

MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: God gives us the courage to be honest.

OBJECTIVE: Kids will say, "I'm not scared to tell the truth."

KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 26:1-10, Isaac and Abimelech

WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. *(Hold up a Bible.)* The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Everyone gets scared at some point. Whenever we feel afraid, we can remember that God is always with us and loves us. God's perfect love can make our fear, disappear!

Once there was a man named Isaac. Isaac and his wife Rebekah were traveling through the land. God told Isaac to stay where he was. He told him not to be afraid, because God would take care of him.

But Isaac was in a new land and he was afraid. His wife Rebekah was very beautiful and he thought one of the men in the land might hurt him or kill him so they could have Rebekah for his wife. Isaac was afraid, so he told a lie.

He told everyone, "Rebekah is my sister." It is never a good idea to lie. Isaac lived in the land a long time, telling everyone the lie that Rebekah was his sister and not his wife.

One day, the king of the land, Abimelech found out the truth. He was very angry with Isaac. He called for Isaac and said, "Why did you lie to me and to all my people?" Isaac admitted that he had been scared. That's why he lied.

Isaac's lie could have gotten him in a lot of trouble, but thankfully, the king was kind to him. We all get scared sometimes, just like Isaac. When you get scared, you might be tempted to lie. Don't do it!

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Ask God for courage. Say, "I'm not scared to tell the truth."

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Help us to never be afraid to tell the truth.

Amen