



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 1

The Blessing God

Genesis (Part 3) / Genesis 26:1-32

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JOSEPH

DREAMS AND DESTINY

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

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SERIES OVERVIEW

Genesis (Part 3)

Genesis is not only the beginning of the Bible, but provides a foundation for our understanding of who God is, God's plan for the world, and our part in his story. We have approached Genesis in three parts; Part I unpacking the beginning of grace in the origins of creation, humanity, and sin (Genesis 1-11), and Part II God's response in calling Abraham and his unfolding story (Genesis 12-25).

In this eight-part series, we'll explore the characteristics of God as he works through his chosen people—especially Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Isaac's Wells of Peace](#)
3. [God's Promise to Isaac](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [Genesis 12-50 by the Bible Project](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Love One Another](#)
2. [L-O-V-E](#)
3. [This Little Light Of Mine](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [L-O-V-E](#)
2. [City on a Hill](#)
3. [Fruit of the Spirit](#)



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Genesis (Part 3)**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact
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TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ☐ Star stamps
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ A3 Poster Paper
- ☐ Star Sticker
- ☐ Trestle table
- ☐ Playdough
- ☐ Animal Playdough cutters
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- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #3
- ☐ Jug of water
- ☐ Small cup of water each
- ☐ Plastic pipette
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #1
- ☐ Printout (and cut) calling cards from Worksheet 1
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Counters
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #2
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Cups
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Outdoor space

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the first in an eight week series on Genesis (Part 2).

FOCUS

God was with Isaac, cared for him, and blessed him. Isaac trusted God and chose peace.

WARM-UPS

- ☐ Can you think of a time you have had to trust another person?
- ☐ Perhaps you have played the game where one person falls backward with their eyes closed, relying on the group behind them to catch them safely.
- ☐ Is it easy or difficult to trust someone?

TEACHING TIME

The Blessing God

Imagine you were blind folded and you had to walk across a narrow bridge. Who would you **trust** to lead you safely across if you had a choice of your parents or a complete stranger? Probably your parents, right?! Why? Because they know you, they love you and they want what is best for you.

Isaac too had to make really important decisions about WHO to trust. He and his family were living in a place that had run out of food. God gave him specific directions to go and live in a place called Gerar (located on the edge of a desert). It wasn't a place Isaac wanted to go but he trusted that God knew best.

Because Isaac trusted God and obeyed God's instructions, God blessed him. Isaac's crops grew and his animals increased and he became very prosperous.

Isaac's neighbours grew dangerously jealous of him. They decided to ruin all of Isaac's wells by

filling them up with dirt so Isaac's family and animals no longer had water to drink. They wanted Isaac gone!

Instead of fighting back, Isaac kept trusting God and moved his family to a nearby valley and dug another well. Again, the neighbours became jealous and claimed the water belonged to them. Isaac moved on and kept digging wells until there were no more complaints. God provided Isaac with fresh water and room to grow more crops. God was with Isaac.

God appeared to Isaac in a dream and reminded him of His promises to be with him and bless him. Isaac trusted God because he knew God loved him and wanted what was best for him and his family.

Isaac's enemies came to say sorry for filling up his wells because they could see God was with him. Isaac responded with forgiveness and invited them to share a feast. God blessed Isaac and this gave Isaac the opportunity to respond to his enemies, with love!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

Who can we trust?

2. Lower Primary

What does trust mean?

3. Middle Primary

How does God bless people?

4. Upper Primary

What was the most important part about God's blessing?

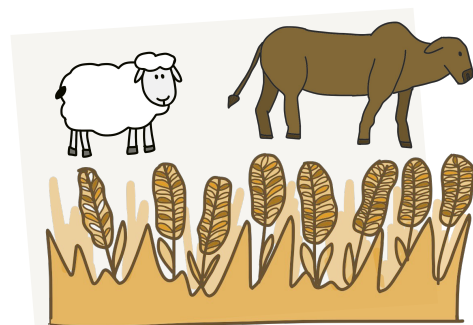
The Blessing God



There was no rain in the land, and there was not much food. God spoke to Isaac and told him, “Stay here. I will be with you. I will bless you and take care of you.”

