## Issac Digs Wells

Genesis 26:12-33

Fall Unit 3: God's People Make Good Choices

**Bible Verse:** 

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line): I can choose to love and obey God.





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 argue with his neighbors. So Isaac let them have the well. Isaac moved to another place. He told his helpers to dig another well. 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.



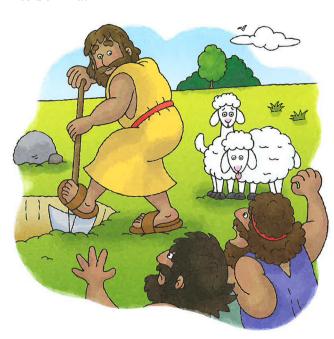
Isaac still wanted to be kind to his neighbors. So again Isaac moved to another place. And he told his helpers to **dig** ANOTHER well. Dig, dig, dig—the helpers worked hard. Soon water began to fill up the hole.

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."

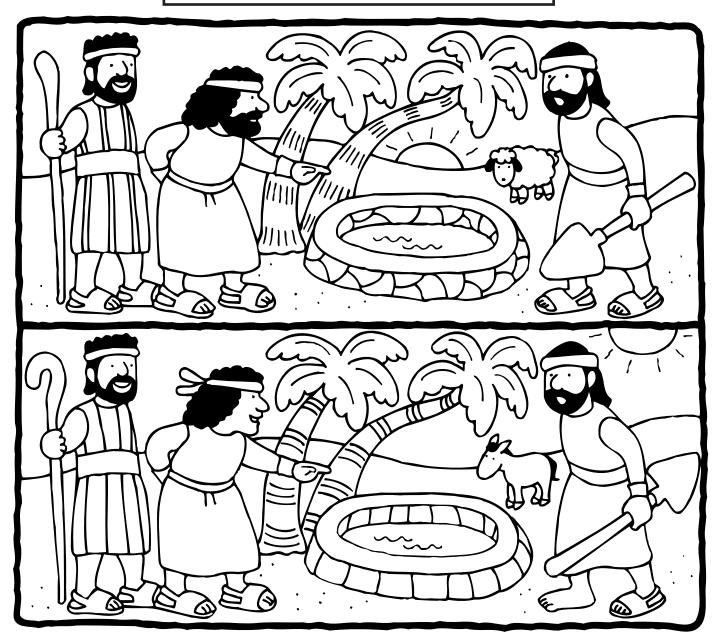
Isaac was very **happy**! He invited the neighbors to stay for dinner. Isaac was glad God helped him to be kind.



Bible Story Puzzle 13

There are 10 differences between these 2 pictures. How many can you find? Draw an \* on a number when you find a difference.

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Isaac did not argue with the people who wanted his wells. Isaac showed love. We can show love, too. The Bible says, "Love your neighbor." Matthew 22:39



What do Isaac and his helpers need in order to get water from the well? Draw it in the picture.