

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – A Bride for Isaac

Genesis 24:67 *Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*

Ask your students where the marriage of Isaac is recorded in the Bible. Can they give the book and chapter?

Have everyone open their Bibles to Genesis 24 and read vv.1-10 together. Do they know what is going to happen in the rest of the chapter?

Now have your students work in pairs and find as many ways as they can that the marriage of Isaac foreshadows the union of Christ and the ecclesia. Because Genesis 24 is a long chapter, you may want to divide it into sections and have students work with different sections of the chapter; e.g., vv.1-14, vv.15-28, vv.29-49, and vv.50-67. Give them a few minutes to make their lists.

Ask them to tell you what they have found and compile a class list of all the parallels.

Why do they think so many details, pointing forward to Christ, show up in the story of Isaac in Genesis? Do they know what a "type" is? Isaac is one of many Old Testament types of Christ. Other details of his life point forward to Christ as well.