

Old Testament

Isaac and the King

Genesis 26:1-9;12-33

Younger Verse

Change your ways and be baptized. Acts 2:38a

Older Verse

Change your ways and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38a

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever had someone be mean to you? Most of the time we want to get revenge or hurt them back. God tells us that we should let Him take care of things. Let's see what Isaac does.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Isaac and Rebekah lived in the land that God promised Abraham. One year the land became very dry. It had not rained in a long time and the crops were not growing. Because of this, there was not much food to eat. Many people were traveling to large cities to get food for their families.

God appeared to Isaac and told him to stay in the land. He reminded Isaac how He had promised Abraham a large family; more than the stars in the sky.

Isaac obeyed God and stayed in the land.

There was a king in the land. Isaac respected him but was afraid of what they might do to him because his wife, Rebekah, was so beautiful. When the men asked about Rebekah, Isaac told a lie. He told them that she was his sister because he was afraid that they might kill him to get Rebekah.

They lived safely in the land with the king. One day, the king saw Isaac and Rebekah and knew that Rebekah must be his wife!

He called Isaac to his palace. The king confronted Isaac. He said, "Rebekah is really your wife! Why did you say she was your sister?"

Lesson Goals

Learn how to let God take care of people who hurt you
Tell how Isaac was patient and kind
Share why it is important to tell the truth

Isaac must have been ashamed of his lie. He bowed his head and told the king that he was afraid that he would die if he told the truth. Isaac knew that he should have told the truth.

God blessed Isaac because he obeyed Him and stayed in the land. Isaac planted vegetables and they grew and grew! Many people came and bought his crops. He became a very rich man. Soon the people in the king's city started to become jealous of Isaac. They filled up all the water wells with dirt so that they had no pure water to drink.

The king came to Isaac and asked him to move. The king was afraid of Isaac's power and wealth. So, Isaac moved to the valley.

Isaac's helpers dug a well so that they would have water. It was fresh and good. They were so excited that they had delicious water for everyone. Suddenly some herdsmen for the city came and claimed the well.

Instead of arguing or fighting, Isaac and his helpers dug another well. Believe it or not, the herdsmen also claimed that well. Again, instead of fighting over the well, Isaac and his helpers dug another well. This time, no one quarreled over the well.

Isaac and his family moved to another town. That night, God reminded him that He would bless him and care for him. He told Isaac that he would have many descendants. Isaac honored God and built an altar to show his love to God and worship Him.

Meanwhile, the king and the commander of his army came to Isaac. Isaac could have treated them badly because of all the mean things they had done. Instead, he listened to them and even gave them a feast. Isaac promised the king that he would not harm his city. The king left in peace.

That day, Isaac's helpers came with good news! They had found water! God had blessed Isaac and cared for him, even when mean people tried to hurt him.

We can learn several lessons from this story. Always tell the truth; be kind to others even when they are mean to you; and God will take care of you when you follow Him.

God promised to bless Isaac and take care of him. He also promised to take care of us. He wants us to believe in Him and trust Him. He wants us to be in Heaven one day. He even made a way for us to get there! God's Son, Jesus, died on a cross and came back to life to pay for all our wrongs. If we believe in Him, we will go to Heaven one day. Talk to us about how you can get to Heaven.

Learning Activities

Try activities to help the kids apply the lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

Changing your ways is like making a U-Turn in the road. Share how Isaac made a U-Turn and started doing things God's way.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us let HIM take care of people who are mean to us this week.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Bring water today to remind them of the water wells.

Planning for Lesson 16
Jacob and Esau
Gen. 25:21-34; 27:1-45

Preschool Lesson
For
Isaac and the king

Let the kids make “splish splash” noises whenever you mention the water wells.

God blessed Isaac because he obeyed Him and stayed in the land. Isaac planted vegetables and they grew and grew! (Ask the kids to name different kinds of vegetables.)

Many people came and bought his crops. He became a very rich man. Soon the people in the king’s city started to become jealous of Isaac. They filled up all the water wells (splish splash) with dirt so that they had no pure water to drink.

The king came to Isaac and asked him to move. So, Isaac moved to the valley.

Isaac’s helpers dug a well so that they would have water (splish splash) . It was fresh and good. They were so excited that they had delicious water for everyone. Suddenly some herdsmen for the city came and took the well.

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Ask God to help us be kind to all people.

Hands-On Activities
For
Isaac and the King

Make a Well using a bagel or piece of bread with the middle pulled out.

God helped Isaac's plants to grow while others were dying in the hot sun. Try your hand at planting seeds with the kids.

Isaac learned a lesson about telling the truth. He should have trusted God and believed that He would protect him and his family. Instead, he told a lie and he got caught. Bring a tube of toothpaste. Squeeze out a little bit. Ask the kids if you can put the toothpaste back in the tube. Of course not! Share that in the same way, we cannot take back our words. Challenge the kids to say good things that are true and honest this week.

Isaac trusted God and did not fight back when mean people came. In the same way, we should walk away when people challenge us to do wrong. Instead of fighting or taking revenge, let God take care of the problem. Just like God took care of Isaac, He will take care of you.

Make Stars with glitter. Put them on the wall and share how God promised to bless Isaac and care for his family.

Decorate little jars and put water in them (maybe even put a drop of blue food coloring to tint the water). Tape the lid shut to make a water well.