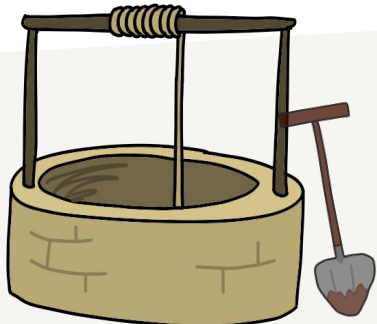


So Isaac stayed in the land God had promised to his family. Isaac and his wife, Rebekah, lived in the land. God looked after them.

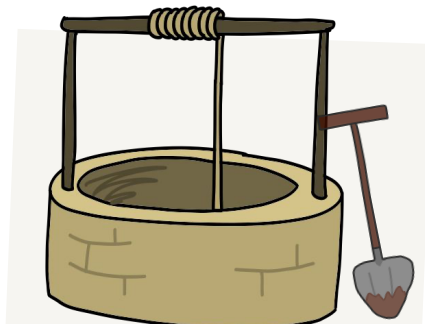


Isaac planted crops and worked hard. God blessed Isaac, and his crops grew very well. Isaac became very rich.

Early Childhood



Some of the people around Isaac became jealous. They filled up the wells that Isaac's family used to get water. Isaac moved to another place and dug new wells.



Sometimes other people argued with Isaac's workers about who could use the water. But Isaac did not fight them. He moved again and dug another well.

Blessed

At last, Isaac found a well where nobody argued with him.

Isaac said, "God has given us a place to live. God has been good to us!"

Early Childhood



Then God reminded Isaac, "I am with you. I will bless you."
So Isaac built an altar and worshipped God.

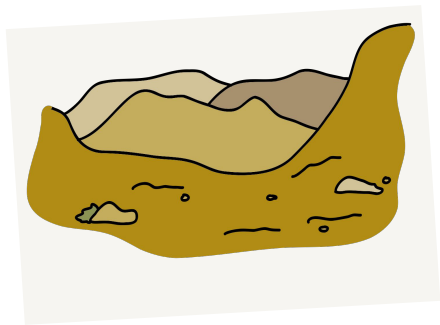


Later, the king came to see Isaac. The king said, "We can see that God is with you. Let's be friends and make peace."

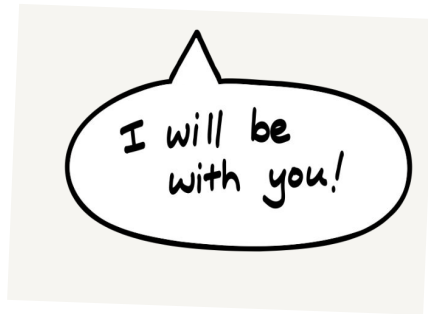


Isaac prepared a big meal for them. The next morning, they made a promise to live peacefully together. Then the king and his people went home in peace.

The Blessing God

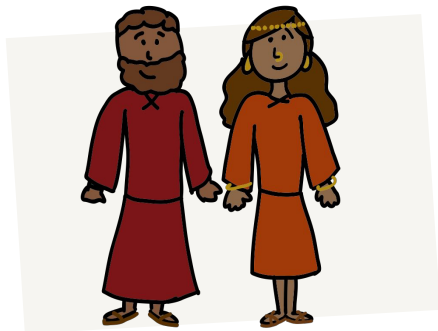


Ch26 Vs-1-5 There was a drought in the land of Canaan and God reminded Isaac not to go down to Egypt but to stay in the land God had promised to his father Abraham and his family.

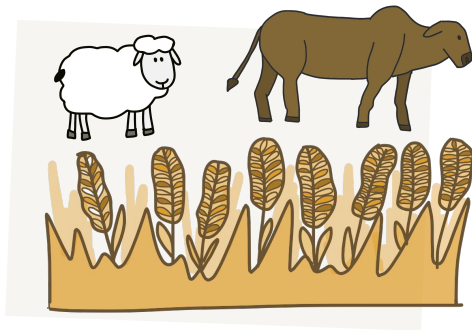


5-6 I will be with you and give you my blessing, ” said the Lord. So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

Lower Primary

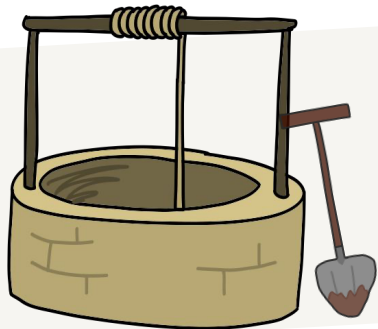


7-11 Because his wife Rebecca was very beautiful, Isaac pretended she was his sister. But Abimelek, the King of the Philistines, found out that she was really his wife. So he ordered his men not to harm them.



