

The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah

(Genesis 24)

This is a lesson plan for classroom worship, contributed by Kay Alden, when she taught sixth grade at the Bryn Athyn Church School. This could also be used with a youth group or Sunday School class.

Note: This lesson is designed to be used just before Valentines Day.

Tell students that since Valentines Day is coming up you would like to spend this worship talking about conjugal love. Show students genealogy chart on back bulletin board again and tell them that the love story of Isaac and Rebekah is often thought of as the most beautiful love story in the Word.

Remind them of how when Abraham was in his old age he wanted to be sure that his precious son Isaac would not marry from among the Canaanites, but instead from his kindred. He asked a faithful servant to go and find him a wife.

This was the custom of that day.

Read Gen 24: 10-67

- ◆ This is a very beautiful love story and it is a good one to remind us that the love between married partners is one of the most precious gifts that the LORD gives to us. The Lord has told us that it is possible for us to have it again on earth. All angels in heaven in married and have a special love between them called conjugal love.
- ◆ This love is not something that is just given to us as a gift, we have to prepare our hearts and minds for it and WORK for it
- ◆ What are some ways that you can prepare yourself for it now? (Have students give you their ideas)
- ◆ One big way is to not watch TV or read books that don't hold to the ideals. These pictures can stay in our minds and hurt us. Be strong enough to get up and turn the TV off or not go to the movie that everyone else thinks is cool.
- ◆ Do most the things we see in the media give us a true idea of marriage and give us examples of what we know? Discuss
- ◆ Rejecting unclean language, ideas and jokes can be another way to help prepare us for conjugal love.
- ◆ The LORD created men and women differently. He made them to conjoin and perfectly match each other. Have a discussion on the differences that they see.
- ◆ Another way to help prepare us for conjugal love is to not pair up too early. Elaborate on why this is not a good idea
- ◆ This is a time to have many friends. There is nothing wrong with liking one person, it is something the LORD wants for all of you eventually, but it is better to keep these thoughts to yourself until you are older and really ready to start dating.

Close with a prayer that asks the LORD to help students prepare themselves for conjugal love.