

God Answers Servant's Prayer for a Wife for Isaac

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will pray for things that please God.
2. Children will receive answers to their prayers.
3. Children will tell others about answered prayers.

Materials Needed:

Verse visuals for Lamentations 3:23b
One-word verse cards for Matthew 21:22
Nice notebooks for each child
Decorating supplies for notebooks
Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse "Lamentations 3:23b
Have children tell stories of prayers God answered this month.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional procedures)

- A. Focusing event-Sing "God Answers Prayer"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Matthew 21:22-Have card for each word and take away a word or two at a time until they can say it without the cards at all.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Have each child decorate a prayer journal where they can write their prayers and God's answers.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students praying for things that please God?
 2. Are the students receiving answers to their prayers?
 3. Are the students telling others about their answered prayers?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do students understand that the character in the Bible story prayed for something that pleased God?
 2. Do students realize that the character received the answer to their prayer?
 3. Do students recognize that the character told specific people about their answered prayer?
 4. Can students quote memory verse without cards?
 5. Do students understand the concept of a prayer journal?

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Introduction

The servant had an assignment from his master. He had a job to carry out, but he did not know exactly how to do it. He could have tried to come up with his own ideas, but instead he decided to ask God to show him what to do. This servant was Abraham's servant and he had been assigned to the hard task of finding a wife for Isaac.

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

Abraham was very old and lived in a foreign land, so he asked his servant to go back to his homeland to find a wife from his relatives for his son Isaac. (v1-8)

The servant promised to find Isaac a wife. (v9)

The servant went back to Abraham's homeland and came to a well at the time of day when woman went to gather water. (v10-11)

The servant prayed that the Lord would send a woman who would offer to draw water for him and his camels and he would know that this was the wife for Isaac. (v12-14)

1. The servant prayed for something that pleased the Lord-that God would show him the right wife for Isaac

While he was still praying, a woman, Rebekah, came and offered to draw water for him and his camels. (v15-20)

Rebekah told the servant about her family and the servant realized that they were relatives of Abraham. (v21-24)

Rebekah invited him to come to her house. (v25)

The servant realized that God had answered his prayer and thanked Him. (v26-27)

2. God answered the servant's prayer to show him the right wife for Isaac.

The servant went to Rebekah's house and told her relatives the story of what God had done. (v28-48)

3a. The servant told Rebekah's relatives about God's answer to his prayer.

The servant asked to bring Rebekah to Isaac. (v49)

Rebekah's relatives agreed and so did Rebekah. (v50-58)

The servant took Rebekah to Isaac. (v59-65)

The servant told Isaac what God had done (v66)

3b. The servant told Isaac about God's answer to his prayer.

Isaac and Rebekah were married (v67)

Conclusion-Tying the Net

Once again God showed that He was faithful to answer prayer. Abraham's servant specifically asked God to show him who should be the wife for Isaac by bringing a lady who would offer to give he and his camels water. God answered his prayer and showed him who the special lady was right away. The servant was so excited about what God had done that he told Rebekah's family and later on Isaac.

We have seen four examples of God answering prayer. God answered Hannah's prayer for a son, Elisha's prayer for the boy to be raised, the Christian's prayer for Peter to be freed, and the servant's prayer for a wife for Isaac. God was faithful to answer each prayer.

God can answer your prayers too, whatever they may be. Ask God for things that please Him, expect God to answer your prayers, and then tell others about what God has done for you, just as these Bible characters did.

If you have not trusted Jesus to save you, He can answer that prayer too. You can ask Him to save you today. If you would like to trust Jesus today, please come and talk to me at the end of this lesson. God wants to answer that prayer today.