12-13 Isaac began farming the land. His crops were very successful because the Lord blessed him. His wealth continued to grow until he became very rich.

Lower Primary

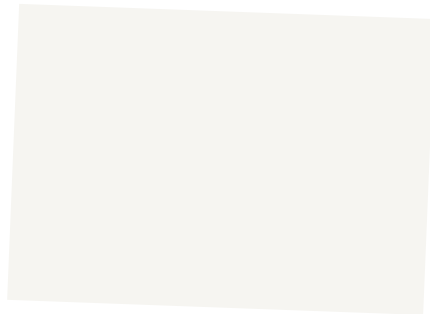
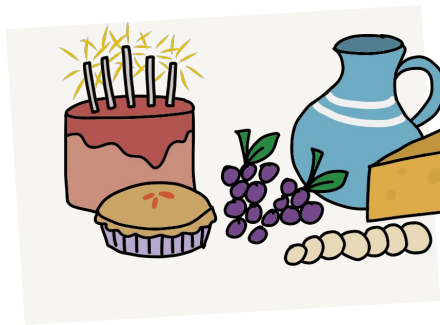


Blessed

17 So Isaac moved down the Valley and dug many wells. Some of Abimelek's servants argued over the water with Isaac's servants so he dug one more well and nobody argued. Then he said, "Now the Lord has blessed us and we will be successful in this land."

26-29 Then Abimelek and some of his leaders came from Gerar to visit him. They said, "We saw clearly that the Lord was blessing you so we want to make a peace treaty with you. Give us your word that you won't harm us. We didn't harm you. We sent you away peacefully. And now the Lord has blessed you."

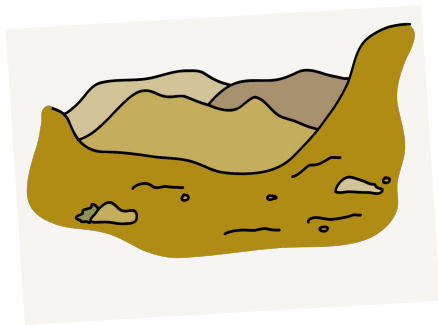
Lower Primary



30-32 Then Isaac prepared a feast for them. Early the next morning the men made a treaty with each other. Then Abimelek and his men left peacefully.

Middle Primary

The Blessing God



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2-3 The Lord reminded Isaac that he was not to go down to Egypt, but to stay in the promised land. "I will be with you and give you my blessing," said the Lord. "I will give all these lands to you and your children after you.



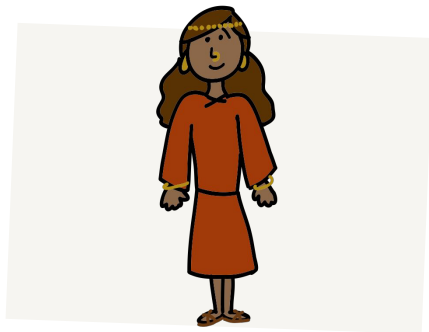
4-5 And I will keep my word that I gave to your father Abraham. I will make your children after you as many as the stars in the sky. All nations on earth will be blessed through your family.

Middle Primary

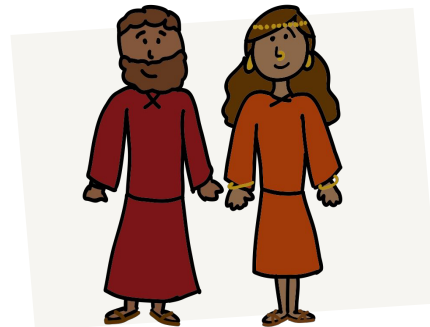
OBEY GOD

5-6 I will do all these things because Abraham obeyed me.”

So Isaac stayed in Gerar.



7 The men in Gerar asked him about Rebekah, his wife. Isaac told them that she was his sister because he was afraid. Rebekah was beautiful and Isaac thought the men there might kill him and take Rebekah for themselves.

