

# Sunday School at Home Lesson for Preschool-Kindergarten

July 12

## ISAAC WAS KIND

**Level of Biblical Learning:** God created me to make choices.

**Life Point:** People can choose to get along with others.

**Scripture Reference:** Genesis 26:12-33

**Unit Verse:** "We will obey God." Joshua 24:24, adapted

**Weekly Bible Verse:** "Do good to everyone." Galatians 6:10, adapted

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### Introduce the Bible Story

Display a bottle of water. Comment that in Bible times (and even in some places today), people had to dig wells to get water. They did not have faucets in their homes or stores to buy water.

Tell your children that today's Bible story is from the Book of Genesis. Explain that this is the first book in the Bible. Open your Bible to Genesis 26. Tell kids the Bible story comes from the book after Joshua, where the Unit/Weekly Verse is found and that both books are in the Old Testament. Leave the Bible open as you tell the story in your words (or watch the Bible Story Time with Miss Lindy portion of the July 12 Lifeway Kids at Home Preschool video from your Digital Pass Dashboard\*).

### Bible Story for 1's and 2's:

- ❖ Isaac chose to do what God told him to do. God gave Isaac many things. The people did not like it that Isaac had so much.
- ❖ The people filled Isaac's water wells with dirt and then told him to leave. Isaac did not fuss or fight. Each time, Isaac quietly moved to a new place.
- ❖ Some of the people watched how Isaac acted. The people knew that God was with Isaac. These people wanted to be friends with Isaac.

### Bible Story for 3's – Kindergarten:

God blessed Isaac with many animals and lots of grain. The Philistine people were jealous of Isaac. They did not want him to continue to have more things. So, the Philistines filled Isaac's water wells with dirt so that Isaac could not get any water for his animals or people.

Isaac moved away from the Philistines. Isaac and his servants dug another well. This time, shepherds said, "This is our water." Instead of arguing or fighting with the shepherds, Isaac moved on and dug another well. More men argued with Isaac's men about the well they had built. Again, Isaac moved on and dug another well. This time, nobody fought with Isaac about the well. Isaac said, "God made space for us." God came to Isaac. "Do not be afraid. I am with you," God said.

Isaac made an agreement with the leaders of the Philistine people. They promised to live in peace together.

**Review the Bible Story:** Ask your child how he or she would have felt if people had been unkind to him/her as the Philistines were to Isaac? Say: “What would you have done if you were Isaac?” Discuss possible options. Then ask: “What did Isaac do? (kept moving and didn’t fight with the Philistines)”

Discuss how Isaac felt after God told Isaac that he was with him and would help him. Say: “God wants us to choose to be kind to others and to get along with them even when it’s not easy.”

**Learn the Bible Verse:** Open a Bible to the Weekly Verse, Galatians 6:10. Say the adapted Bible verse: “Do good to everyone.” Guide children to repeat the Bible verse while clapping a rhythm. Ask the children to tell how they could do good or get along with others at home. Say that God will help people make right choices and get along with other people.

**Sing:** [Making Decisions](#)

**Pray:** Thank God for allowing us to make choices and ask for His help in being kind to others.

**Wrap it up:** Talk about the choices that Isaac made. Discuss ways that we can each be kind to others. View *Miss Lindy’s Library* video portion of the July 12 *Lifeway Kids at Home* video from your Digital Pass Dashboard.\*

## Bible Learning Activities

### CHOICE 1: Making Water Music

#### Materials:

- Metal spoons
- Drinking glasses
- Water
- Music

#### Instructions:

- ❖ Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Place glasses on table.
- ❖ Demonstrate how to gently tap drinking glasses with spoons to make different sounds. Encourage your children to make music as they work together to tap different glasses of water with spoons.
- ❖ Remind the kids that water played an important part in today’s Bible story. Say that Isaac and his family needed water, so they dug a well. The neighbors were upset with him, so he had to dig new wells many times. Through it all, however, Isaac was kind to his neighbors.
- ❖ Comment that just like Isaac showed kindness to others around him, we can also choose to get along with others.
- ❖ Play [I Choose You](#) as children tap the glasses.

### CHOICE 2: Quiet Movements

#### Instructions:

- ❖ Tell your children that you will play a game that requires them to be quiet.
- ❖ Explain that you will tell them a way to move and they must do it as quietly as possible.
- ❖ Name ways like walk, march, crawl, hop, and jump.
- ❖ Say: “Isaac turned and walked away quietly even when people were unkind to him. He made the right choice.”

### **CHOICE 3: Make a Choice**

#### **Materials:**

- Bean Bag

#### **Instructions:**

- ❖ Say that God allows people to make right and wrong choices. People make many choices each day.
- ❖ Play a game of “Would You Rather?”
- ❖ Toss a beanbag to one of your kids and ask a “would you rather” question. (Examples: Would you rather be kind or unkind? Eat pizza or popcorn? Have a pet rhinoceros or cheetah?)
- ❖ After your child answers, toss the beanbag to another family member, and let him or her answer.
- ❖ Say that choosing to get along is a right choice.
- ❖ Toss the beanbag to someone else, asking him or her to name ways to get along with others.

### **Songs**

#### [Making Decisions](#)

#### [I Choose You](#)

### **Videos**

These videos can be viewed for FREE on Right Now Media by signing up for an account at <https://fbcalexandria.org/right-now-media>.

#### [Ready Set Go](#)

#### [Obey](#)

#### [God Is So Good](#)

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