

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

34 So he said, **“I am Abraham’s servant.** 35 The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; 38 but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

*39 I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ 40 But he said to me, ‘The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father’s house. 41 Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’*

42 **“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” 44 and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ 45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. 47 Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”**

*50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. 51 Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.” 52 When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. 53 And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments.*


*54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, “Send me back to my master.” 55 Her brother and her mother said, “Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” 56 But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the Lord has made my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master.” 57 They said, “We will call the girl, and ask her.”*

58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” **She said, “I will.”** 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” 61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. 63 **Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field**; and looking up, he saw camels coming. 64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, 65 and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Word - I/S, Eye - I/S, Body - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p><b>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</b> <b>D2</b></p>	<p>The story is told in four scenes from the beginning of the chapter.</p>	<p>A family history - verifiable facts (dates, places, people) but some flourishes to color the story and make it special.</p> <p><i>Relationships in the story and the relationships of people reading the story make this a <b>People</b> smart illustration, too.</i></p>	<p>Tell this story as a reader’s theater.</p> <p>Tell this story as a family history.</p>
<p><b>Eye - Visual/Spatial</b> <b>MWD</b></p>	<p>from Hebron in the southern hill country of Canaan to the city of Nahor in Aram Naharaim, in upper Mesopotamia</p> <p>The bling given to Rebekah - SHINY</p>	<p><a href="#">Map from Harran to Hebron</a></p> <p>As per an article from 2007 in <a href="#">The Telegraph</a>, a pilgrim trail has been planned that begins in Harran “among the ruins of the old Mesopotamian city in south-eastern Turkey, the path passes through Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel, ending at Abraham’s tomb in the ancient city of Hebron (al-Khalil).” The distance</p>	<p>Break out the maps!!</p> <p>Bring in some “gold” jewelry - you can find lots of flashy bling at any craft store or party supply store</p> <p>Painting of <a href="#">Isaac praying in the field</a> as the servant and Rebekah approached</p>

		<p>of this planned pathway is roughly 750 miles.</p> <p>(Google maps says the actual distance is 530 miles.)</p> <p>It is likely this pilgrimage is not happening given the civil war in Syria.</p>	
<p><b>Math - Logical/Mathematical</b></p>	<p>The bling given to Rebekah may have influenced Bethuel and Laban</p>	<p>retracing steps to avoid intermarrying</p>	
<p><b>Body - Kinesthetic</b></p> <p><b>D2</b></p>		<p>The well the servant stops at the well - it's like a watering hole after a long trip = the purpose of <a href="#">Wall Drug, SD</a></p>	
<p><b>Musical</b></p>			
<p><b>Natural</b></p>	<p>climate of the area; how much time it would take to water a caravan of camels with one water jar</p>	<p>Abraham's servant prepared to fulfill his mission by praying for a sign and then waiting to see what happened.</p> <p>His patience is like a praying mantis that sits motionless until bugs that think it is just part of the plant get too close.</p>	
<p><b>People - Interpersonal</b></p>	<p>paths that cross; servant searching for woman to marry boss's son, woman coming out to draw water</p> <p>the oath the servant swore = <i>alah</i> in Hebrew which carries with it a curse for remaining</p>	<p><a href="#">TV Trope: The Igor</a> - our servant here?</p> <p>Contracts with severe penalties for failure to provide service.</p>	

	<b>unfulfilled</b>		
<b>Self - Intrapersonal</b>	<p>Isaac wandering in the field; suggests grief or at least a need for exercise (which is often an antidote to grief)</p> <p>Rebekah's decision to leave her home and family and marry a man sight unseen parallels Abraham's own decision to leave and follow sight unseen</p>	Was Isaac suffering from PTSD? depression?	