



## Lesson 15: God provides for Isaac

### *Scriptural Basis:*



Genesis 26

### *Overview:*

A famine forces Isaac, Rebecca and their sons, Jacob and Esau, to move to Gerar, where Isaac lies to King Abimelech about his relationship to Rebekah (repeating a family sin). Because of his fear of the Philistines, Isaac says she is his sister, not his wife. Despite Isaac's fear of man and conflicts that arose over rights to water, God protected and blessed Isaac through his adversity and told him "Fear not, for I am with you."

### *Things to consider:*

In this account of Isaac's maneuvers to preserve his family, it's clear that God was watching out for him. God provided refuge for Isaac and his family in Gerar, even when Isaac deceived the king of that land. Upon learning that he had been deceived, the king continued to provide protection over Isaac allowing him to prosper there. Clearly, the king was an instrument used to further God's plan for the future of His people. Not only did God provide refuge from famine, but He also made Isaac a rich man during that time. Isaac, though not perfect, obeyed and trusted God.

### *Bible Study for Preparation:*



Read Genesis 26. Contemplate God's promise to be a loving father. How has this helped you trust and obey in the face of adversity?

### *Teaching the lesson:*

- A: Review (Birth of Jacob and Esau, and sale of the birthright)
- B: Memory verse activity
- C. Video
- D. Additional activity