braham was a very old man. His wife, Sarah, had died, but he had a son, Isaac, whom he loved very much.

One day, Abraham called his oldest servant who was in charge of all his possessions. 'I want you to make me a promise,' he said. 'I want you to go back to the country I came from. When you get there, please choose a wife for Isaac from among my relatives.'

'But, what if the girl will not come back with me?' asked the servant. 'Shall I send Isaac back to the land you came from?'

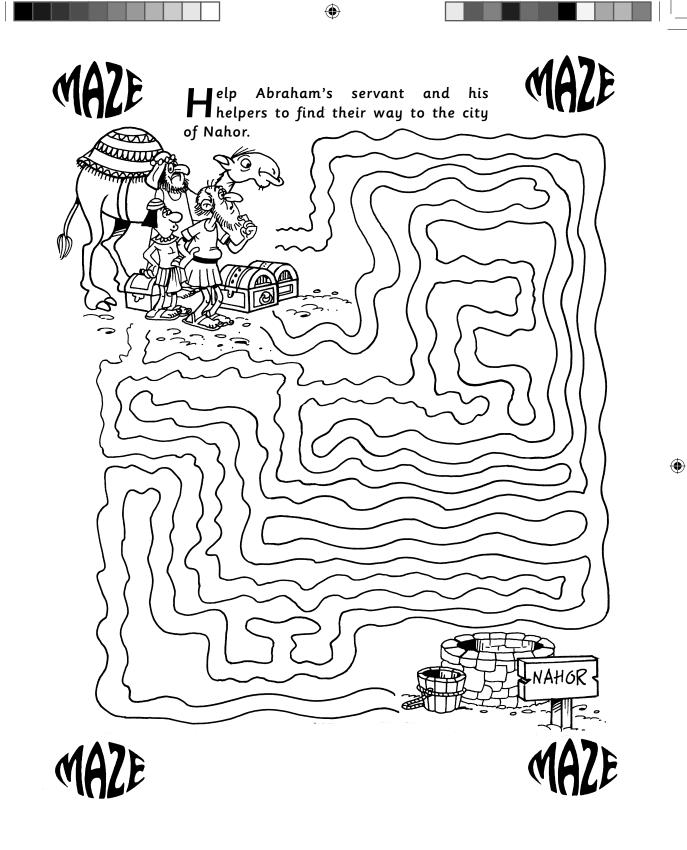
'No,' replied Abraham. 'God promised to give this land of Canaan to my descendants. He will send an angel ahead of you so that you will find a wife for Isaac. If the girl will not come, you will be free from your promise. But you must not take my son back there.'

So Abraham's servant made the promise and got ready to leave.

This story can be found in Genesis 24. Careco caracter

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Laban listened carefully to all that the servant told him. 'I can see that this matter comes from the Lord,' he said after listening to the whole story. 'Take Rebekah and let her become Isaac's wife, just as God has said.'

The servant bowed down and worshipped God. Then he took out clothing and silver and gold jewellery and gave them to Rebekah. Laban and her mother were also given expensive presents. Only then would the servant eat and drink and settle down for the night. (See Genesis Chapter 24) ( )