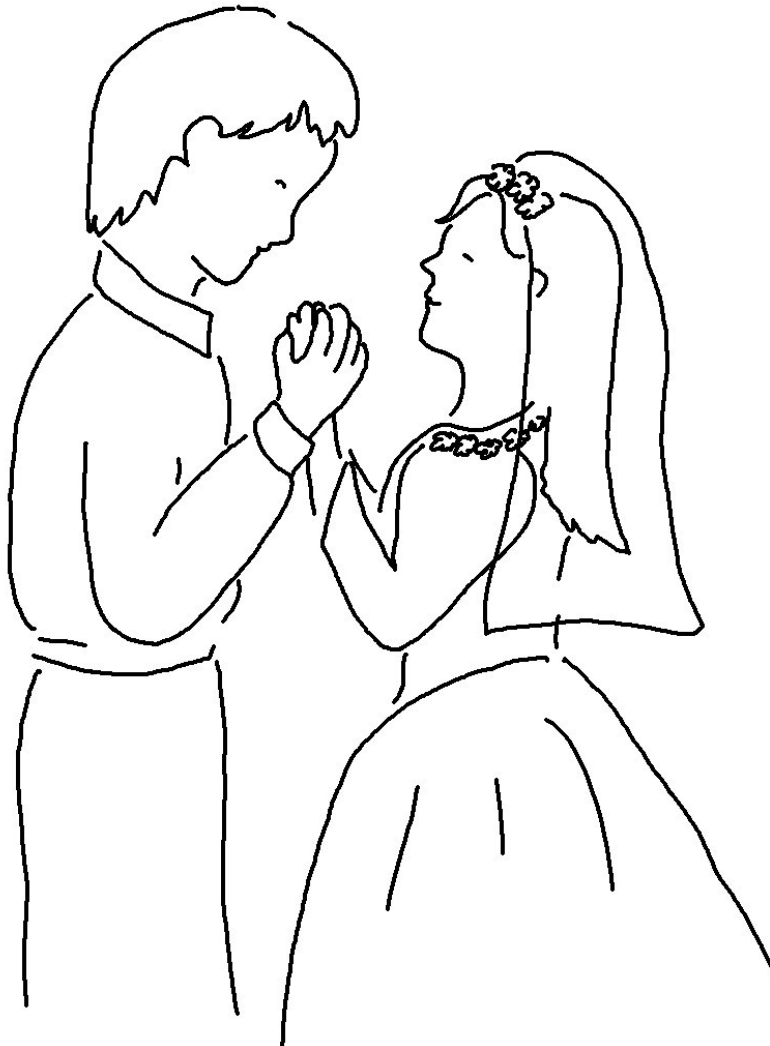


If you don't already know, ask your Mum and Dad how they met each other.



The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway  
for your life."

Psalms 32:8<sup>NLT</sup>

# A Wife for Isaac

## Sabbath

How many best friends do you have? Who are they? \_\_\_\_\_

How many other friends do you have? Who are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you ever play with kids who are not really your friends?

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Think of your best friends and answer these questions:

How did you meet? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you like them from the start? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think you will always be friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Do your parents like them? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think they are a good friend for you? \_\_\_\_\_

Why / Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday

One day Abraham, who was now very old, said to his most trusted servant, "Promise me before God that you will not allow my son to marry one of these local Canaanite women. Instead, go to my homeland, and bring back a wife for my son Isaac."

The servant asked, "But what if I can't find a young woman who is willing to travel so far from home? Should I take Isaac there?"

"No!" said Abraham, "For the Lord promised to give this land to us."



So the servant loaded ten camels with gifts and travelled to the town where Abraham's brother, Nahor, had settled. He stopped the camels at a well just outside the town; it was evening, and the women would soon be coming to get water.

"O Lord, God," he prayed, "Please give me success today. I am asking for a sign. The young women of the town are coming out to draw water; I will ask

for a drink, and if she says, 'Yes, and I will water your camels, too!'—let her be the one you have selected as Isaac's wife."

