

FOREMOTHER ABIGAIL

L/O: For our young daughters to learn about the great understanding our foremother had and not only beauty. Her faith, wisdom, kind, respectful speech. To also learn how Abigail loved her husband as the scriptures tell wives to do.

TEACH:

1. She was the wife of Nabal, of the house of Caleb, she had good understanding and a beautiful countenance.

‘Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.’ ~ **1 Samuel 25:3**

Questions:

Q1. Do you know what it means to have a good understanding? (It means to keep the commandments. **Psalm 111:10**)

Q2: Can you give an example of life examples of applying any laws? (to check your child’s understanding)

Say: Nabal name means Fool. Read **1 Samuel 25:25**

2. She was hospitable.

‘Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.’ ~ **1 Samuel 25:18**

Questions:

Q3: Why do you think she was hospitable? (she decided to meet Forefather David with food and wine).

Q4. She showed reverence, and honor to David.

‘And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his

name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

And it shall happen, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed the ruler over Israel.

That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the Lord shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.' ~ **1 Samuel 25:23 - 31**

Say: she showed honour and reverence to David by how she lighted off the ass (donkey) bowing to meet David. She had a good understanding of how to speak to remove anger from someone. She was feminine, humble, and kind and we can learn so much from her on how to be the same.

Tip: use the dictionary during the lesson so that your daughters can look up the key words such as feminine, humble, kind etc.

5. She was patient, when to speak and when not to speak

'And Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

And it happened about ten days after, that the Lord smote Nabal, that he died.' ~ **1 Samuel 25:36 - 38**

Say: Abigail knew that there is time to speak, it is the same thing wives have to do with their husbands. The same we all have to do, speak when it is necessary and do not speak when it is unnecessary. We have to learn to be patient in waiting to be able to speak.

6. She became David's wife.

'And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.' ~ **1 Samuel 26:40**

Questions:

Q4: Why did David want to marry Abigail? (check their understanding.)



Q5: What do you think can be learned from Abigail that will make any woman a great wife? (check their understanding.)

End of Class