Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the Instructions for the Little Gems Story on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Here Comes the Bride!

Shalom children! In today's story, Abraham and Sarah's son, Yitshaq, is all grown up now. **(Place Abraham, Sarah and Yitshaq on board.)** Our story begins with Sarah's death **(remove Sarah from board)**, which made them both very sad. **(Place sad emoji on board.)** Abraham decided it was time to find a wife for Yitshaq, so he called for his trusted servant **(place Eli'ezer on board next to Abraham and Yitshaq)** to help him.

Abraham asked his servant to journey back to Abraham's home town, Aram, to find a woman there for Yitshaq to marry. Now, Abraham's servant wasn't sure that the girl would want to travel all the way back with him to Kena'an, so he asked if he could just take Yitshaq with him to Aram to pick a wife himself. But Abraham said no, and made the servant promise to never take his son there. **(Remove all characters from board and place thigh scene on board.)** He had his servant place his hand under his thigh as a binding agreement and sent his servant on his journey. **(Remove thigh scene from board and place Eli'ezer back on board.)**

So Abraham's servant prepared 10 camels and started out on his journey. **(Place 10 camels on board, and place each number on board as you say each number. Say, "Children, can you count to 10 in Hebrew with me? Achat, shtayim, shalosh, arba, chamesh, shesh, sheva, shmoneh, tesha and eser.")** He also brought along some gifts for the bride and her family. **(Place gift scene on board.)** On the long trip to Aram, he asked Yahweh to help him with this task. He did not want to fail his master Abraham, but he had no idea how he would find the right girl for Yitshaq. **(Remove numbers from board.)**

In the evening, when Abraham's servant arrived at the town well **(place well on board next to Eli'ezer and camels)**, he stood there and asked Yahweh to show him the right girl by giving him a sign. The sign he would look for was this: he would watch for a girl coming to draw water, and when he asked her for some water to drink, she would offer to water his 10 camels as well. Now that was a lot of work, so the girl would have to be a very generous and kind person to want to do this! Before he had even finished praying, a girl with a water jug came to the well. **(Remove well and place Ribqah with water jugs near well on board.)** When Abraham's servant asked her for a drink of water, she not only said yes, but she cheerfully watered all his camels, too!

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Abraham's servant was so happy that he stopped right there and worshiped Yahweh, **(place happy emoji on board)**, and thanked Him for answering his prayer. **(Place praying emoji on board.)** He asked the girl what her name was. She told him her name was Ribqah, and that she was the daughter of Bethu'el, who was Abraham's nephew. Abraham's servant knew then that she was the right girl to marry Yitshaq. He gave her a gold nose ring and 2 gold bracelets. **(Remove Ribqah with water jugs by well from board and replace with Ribqah with nose ring and bracelets on board.)** Abraham's servant explained to Ribqah who he was and how he knew she was the girl Yahweh had chosen to be Yitshaq's wife. **(Remove emojis from board.)**

They all went to Ribqah's house to tell her father and brother. **(Place tent, Ribqah's father and Laban on board next to Eli'ezer and Ribqah with nose ring and bracelets.)** Ribqah and Abraham's servant explained to Bethu'el (her father) and Laban (her brother) all that had happened. The servant also gave Ribqah's family gifts. **(Place gift scene by Ribqah's father and Laban.)** They welcomed Abraham's servant and gave him food to eat **(place platter on board)** and a place for the camels to rest. Laban wanted them to wait 10 days before going back to Abraham. Abraham's servant politely told them that he needed to get back right away.

(Remove all characters from board.)

Ribqah took her maids and her nurse, and gathered her stuff, and they all left with Abraham's servant. **(Place Eli'ezer, Ribqah with face covering and 3 women on board.)** When they arrived at Abraham's place, Ribqah looked up and saw Yitshaq coming toward them, walking through a field. Right away she got down from her camel, and went to meet him. **(Place Yitshaq on board and move Ribqah with face covering near him.)** Very soon, Yitshaq and Ribqah got married **(remove Yitshaq and Ribqah with face covering and place married couple on board)** and went to live in Sarah's old tent. **(Place tent on board.)** Yitshaq loved Ribqah, and his new wife cheered him up so he wasn't sad anymore. **(Place happy emoji on board and point to married couple.)**

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

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