

City LG - March 10-11, 2018

Bible Story: Walk on By (Isaac's Wells) • *Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31*

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

Memory Verse: "So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another."
Romans 14:19 (NIRV)

WORSHIP: "Jesus is the Way" and "One Way"

"Hey City! It's time to worship Jesus together today! We're all excited to teach you a new song called 'Jesus is the Way'. The dance moves are really easy, and you can even rock out on your air guitars with us! This song is all about Jesus being the way to Heaven!"

"Our next song is also all about Jesus being the One Way Heaven! Let's sing 'One Way' to Jesus!"

Begin Large Group...

"Hello, friends! My name is [your name]. I'm about to tell you a super crazy true story from the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"But before I do that, I want to ask you guys a question. Do any of you know what a well is? Not like, 'I'm doing okay, I'm doing well,' but a well that's a WELL—like a structure. Raise your hand if you know what a well is used for.

(*Choose someone.*) "What's a well? (*Allow one or two responses.*) What do you think? Are they right? Here's what a well is.

CG: Well Image Slide

"A well is a deep, deep hole dug into the ground to get to the water underground. Nowadays, wells look a little different. But years ago, this is what wells looked like. They had stones stacked around their opening so people wouldn't fall in. And there would be a bucket . . .

Pick up the bucket filled with water.

" . . . like this. People would lower the bucket into the hole in the ground until it filled with water.

Place the bucket on the ground, put your hand inside, and flick some water.

"Then they'd take the water back to their homes or jobs.

"If you think about it, wells were a pretty big deal during the time the Bible was written. Wells helped people get water when they didn't live right by rivers or lakes. I mean, we use water all day, right? We use it to drink, bathe, brush our teeth, cook, and clean. We can just turn on a faucet to get water. But they couldn't do that. They had to get it out of the ground. So wells were super important!"

"Wells were ESPECIALLY important during the time our story takes place, because there was a famine happening. A famine happens when there isn't enough food for people to eat. Sometimes there's a famine because food is poisoned or damaged. Sometimes a famine happens when there's not enough rain and crops stop growing.

"If you were living during a famine, you would DEFINITELY want to have a well. So what happens in our story with a famine and a well? We'll find out shortly, but first, it's Offering Time!"

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays, and place it here (*show offering basket*).”

CG: Offering Time Video (Runtime: 1:30)

“Great job everyone! Thank you so much for your generosity. Let’s watch our Bible Story for today...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:01)

“We can do what Isaac did. We can make peace instead of making an argument even worse. Sometimes that means that we simply need to walk away. Let’s pray.”

PRAY: “God, it’s not easy to walk away from a fight. But we know that when we do, we show that we care about others. We also teach others about You, which is so important. Help us to be peaceful; help us to walk away from fights even when we want to win. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“If I had been Isaac, I would have been so frustrated with everyone arguing with me over wells. It would have been SO hard for me to walk away from that fight.

“It wasn’t that Isaac wasn’t annoyed or angry; he probably was! But he also knew that God was with him, and he believed that God would keep his promise to take care of him. Not only did he make peace with the Philistines, but he also showed the Philistines that God was with him.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Isaac proved he cared more about others by walking away from a fight. That’s the one thing to remember today: **[Bottom Line] Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.** Say it with me!”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

“This week, when you feel like arguing, complaining, or fighting, PAUSE. Walk away. Trust that God is in control of the situation, so you don’t have to be.

“That is some great stuff. I know you’ll have a great time talking about it some more in Small Group!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.