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Two New Names



After Lot had moved toward Sodom, the LORD said to Abram, “Look to the north, south, east, and west, as far as you can see. I will give all that land to you and your descendants forever.”

One night God called Abram outside. He said, “Look up and count the stars if you can.” Of course, Abram did not even try to count the stars. He knew he could not do that.

Then God said, “That’s the way it will be with your descendants. You will have more than a man can count.”

Abram did not know how God could keep that promise. But he believed it. He built an altar and worshiped the God who could make all His promises come true.

Abram turned ninety-nine on his next birthday. But he and Sarai still had no children. Had God forgotten His promise?

One day the LORD appeared to Abram. He said, “I am going to change your name because you will become the father of many nations. From now on, your name is Abraham. I will change Sarai’s name too, because she will become the mother of many nations. From now on, her name will be Sarah.”

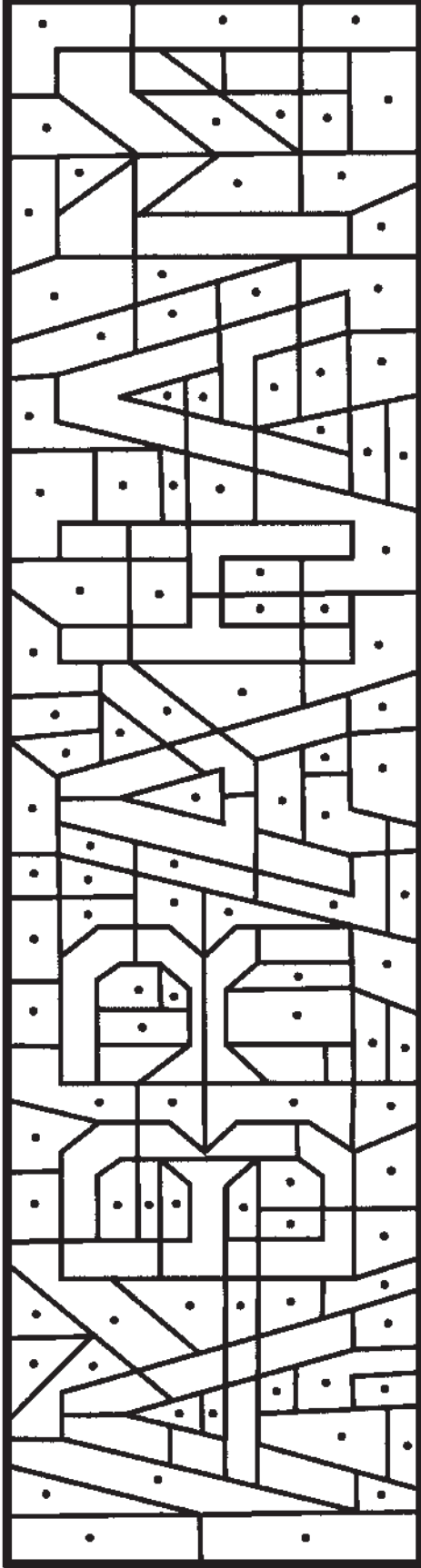
Some time after that, the LORD and two angels stopped at the home of Abraham and Sarah. The LORD said to Abraham, “Sarah will soon have a son.”

Sarah laughed to herself because she thought that was impossible. She was much too old to have a baby.

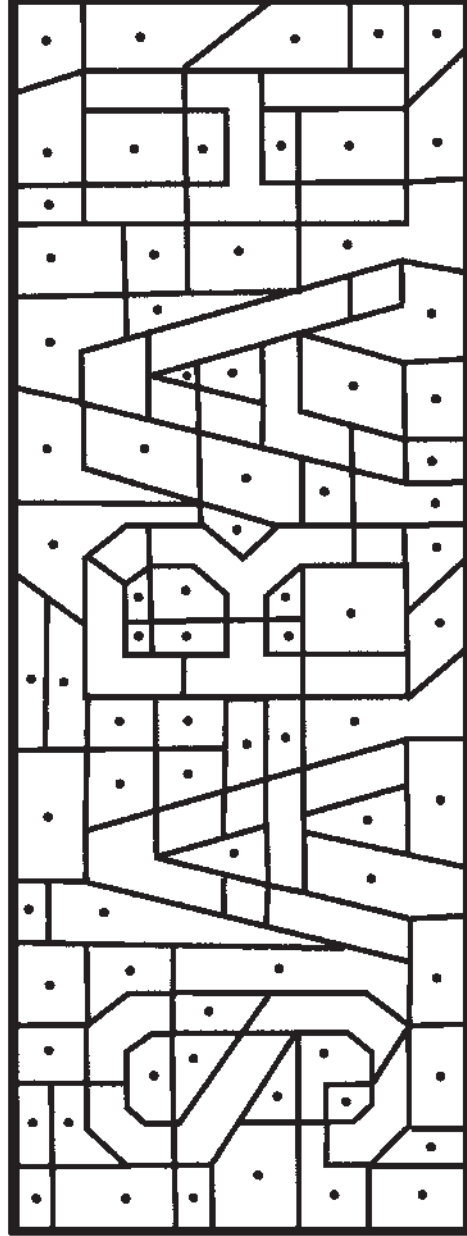
But nothing is too hard for God. Sarah had her first son when she was ninety years old. They named him Isaac. Isaac was the next step in God’s plan to save the world from sin.

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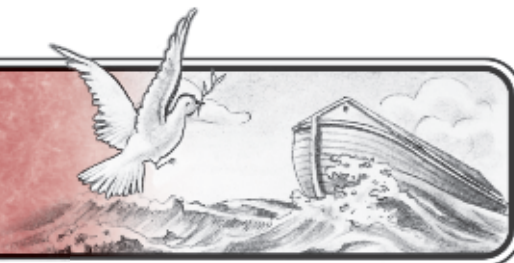
Sarai's name became...



