

# PRE-K

## September 10, 2017

**Bible Focus:** Isaac Walked Away • *Genesis 26:16-33*

**Memory Verse:** “So let us do all we can to live in peace.” Romans 14:19, NIRV

**Key Question:** Who can help us choose peace?

**Bottom Line:** God can help us choose peace.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

*Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.*

*CG: Welcome Slide*

#### Worship

**What You Need:** Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Romans 14:19.”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Hi, friends! I’m so happy to be with you today! Do you know one of the things that make me the happiest of all? *(Pause.)* That **God is a God of peace** It’s true! Because He is a God of peace, He wants us to choose peace. So, tell me: **Who wants you choose peace?**”

*CG: Bottom Line Slide*

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** *[Bottom Line]* “**God wants me to choose peace!**”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “That’s right! I have a song for us that reminds us that God’s with us and He can help us with everything because “He’s Got It!”

*SFX: “He’s Got It”*

**HISTORYTELLER:** “What incredible singers you are! This is going to be a fantastic month! **Who wants you to choose peace?**”

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**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** *[Bottom Line]* “**God wants me to choose peace**”

“That’s right! **[Bottom Line]** God wants me to choose peace. Our memory verse tells us just that.

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

‘So let us (*Sweep both arms out and back into yourself*) do all (*Arms straight up and fan then down to your sides*) we can to live in peace (*Make a peace sign*)’ Romans 14:19 (*hold hands open like a book*). Let’s try that together.”

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** ‘So let us (*Sweep both arms out and back into yourself*) do all we can (*Arms straight up and fan then down to your sides*) to live in peace (*Make a peace sign*)’ Romans 14:19 (*hold hands open like a book*).

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Great job, everyone! **[Bottom Line]** God wants us to choose peace. That means that no matter what is happening or how we feel, we should always choose peace! He wants us to have great friends and choose peace together. Together is so much better than alone. Let’s sing one more song.”

**SFX: “Together”**

“Great job, everyone! Now tell me: **Who wants you to choose peace?”**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line]** “God wants us to choose peace.”

**HISTORYTELLER:** Now you got it! Okay, have a seat and get ready to hear today’s Bible Truth.

**Bible History Lesson**

**What You Need:** Bible, Adult/Student Volunteer, Broom, 4 “wells” placed around the room (*Buckets with sand and a water bottle inside*), 4 tarps (*One under each bucket*), small shovel, 3 backpacks filled with stuffed animals, clothes, plastic food; 3 older children volunteers

**HISTORYTELLER:** (*Enter carrying the Bible.*) “You can find today’s bible truth in Genesis 26: 16-28. It’s about a man named Isaac who had a choice to make. He could choose between fighting or making peace.

“Isaac was the son of Abraham and Sarah. He lived in a place that was very, very HOT, even hotter than Texas. (*Wipe your brow*) Phew, that’s hot! Not only was the area hot, but it was a place that didn’t have a lot of water either. It was like a desert, not like here where we’re close to lakes, ponds, and creeks. You know, when you and I get thirsty, we can go to the water fountain or the refrigerator to get water. Isaac and the people that lived then didn’t have sinks, water fountains, or bottled water they bought at the

store. No, they had to get their water from a deep hole called a well. They would dip buckets and jars in there every time they needed to get water.”

So, finding water and making wells was a big deal and some people would even fight for them because they had to have water to feed their animals and grow their food. Oh, and in our Bible Truth, there was also a famine, and that’s a time where there isn’t a lot of food and people go hungry. Lots of tummies would grumble and that made people not so happy.

Well, Isaac had water wells (*Squeeze the water bottle in the first bucket so that the kids can see the water spouting*) and lots of crops (*point to the play food*) and animals (*Point to the stuffed animals*), and his neighbors got jealous so they made him leave.

*Volunteer comes out with the broom and “shoos” the Historyteller out. Continue shooping as the Historyteller packs up.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** (*Says the following in a peaceful tone while packing up the animals, food, and clothes into the backpack.*) Oh, okay.... just let me.....okay.....I’m moving as fast as I can. Gotta get the kids clothes....wow....okay.....moving, moving. No need for the broom. I’m going. Got it.

*Volunteer moves away as Historyteller travels to well #2*

“So, Isaac packed up his whole family, furniture, clothes, tents, and more. When they found a new place, they needed to dig a new well. Dig with me (*Pretend to dig*) Ooh, I think I see water (*squirt water from the water bottle*) Yay! Water! Everybody celebrate with me. (*Encourage the kids to clap in sign language/jazz hands*).

*Volunteer comes in with a broom to shoo the Historyteller again.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Oh, you want this well now? Uhm, it’s going to make everyone a little upset, but okay. I know God will take care of us. I don’t want to fight, just let me pack.”

