

# ISAAC DOES NOT FIGHT

## *Genesis 26:12-33*

### Genesis 26

<sup>12</sup>Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. <sup>13</sup>The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup>He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

<sup>16</sup>Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

<sup>17</sup>So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. <sup>18</sup>Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

<sup>19</sup>Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. <sup>20</sup>But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. <sup>21</sup>Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. <sup>22</sup>He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

<sup>23</sup>From there he went up to Beersheba. <sup>24</sup>That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

<sup>25</sup>Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

<sup>26</sup>Meanwhile, Abimelech had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. <sup>27</sup>Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?"

<sup>28</sup>They answered, "We saw clearly that the LORD was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us'—between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you <sup>29</sup>that you will do us no harm, just as we did not molest you but always treated you well and sent you away in peace. And now you are blessed by the LORD."

<sup>30</sup>Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup>Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left him in peace.

<sup>32</sup>That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!" <sup>33</sup>He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba.





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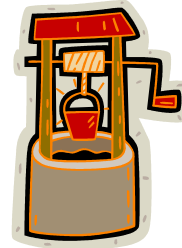
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WELLS

Students will construct a well using the pattern on the following page to remind them how Isaac chose to dig new wells instead of fighting over the old ones.

### MATERIALS

1. One copy of the “well” pattern for each student printed on 67 lb. Cardstock
2. 67 lb. Cardstock
3. Clear tape
4. Glue
5. Popsicle sticks
6. Grass
7. Scissors
8. Crayons



### DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a copy of the “well” pattern to each student.
2. Instruct students to color the base of their “wells” if they choose to (the roof will be covered with grass).
3. Have students cut out the base and the roof by cutting on the solid lines.
4. Students should then fold on the dotted lines.
5. Have students glue the roof in both places as indicated on the pattern.
6. Have students glue the base together as indicated on the pattern.
7. Tape one Popsicle stick to either side of the roof and attach them to the base with tape.
8. Glue grass on the roof for decoration.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are constructing their “wells”, remind them of the importance of living at peace with one another. Isaac was a prime example of this as he chose to build new wells over fighting for the old ones. God blesses his children for living at peace with one another.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 25 minutes

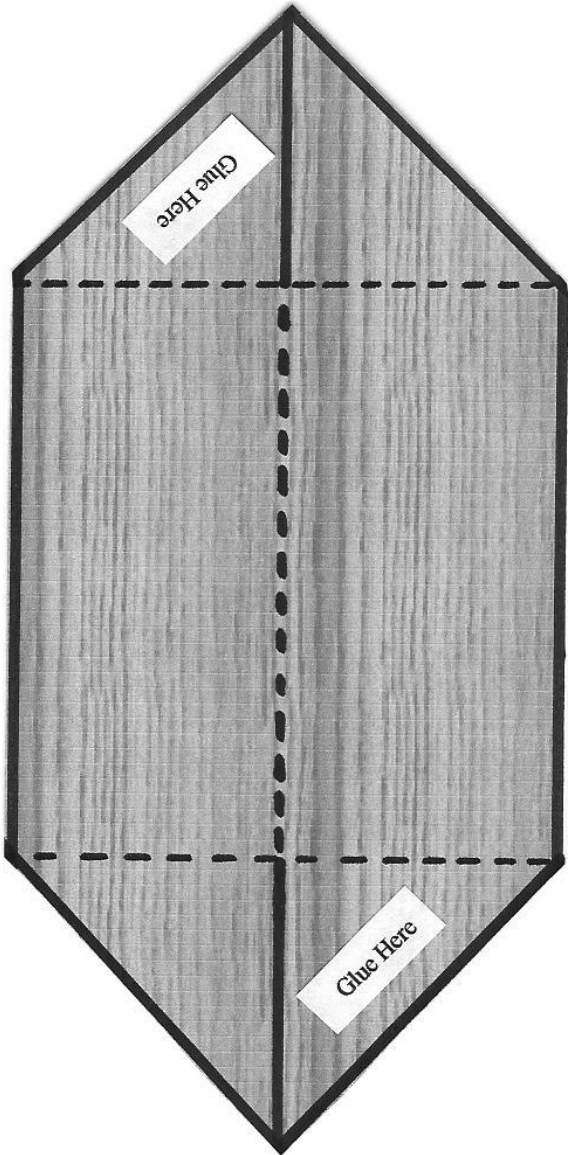
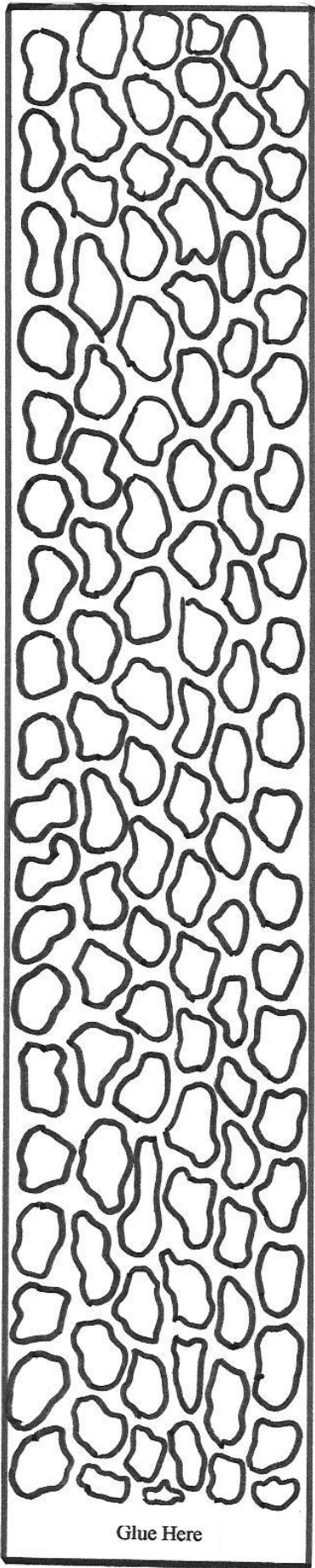
### MEMORY VERSE

