



**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9**



Bible Study:



Read Genesis 26:6-22. Consider how Isaac could have easily justified going to war with the philistines who were causing trouble for him (and probably would have won!). Instead, Isaac chose to respond peacefully.

The gospel in the story:



The following quote from a blog entitled “His Peace Upon Us” captures the gospel nature of being a peacemaker quite elegantly:

A peacemaker is someone who experiences the peace of God ([Philippians 4:7](#)) because he is at peace ([Romans 5:1](#)) with the God of peace ([Philippians 4:9](#)) through the Prince of peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#)), who, indeed, is our peace ([Ephesians 2:14](#)), and who therefore seeks to live at peace with all others ([Romans 12:18](#)) and proclaims the gospel of peace ([Ephesians 6:15](#)) so that others might have joy and peace in believing ([Romans 15:13](#)).

Application:

Head : **What did we learn?**

Q: Where did Isaac live? A: The land of Canaan.

Q: Why did Isaac live there? A: Because God promised the land to his father Abraham, and God told him to live there.

Q: Why was it hard for Isaac to live in Canaan? A: Because other people were mean to him; they kept filling up and stealing his wells.

Q: How did Isaac respond when the people were mean to him? A: He trusted God and peacefully moved on.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live my life?**

Desiring to live at peace with others, deepens our relationship with God. Our fleshly ways want to take vengeance into our own hands, but true followers of Jesus are able to trust God in all circumstances. When we trust God that deeply we are truly able to “overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21).