

City LG—September 11th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Liquid (Isaac's Wells) • *Genesis 26:1-22, 26-31*

Today's Bottom Line: Trust God no matter what.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 (NirV)*

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

Supplies Needed: Water Bottle (1 per Service)

WORSHIP: "Won't Let Go" and "Higher than the Sky"

"Hello, everyone! It's great to see you. I'm happy to be here to share a really cool story that happened with Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah.

"If you're not sure who I'm talking about, don't worry! I'll quickly catch you up.

(Hold up Bible.) "At the very beginning of the Bible, we read how God made an amazing world, but sin entered the world when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God.

"God had a good plan to make everything right again. God chose a man named Abraham. Even though Abraham was old, God promised him that he'd have more children in his family than there are stars in the sky . . . and the whole world would be blessed through Abraham's family.

"Just like God had promised, Abraham and his wife Sarah DID have a child: a boy named Isaac."

"Let's fast-forward in the story to when Isaac was a grown man. Isaac, his family, and his herdsmen all lived in the land of the Philistines.

"Isaac and his household needed water to drink. They also needed water to grow crops, and their animals needed water, too. That makes me think of a great question..."

SLIDE: Question ("What is your favorite drink?")

"3 minutes on the clock! Talk it out with your groups. Ready? GO!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime 3:00)

"Great job everyone! Not matter what your answer was, I'm sure you all know how important it is for our bodies to have water. We NEED to have water to live! **(Hold up your water bottle.)** I carry water around with me all the time so I can stay hydrated and healthy. **(Take a drink.)**

"But it wasn't so easy to get water back in Isaac's time. There were no cold, refreshing bottles you could just grab from a fridge. People back then couldn't just turn on a faucet and get what they needed.

“They didn’t HAVE fridges or faucets at all!

“To get water for their families, their crops, and their animals, people had to dig a well in the ground.

“That’s where we’ll stop and let our Bible Story Video take over. Let’s watch!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 9:00)

“I’m sure it wasn’t easy for Isaac to keep walking away when the Philistines kept taking his wells. That took a lot of trust in God. Isaac could have fought back . . . but then he might have been enemies with the Philistines forever. Because Isaac was willing to walk away, he was able to keep the peace.

“Isaac’s story shows us what it looks like when we **[Bottom Line] trust God no matter what**. It’s a lot easier to trust God when things are going exactly the way we want them to. But real trust means that we choose to depend on God even when things AREN’T going right.

“Let’s review our Bottom Line today!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Trust God no matter what.

“I also want to make sure you know that trusting God can look a lot of different ways. Sometimes, trusting God means walking away from fight, like Isaac did. Sometimes trusting God means standing up for yourself or for someone else. It can be tough for us to know what to do in every situation—but that’s why God has given us our families, good friends, and Small Group Leaders. These wise people can help us know what it looks like for us to trust God in ANY situation.

“Of course, we can always pray and ask God to help us trust, too. Let’s talk to God about that now.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for helping Isaac trust You, even when he was frustrated and not treated well. Help us know how to trust You, no matter what. Show us how to live a life of trust, no matter what’s going on around us. Whether we need to walk away from an argument like Isaac or stand up for what’s right, give us Your wisdom so we can show that we trust You each day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Can you imagine how frustrated Isaac must have been when all of that was happening to him? I mean, his men kept digging new wells—which was a lot of hard work. But then the Philistines kept trying to fight and told Isaac and his family to leave! Wow!

“Isaac made a choice, though. He believed that God was leading him to walk away instead of fight back. So he walked away. He ended up finding a new, safe source of water for his family.

“Isaac chose to **[Bottom Line] trust God no matter what!** And you and I can choose to do that, too. We can . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Trust God no matter what.

“Can you think of some situations where YOU can **[Bottom Line] trust God no matter what?** Maybe it’s hard for you to fall asleep because you’re feeling worried or even scared of the dark. You can trust that God is with you! Maybe you’re working on a tough assignment at school or your family is going through something tough at home. It’s not always easy to know exactly what to do in every situation. But we can talk to other people about what’s going on. We can talk to God about what’s going on. Even when things are difficult or don’t seem to make sense, we can still trust that God is with us through it all.

“One really cool way you show that you trust God is by putting your faith in Jesus. If you’re not sure how to do that, be sure to talk to your parents or your Small Group Leader about it. When you put your trust in Jesus as your Savior, you know that He is with you, every day, to help you!”

OFFERING TIME:

Who?:

Eli and Mandy Garcia

Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

I want to remind everyone about the new mission our City offering will be supporting. We have global partners in Mexico and their mission is called Vida Nueva. Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. They are kids just like you, and they get the support they need from our partnership with Eli and Mandy Garcia.

Vida Nueva also starts churches in many of the cities in Mexico. That’s why when you bring your offering in this month, you are helping people in Mexico learn how much Jesus loves them.