*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:18*

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WELL PATTERN





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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were the Philistines jealous of Isaac?
5		2.) What did the Philistines do to his wells?
5		3.) What did Isaac do instead of fighting over the wells?
5		4.) Why do you think Isaac chose not to fight?

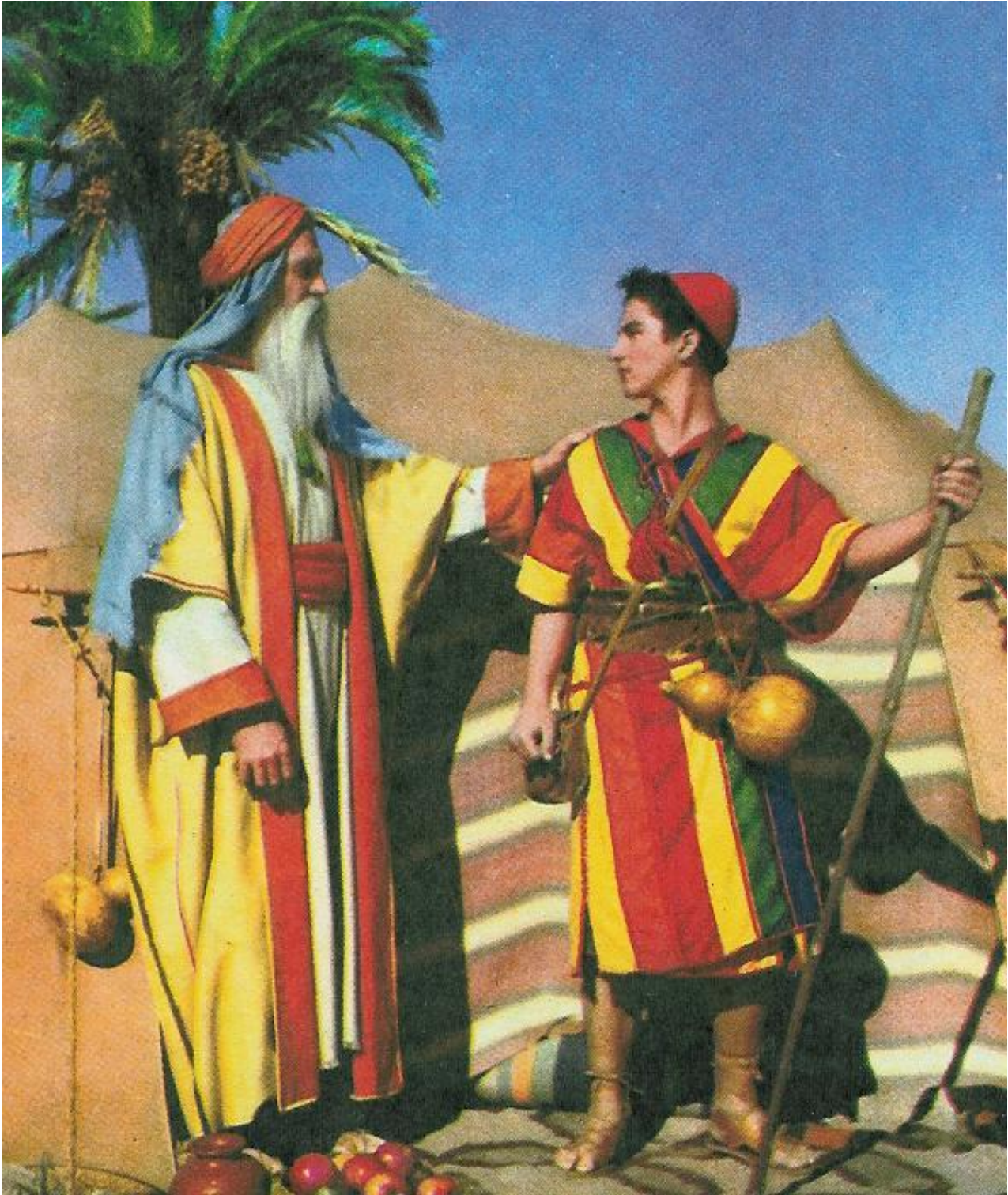
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."  Romans 12:18

