FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Galatians 5:22; Genesis 26:12-33

THE LESSON

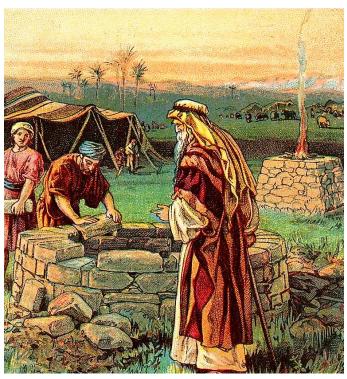
Isaac, son of Abraham and the Children of Israel's second Patriarch (forefather) is blessed by God and becomes very wealthy. At this time, a person's wealth is based on the size of his flocks of animals. Isaac has many flocks and helpers to care for them. All of these flocks and people move around in order to find grass for the animals to eat. The animals also need water to live, so everywhere Isaac goes he digs wells to get water.

At some places to where Isaac moves his flocks and digs wells, the people do not want him there. They take control of the wells and tell Isaac to go away. Instead of fighting these people, Isaac makes peace with them. He leaves the place, finds new land, and digs new wells. Isaac believes in God. The Spirit of God is in him, so Isaac makes peace with others. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit. Read more about this story in the Bible chapters above.

THE POINT

Peace is a fruit of the Spirit.





let's talk about it

- 1. How did Isaac get to be so wealthy?
- 2. Sometimes with great wealth come problems. What problem did Isaac face in this lesson?
- 3. What did people do to make Isaac go away?
- 4. What forceful action could Isaac have taken to "fix" his trouble with these people and keep his flocks in good shape?
- 5. Why didn't Isaac fight to keep his wells?
- 6. What does it mean to "make peace"?
- 7. Have you ever made peace with someone to avoid a fight or some trouble? Share.
- 8. What does the Bible mean when it says, "Peace is a fruit of the Spirit"?







Isaac Gives Up His Wells

Peacemaker

Through the Week

- Whenever you're mad at someone in your family this week, give that person a cup of water as a reminder of how Isaac made peace.
- As you drink water together, talk about how you can work together toward peace.
- When you're done, shake hands to celebrate your truce.
- Pray together, thanking God for helping you make peace.





DEAR LORD: Teach us to trust in you so that when the unexpected storms of life come, we will expect peace in the midst of those storms, knowing that you are near. You hear our cries, and you are with us and for us. Help us to be like Isaac who sought to bring peace to those around him because your Spirit put peace in his heart. In Jesus we pray, Amen.



Watch, Discuss, Learn, & Grow

Check out this video, <u>A Moment of Peace</u>, then work through the questions below.

- 1. In the beginning of the video the family is all peaceful and happy. How often is your own family like this? Share.
- 2. The family really was <u>not</u> at peace and happy on the day of this video. What things happened during the day that ruined the family's peace and happiness?
- 3. Later in the day, what happened that caused the mom to reflect on how things had gone with her family that day?
- 4. Why did mom pull all the family members together?
- 5. After the family read and talked about the Bible passage (Galatians 5:22), and then prayed together, how did everything change?
- 6. Who really gave or brought peace to the family?
- 7. Think of a time when God the Holy Spirit brought peace to your family. What was the situation? How did God help things?
- 8. What does this video have to do with the Bible lesson today about Isaac and peace being a fruit of the Spirit?