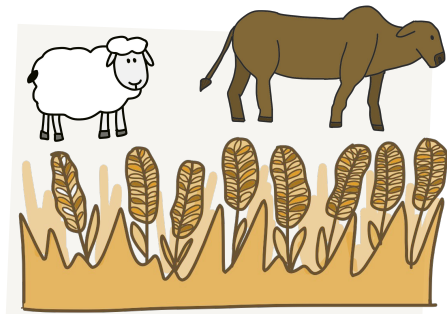


8-9 One day Abimelek looked out of his window and saw Isaac cuddling Rebekah. So Abimelek said to Isaac, “She’s really your wife, isn’t she? Why did you say she was your sister?” Isaac then told Abimelek why.

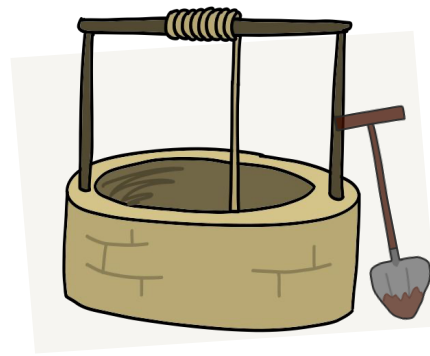
Middle Primary



10-11 Abimelek said, “What have you done to us? What if one of our men took her as his wife? Then you would have made us guilty.” So Abimelek made a law that anyone who harms Isaac or his wife would be put to death.

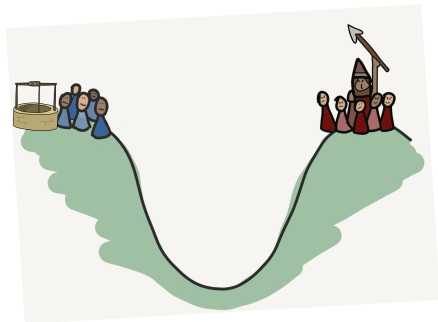


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17-20 So Isaac left and made his home in the Valley of Gerar. He opened up the wells again. Isaac’s servants dug new wells in the valley and discovered fresh water. But the people of Gerar argued with Isaac’s people, claiming the water was theirs.

Middle Primary



21-23 Then Isaac's servants dug another well. They argued about that one too. Isaac moved on from there and dug another well. But no one argued about that one.

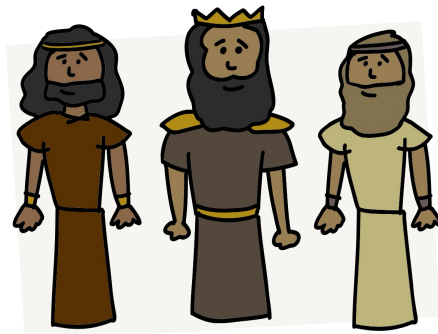
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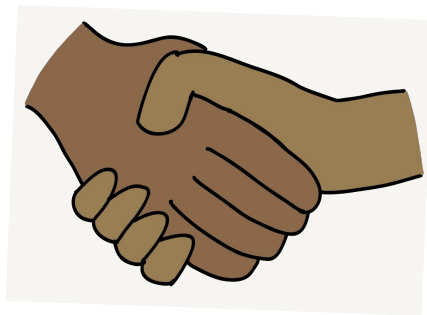


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Early Childhood

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 26:1-32

1. Can you tell me what sort of things depend on water?

Discuss how living things like plants and animals and people all need to drink water. Did anyone bring a water bottle with them this morning? Water is very important to all living things

2. Where does our water come from?

God sends the rain to fill up our rivers and dams so we have water to drink out of our taps at home. Water is also stored underground and people can dig wells to find it.

3. When Isaac and his family ran out of water, who's help did he ask for?

Isaac asked God for help and God gave him instructions about where to live and where to find water. Isaac trusted God and obeyed God.

4. Who can we trust to look after us?

We can trust God just like Isaac did. God loves us and knows us and wants the best for us. We can trust Him always.

The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. Genesis 26:2-3a

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Lower Primary

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Without water, Isaac wouldn't have been able to grow crops or keep his animals alive. Water was needed to live and God provided it!!

