In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 11
God's Providence and His Choice of Jacob

Themes:
- God promised to make Abraham into a great nation through which to bless the world.
- After the death of Abraham, God continued His covenant promise through Isaac.
- God directs people and events to bring about His purposes.
- God chose to continue His covenant through Jacob.

Scripture:
Portions of Genesis 23-25

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:8b (and review verses 3-8a)

Today's Clues:
There was no clue uncovered—only a fingerprint!

Home and Heart:
How did God leave His "fingerprints" in the events of Genesis 23-25? Do we always understand how God may choose to direct people and events? For example, does God say WHY He chose Jacob and not Esau? Was it because He thought Jacob would be stronger, smarter, or more obedient? Read and discuss Romans 9:10-11.

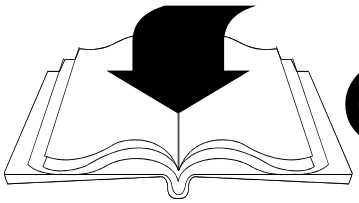
Is God still active in the world today? Even though He may not speak directly to people today as He did to Abraham, do you see evidence of God's "fingerprints"? Give your child some concrete examples from the physical world as well as historical and current events. Think in terms of personal ways God has moved and directed events in your own life and then help your child to discover God's fingerprints in his own life.

How was Rebekah like Sarah? [She was barren, too.] Did God's plan fail because of this? Why not? Why do you think God chose to have the offspring of His promise born to women who were barren? What does this show us about Who God is and what He is like? How should we respond to God when we see His greatness displayed? How should we respond to God when we see how He directs people and events to make His plans happen? Read Genesis 24:26-27. What is worship? Read Revelation 5:11-14. Who is being worshiped in these verses? Why? Read Hebrews 1:1-3.

This week, carefully look for God's fingerprints in your life, family, church, in nature, and in the things that are happening around the world. As you notice God acting in His world and in His people, take time to worship Him for how great He is!



DISCOVER MORE



GENESIS

Read Genesis 23-25 to learn more about how God continued to keep His promises to Abraham through Isaac and then Jacob. Below is a word search. You will find 20 words from the chapters you read. The words are written across and down. Circle the words when you find them. (Hint: They are NOT words like, *the*, *and*, *is*, *so*, etc.)

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