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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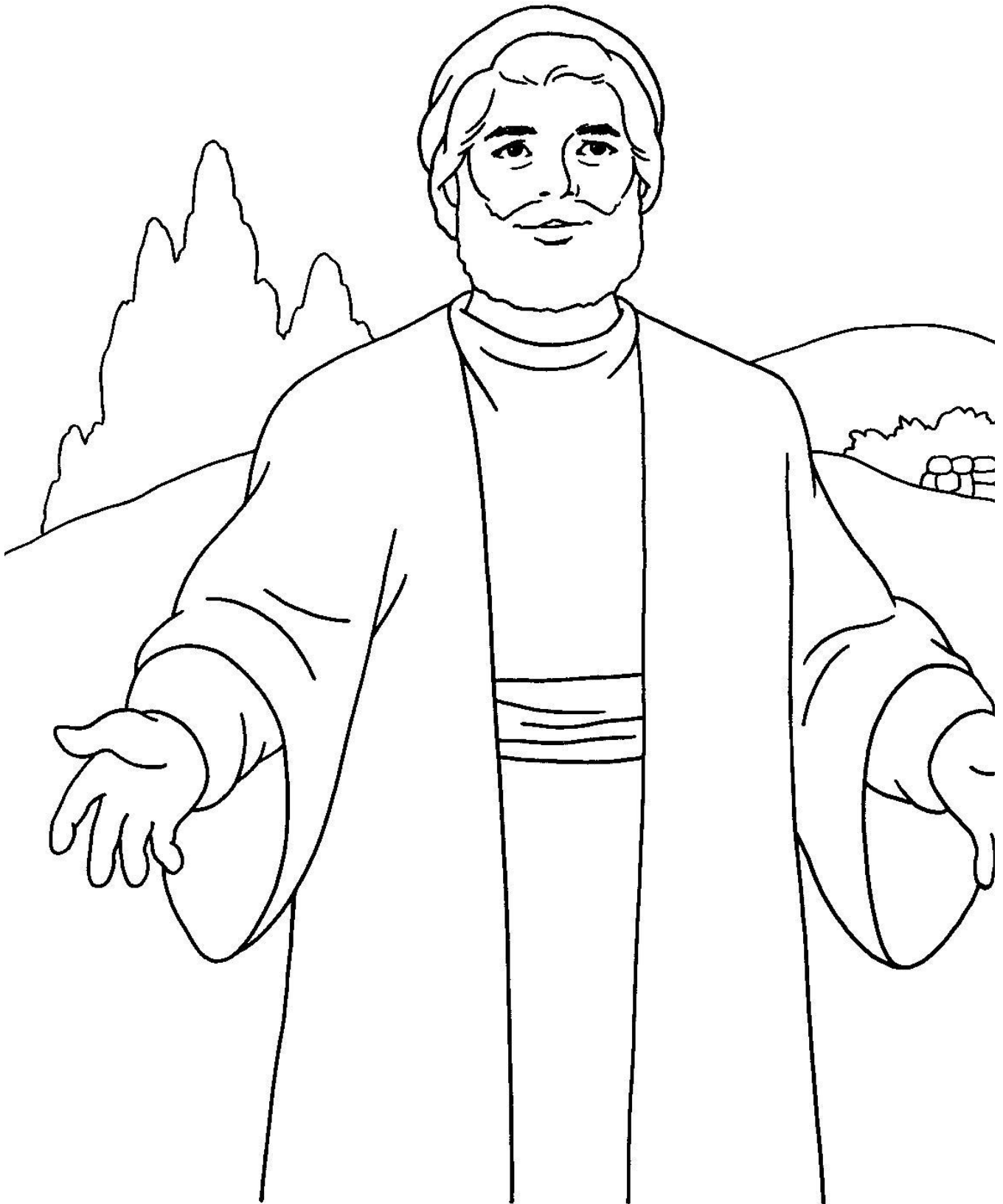
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*Isaac builds new wells instead of fighting over the old ones*