“So, Isaac let his neighbors have the new well.”

*Volunteer begins to shoo Historyteller as she packs up again.*

*Historyteller packs up and moves to well #3.*

“Well, Isaac moved from his third well, with his family, workers, animals, and all of their stuff. When they found a new place, what did he have to do to get water? (*Pause for*

answers) Yeah! He had to dig a well. Let's help Isaac and his friends dig. (*You dig in the bucket while kids pretend*). You're such great diggers. Ooh, there's water (*Squeeze water bottle*). Yay! We have water for our family, workers, crops and animals again.

*Volunteer comes out with the broom again and the packing and shooing process begins anew.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** "So, instead of fighting with his neighbors, Isaac packed everyone up and moved on for the third time. I bet everyone was a little grumpy and probably wanted to fight to keep the well, but Isaac was their leader and he said, 'We're moving.'"

They got to a new area and had to do what again? Yup dig a new well. Show me how you dig. Great job. Keep digging. (*Historyteller digs in the bucket and squeezes the water bottle*). Yes! Water!!! God is so good to give Isaac water everywhere he and his family stopped.

*Volunteer comes out again.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** (*To the Volunteer*) "Okay, just give me a minute and I will pack up."

**VOLUNTEER:** No, I'm not here to take your well. I'm here to say that we want to make a promise to live in peace with you. God is blessing you wherever you go. We want the peace you have with God. We want to be good neighbors and choose peace with you.

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Of course! (*Volunteer walks away after a handshake*) So Isaac stayed at the new well and invited his neighbors to stay for a party."

"Isaac could have chosen to fight for his wells but he didn't. Three times he moved and dug a new well and every time he left in peace and God blessed him. He knew that God wanted him to choose peace. **Who wants you to choose peace?**"

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** "**God wants me to choose peace!**"

**HISTORYTELLER:** "That's right, **God wants me to choose peace!** You Got it!"

### **Offering and Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX: "Good, Good Father"**

*Bring volume down to signify prayer time.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for Isaac's example of peace. Help us to choose to be like Isaac. Help us to love our neighbors so much that we would rather walk away from things that are important to us than to fight. We love you god, Amen."

**Dismiss**

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.*

**CG: Farewell Slide ("Good, Good Father")**

# TWO'S

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**HISTORYTELLER:** "Remind me, **Who wants us to choose peace?**"

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** "**God wants us to choose peace!** That's right."

## **Bible History Lesson**

**What you need:** No supplies

**HISTORYTELLER:** In Bible times, people did not have sinks and faucets in their homes. People got their water outdoors. They would **dip** buckets or jars into deep holes in the ground called wells.

Isaac needed to dig a well, so his family and his helpers and his animals could have good water to drink. Dig, dig, dig—Isaac's helpers worked hard. The hole got deeper and deeper. Then water began to fill up the hole!

Everyone was happy, EXCEPT Isaac's neighbors. They shouted, "That well is OURS!" They started a big **argument**. Isaac did not want to fight with his neighbors. So, Isaac let them have the well. Isaac moved to another place. He told his helpers to dig another well. Let's dig. Dig, dig, dig—the helpers worked hard. Soon water began to fill up the hole. They had found water again!

But then Isaac's neighbors came again. "That well is OURS!" they shouted. They were so angry. They may have pushed and shoved Isaac's helpers.

Isaac still wanted to be peaceful with his neighbors. So again, Isaac moved to another place. And he told his helpers to **dig** ANOTHER well. Let's dig. Dig, dig, dig—the helpers worked hard. Soon water began to fill up the hole.

One night soon after, God said to Isaac, "Do not be afraid, Isaac. I will always be with you." Isaac thanked God for being with him.

Isaac's neighbors came again. But this time they did not shout. They did not push. They said, "We know God is with you. We will not argue with you anymore. We want peace between us."

Isaac was very **happy!** He invited the neighbors to stay for dinner. Isaac was glad God helped him to choose peace. **Who wants you to choose peace?**

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God wants me to choose peace"**

**HISTORYTELLER: "Who wants you to choose peace?"**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God wants me to choose peace!"** You got that right! You are all so smart!

### **Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX: "Good, Good Father"**

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Thank you for being such great listeners today. Now let's put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God.

"Dear God, thank You for Isaac's example of peace. Help us to choose to be like Isaac. Help us to love our neighbors so much that we would rather walk away from things that are important to us than to fight. We love you god, Amen."

### **Dismiss**

**HISTORYTELLER:** "I had such a great time singing, dancing, and sharing God's words with you. Thank you so much for coming to see me today! We'll see you next time, friends! Bye."

*Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.*