6. Isaac's neighbours grew jealous of all the crops and flocks and servants Isaac had so they devised a plan. What did they do?

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7. It would have been really easy for Isaac to do something nasty back to his neighbours. Instead, what happened?

Isaac chose not to fight back. He knew God had told him to come here and he trusted God would look after him so he dug new wells. This happened 3 times.

8. Isaac's enemies could see that God was with him. They came and apologised. How did Isaac respond?

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SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

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Genesis 26:1-32

TOPIC

The Blessing God

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Read Genesis 26:1-32 from the NIRV Bible

FOCUS

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Upper Primary

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1. **A famine struck the land where Isaac was living. What can you find in the text that suggests Isaac was considering going to Egypt?**

The Lord appeared to Isaac and very clearly told him not to go to Egypt. This would have seemed like the 'logical' decision to make in order to find food but God had other plans and Isaac was then left with an important decision to make who shall he trust?

2. **Read vs 4. Where have we heard these promises before?**

God had made these promises to Abraham. Surely, Abraham had told Isaac about these promises many times. But, as far as we know, this was the first time Isaac heard the promises directly from the Lord! Isaac must have been VERY excited to hear that God was going to be with him and bless him so much.

3. **Isaac trusted God and went to Gerar, just as God had instructed him. Soon after however we read about Isaac telling a lie. Suggest why this happened?**

Isaac, like his father before him, struggled to fully trust God when he focused on the dangers around him. He told a lie because he thought his enemies would steal his wife from him. It's important to understand from this story that God is faithful, even when we are not! It is also important to remember to keep our eyes on Jesus in ALL circumstances.

4. **Isaac stayed at Gerar and vs 12 tells us that God blessed him. Despite the famine, Isaac's crops and livestock multiplied. Do you think this means God wants all Christians to be wealthy?**

No. God had a specific purpose in mind for increasing Isaac's wealth. He wanted to teach his people something important about who He is and how much He cares for them. The greatest blessing we can have today is to know God's presence in our lives with as much confidence as Isaac had.

5. **How did the Philistines try and stop Isaac's good fortune and how did Isaac respond?**

They filled up Isaac's wells with dirt to prevent him from accessing water and moving him on from where they lived. This was basically an act of war - one of the most serious crimes in the land. Isaac chose not to fight back but moved on peacefully. As valuable as the water was, Isaac trusted that God would provide their needs. And He did! In the end, this won the Philistine's admiration.

6. **Isaac settled in Beersheba, where God appeared to him in a dream. Soon after that, King Abimelech traveled to Beersheba to meet with Isaac. What did the king want and how did Isaac respond?**

The Philistines sought peace. They were so amazed by the power of God in Isaac's life. An entire nation of non-believers were watching his relationship with the Living God and this had made them afraid. Isaac made an oath of peace. The place God had lead Isaac to, was a place worth staying!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Amen.

TIPS

Make a list of all the examples from the Bible that display God's faithfulness.

Make a list of all the examples from your own life that display God's faithfulness.

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Sunday School

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Star stamping
- Starry Promise
- Playdough animals
- Digging for Water (Kindy)
- Water Play (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Water in the Well (*Prep*)
- Abraham Bingo (1-2)
- God Blesses (3-4)

GAMES

- Find the Stars (*Kindy*)
- Water Relay (*YrP - Yr 4*)

Star Stamping

YOU'LL NEED...

- Star Stamps
- Paper

STEPS

1. Give each child a piece of paper and the star stamps.
2. Encourage the children to stamp stars all over their paper.
3. Count how many stars are on their paper.



Link

God promised Abram that he would have as many family members as there are stars in the sky. He later promised Isaac the same thing.

Starry Promise

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 Poster Paper
- Star Sticker

STEPS

1. Have children attach the star stickers to the poster until it is full (or too many to count). .



Link

Remind children that in 26:4 God promises that Isaac's descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Playdough Animals

YOU'LL NEED...

- Trestle table
- Playdough
- Animal Playdough cutters

STEPS

1. Roll out the playdough.
2. Using the playdough cutters, stamp the playdough to cut out the animal shape.
3. Ask the children to cut out lots and lots of animals - so many that there is not enough room for them all on the table!



Link

God blessed Isaac with an abundance of land, crops, and cattle.