As the servant finished praying, he saw a young woman coming to get water. "Please give me a drink," he said, and she answered, "Yes and I'll water your camels, too." Her name was Rebekah, and she was a relative of Abraham's brother. His prayer was answered, so the servant told her who he was and gave her some of the jewels; then Rebekah ran home to tell her family.

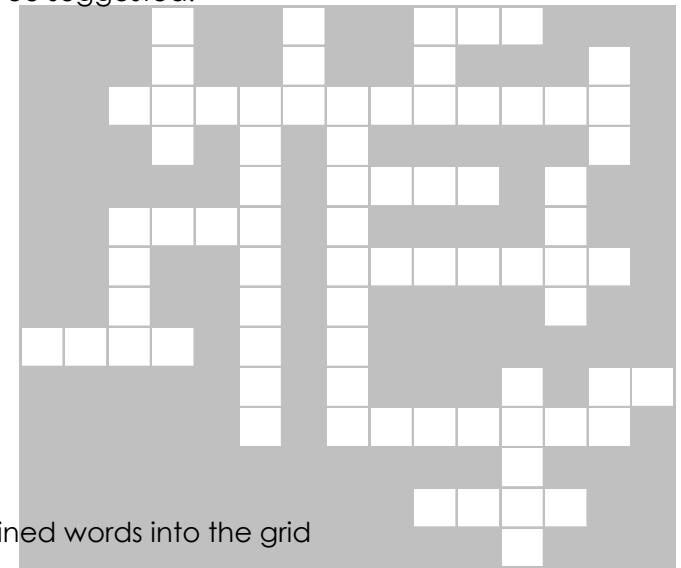
That night, as they sat down to eat, Abraham's servant said, "I must tell you why I have come. I am Abraham's servant, and the Lord has blessed my master. Now my master made me promise, to go to his relatives, and find a wife for his son and the Lord led me straight to Rebekah."

The next day Rebekah said goodbye to her family and travelled to meet Isaac and become his wife.

## Friday

Have you ever wondered how you can be a good influence on your friends without allowing them to have a bad influence on you? The book, Great Stories for Kids Volume 3, by Jerry D. Thomas © 1999, Pacific Press Publishing, has a good story about this very thing. While trying to solve a mystery, they are also trying to solve the mystery of how to say no to your friends and influence them to do something else, without making them angry. As the story progresses they come up with five rules to do this.

1. **Ask questions** – don't go anywhere or do anything until you know why or what the plan is.
2. **Name the trouble** – say what is wrong with what they are planning.
3. **Name the consequences** – how much trouble will you all be in?
4. **Suggest something else**
5. **Move it. Sell it. Leave the door open.** – Invite them along and then, whether or not they come, go and do what you suggested.



Fit the underlined words into the grid

## Thursday

Do your friends know and love Jesus? Are they good witnesses to you? More importantly, are you good witnesses to them? Cross the things you shouldn't do and tick the things you should do.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tease a new person        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell the truth          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy when others are mean | <input type="checkbox"/> Be friendly to everyone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obey parents              | <input type="checkbox"/> Be rude to parents      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disobey the teacher       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bully younger kids      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit each other        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell lies about someone   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use swear-words         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have good fun             | <input type="checkbox"/> Try alcohol             |
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Find the underlined words.

God wants us to be friendly to everyone. But we should be very careful who we pick to be our special friends, the ones we hang out with all the time, the ones we invite home. We want to choose special friends who help us, or whom we can help, to do what is right and become better people. Ask God to help you choose good friends.

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## Monday

Marriages in Bible times, and even today in certain cultures were done very differently than they are usually done today. Today, boy and girl, (or man and woman) meet, they spend time together, they become girl friend and boy friend, they get engaged and then they marry. But in the past marriages were often arranged by the parents, sometimes at the request or with the approval of their children, sometimes without. Sometimes marriage was even used as a sign of a treaty or agreement between the fathers.