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People dig wells to get water to drink. Follow the path to read a story about Isaac. Each time you come to a circle, copy the letter inside the circle into the next box in the row of boxes. Then you can read what the Lord told Isaac.

Start

The Philistines filled Isaac's wells with dirt. So Isaac left that place. He moved to the Valley of Gerar.

Then Isaac made a camp in Beersheba, and his servants dug a well.

There, he cleaned out the wells Abraham had dug so that people could use them again.

Then Isaac's servants dug another well.

Isaac moved from there and dug another well. No one argued about this one. So he named that well "Room Enough."

But the men in Gerar said, "This water is ours." So Isaac named that well "Argue."

The people argued about this well, too, so Isaac named it "Fight."

D O I D N E B F A T R

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**Directions:** In box #1, draw a picture of something that happened at the *beginning* of the story. In box #2 and #3, draw a picture of something that happened in the *middle* of the story. In box #4, draw a picture of something that happened at the *end* of the story. Then write a sentence for each picture to describe what you have drawn.

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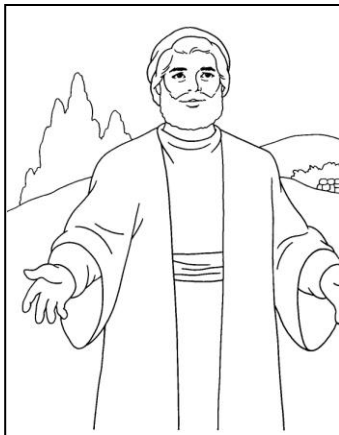
**3.**

**4.**

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Isaac planted many crops. The Lord blessed him and he became very rich. He had so many flocks, herds, and herdsmen that the Philistines became jealous.

The Philistines put dirt in the wells that the servants, of his father Abraham, had dug.

Isaac was asked by Abimelech to move away because he had become too powerful. Isaac obeyed.

Isaac dug open the wells that had been covered up. Isaac's servants also dug some new wells for fresh water. Other herdsmen argued with Isaac's herdsmen over who's water it was. Isaac did not fight over the wells. He moved away and dug a new well and no one argued with him.

Isaac then moved to Beersheba. The Lord appeared to Isaac and told him that he would be blessed and would have many descendants.

Isaac built an altar to the Lord. Abimelech came to speak with Isaac. Abimelech wanted to make a peace agreement with Isaac. Isaac agreed.

For more on this story, read Genesis 26:12-33 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why were the Philistines jealous?
2. What did the Philistines do to the wells?
3. Did Isaac fight with the Philistines?
4. Why do you think the Lord wanted to bless Isaac?

## MEMORY VERSE

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

## WORD SEARCH

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