Neither shall thy name anymore be called Abram, but ... Abraham. As for Sarai thy wife ... Sarah shall her name be. Genesis 17:5, 15

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Plans Move Ahead



The boy Isaac grew up without any brothers or sisters to play with. His parents wanted him to love and serve the true God, so they taught him about the God of heaven.

Years later after Sarah died, Abraham began to worry about whom Isaac would marry. He thought of his relatives in faraway Haran. They would know the true God. Maybe Isaac would find a wife in Haran.

But Abraham was a hundred and forty years old. He could not go, and he did not want Isaac to leave him.

He said to his head servant, "I do not want Isaac to marry any of the wicked women here in Canaan. And I don't want Isaac to go to Haran. You go up there. See if you can find a woman who will come down here and marry Isaac."

The servant set out for Haran with ten camels loaded with gifts and supplies. Days later he arrived in the evening and stopped at the well

outside the city. He knew many women would come there to draw water. But how would he find the one God wanted to become Isaac's wife? God would have to show him.

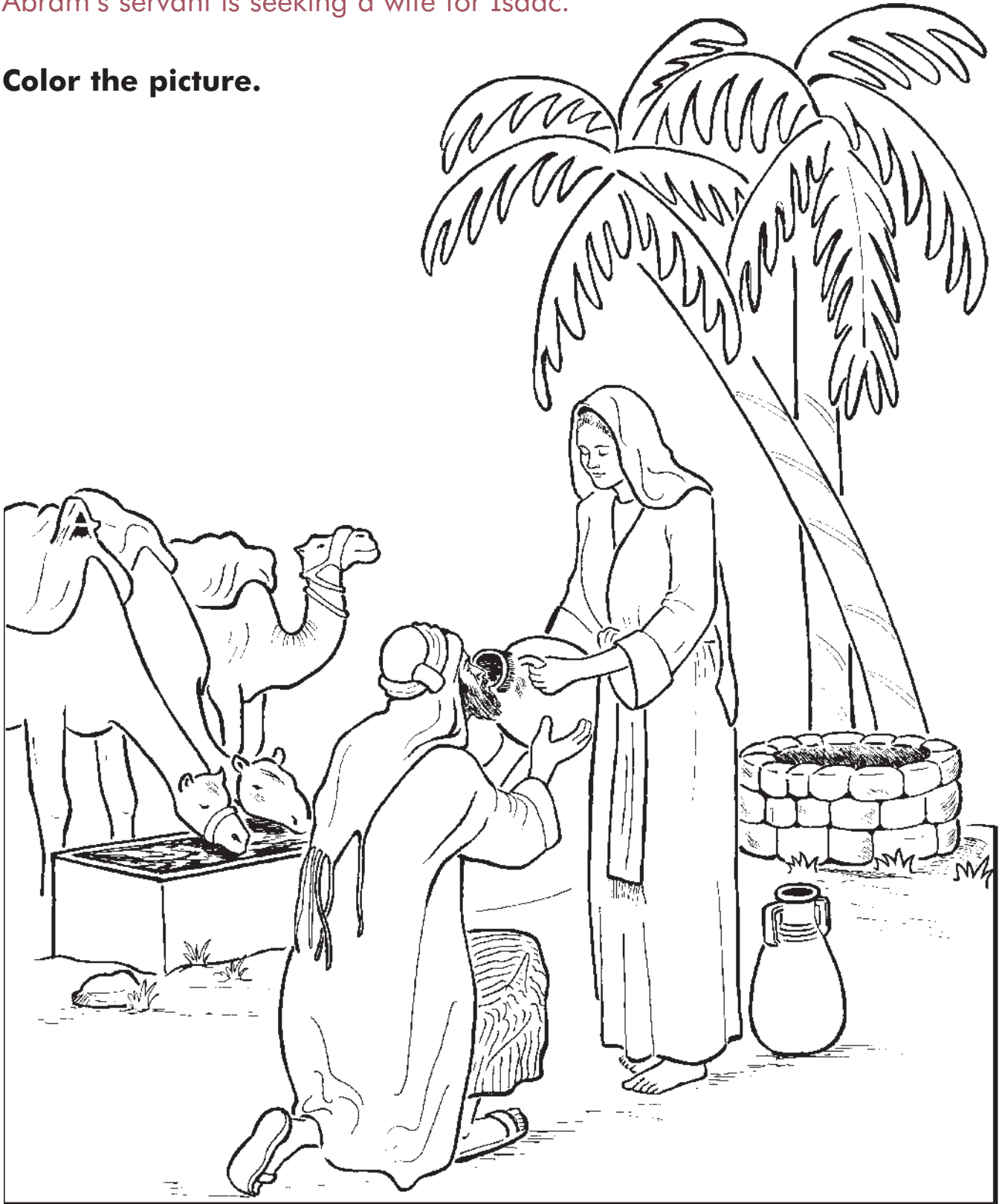
The servant prayed, "LORD, when the women come to draw water, I will ask them for a drink. If one of them says she will draw water for my camels too, I will know she is the one You have picked for Isaac."

Before the servant had stopped praying, a beautiful young woman named Rebekah came to draw water. When the servant asked her for a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels too."

Then the servant knew God had answered his prayer. He went home with Rebekah and told her parents why he had come. They were willing to let Rebekah go back to Canaan and become Isaac's wife. When they asked Rebekah, she said, "Yes, I will go." So she went back with the servant and became Isaac's wife.

Abram's servant is seeking a wife for Isaac.

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The servant ... said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. ... And she ... gave him drink. Genesis 24:17, 18