Abraham was very wise in not allowing Isaac to marry a woman who worshiped idols; no doubt God was leading him, for it was God who warned the Israelites not to marry the idol worshiping Canaanites.

Lookup the first sentence of 2 Corinthians 6:14

The yoke is the piece that goes across the necks of two oxen or horses, helping them to pull together and share the work. Paul is talking about two people joining together in a partnership, such as marriage or even in business.



Although the unbeliever may at first be perfectly happy for the believer to keep Sabbath and follow the Commandments of God, they almost always grow to resent the time the believer spends with God.

Although you may not be thinking about marriage at this time, the habits you are learning now will influence you for a lifetime. Learning how to do what you know is right even when others do wrong; learning to ask for God's leading and learning to listen to your parent's advice are just some of the important habits that will help you when you do start thinking of marriage.

Tuesday

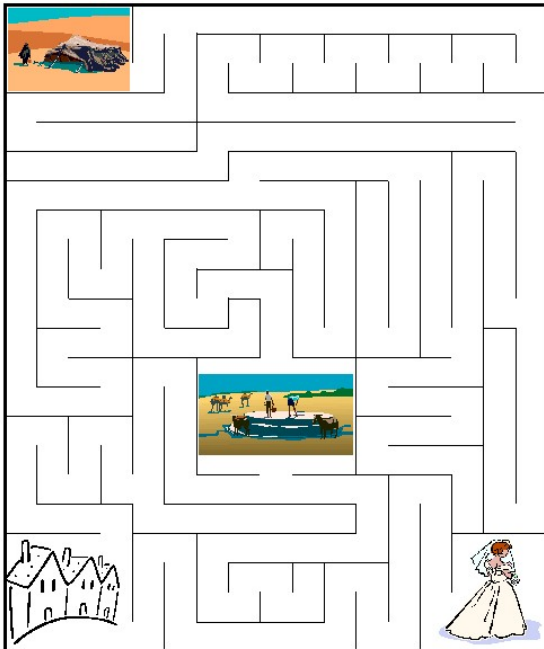
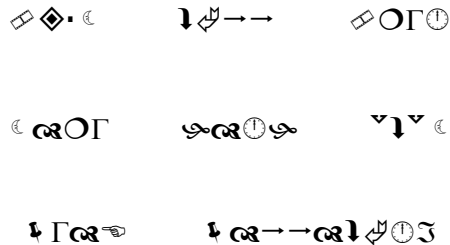
Why didn't Abraham want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman?

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In Deuteronomy 7:3,<sup>4</sup><sub>KJV</sub> God gave the same warning to Isaac's descendants when they returned to the land. Why did God warn them not to marry the Canaanites?



Abraham's servant travelled from their camp, back to Abraham's old home and stopped at the well. There, he met Rebekah, visited her family, and then Rebekah returned with him to become Isaac's wife. Find a way through the maze to tell the story.

## Wednesday

Sometimes people feel that they NEED to have a boy friend or girl friend; they feel like they cannot be happy without one.

You need to learn that although your friends and family can help make you happy, it is not the most important kind of happiness; true joy comes from God alone.

Of course there are other times when friends and even sometimes family can try and get you to make bad choices. These are the times you have to decide to do your own thing, to do what is right even when everyone else isn't. This can be a very hard thing to do but when you learn to do it, it will save you a lot of trouble, and possibly even save your life.

Use the following verses to answer the questions to solve the crossword:

Psalm 139:13, 14; Luke 12:7; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 14:12

- Where did God put you together? In your \_\_\_\_ (3a, 6a)
  - You are \_\_\_\_\_ made (5a)
  - What does God count or number? The \_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_ (1d, 1a)
  - What do you become when you hang out with wise people? (5d)
  - What can ruin your morals and corrupt your good character?  
\_\_\_\_ (7d, 2d)
  - The way that people think is ok might end in \_\_\_\_\_ (4d)
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