Digging for Water

YOU'LL NEED...

- A large tub filled with dry rice, beans, or kinetic sand. Hide blue pom-poms or water drop cutouts at the bottom.
- Small pail/bucket
- Small plastic spoons

STEPS

1. Have the children pretend to be Isaac's servants digging a well: using only a small plastic spoon, have them sift through the rice to find 'water' (blue pompoms) and then try and scoop them up into a small pail/bucket (without any fingers touching the pompom).



Image source: [Entertain your Toddler](#)

Link

God asked Isaac to stay in the land. The land was in drought and Isaac needed to find water for the people. Talk about how Isaac kept moving and digging until he found water, showing patience and peace.

Water Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Large container of water
- Water toys, containers, funnels and other objects that can be used in water

SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

Genesis 26:1-32

TOPIC

The Blessing God

STEPS

1. Fill a large container with water.
2. Let the children play in the water with the toys, containers, funnels and other objects.

[Link](#)

Isaac needed to continue to dig wells to find water for God's people.

Water in the Well

YOU'LL NEED...

- Jug of water
- Small cup of water each
- Plastic pipette

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Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

Genesis 26:1-32

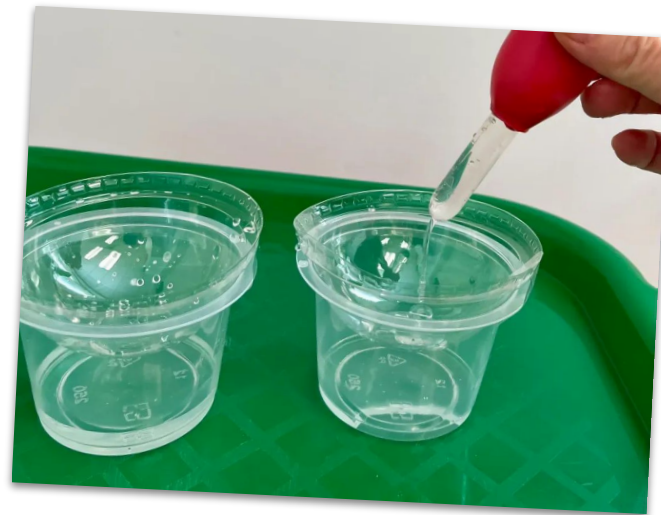
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The Blessing God

STEPS

1. Give each child their own plastic cup (well) and pipette.
2. Demonstrate how to use the pipette to suck up water from the jug. Then demonstrate how to hold the pipette and move it to the cup before releasing the water into the cup.
3. Each child should continue until they have 'filled their well'.

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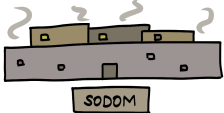
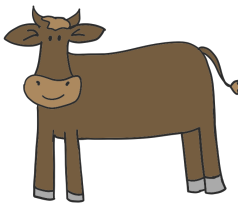
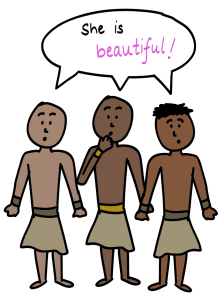
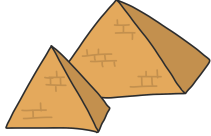
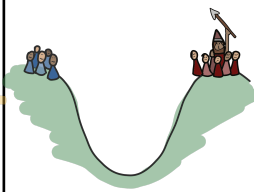
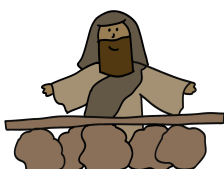
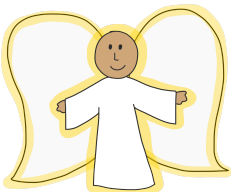
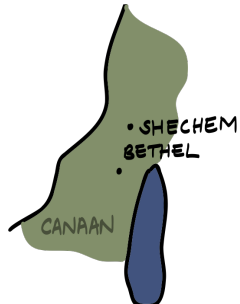
1. Each child has a Bingo gameboard. Have plenty of counters available for all players as well.
2. The leader places all the calling cards in a bucket (or similar). Pull one card out and show the children. If they have the same picture/word on their gameboard, they place a counter on that picture.
3. Continue until a player has 5 pictures/squares in a row (can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal).

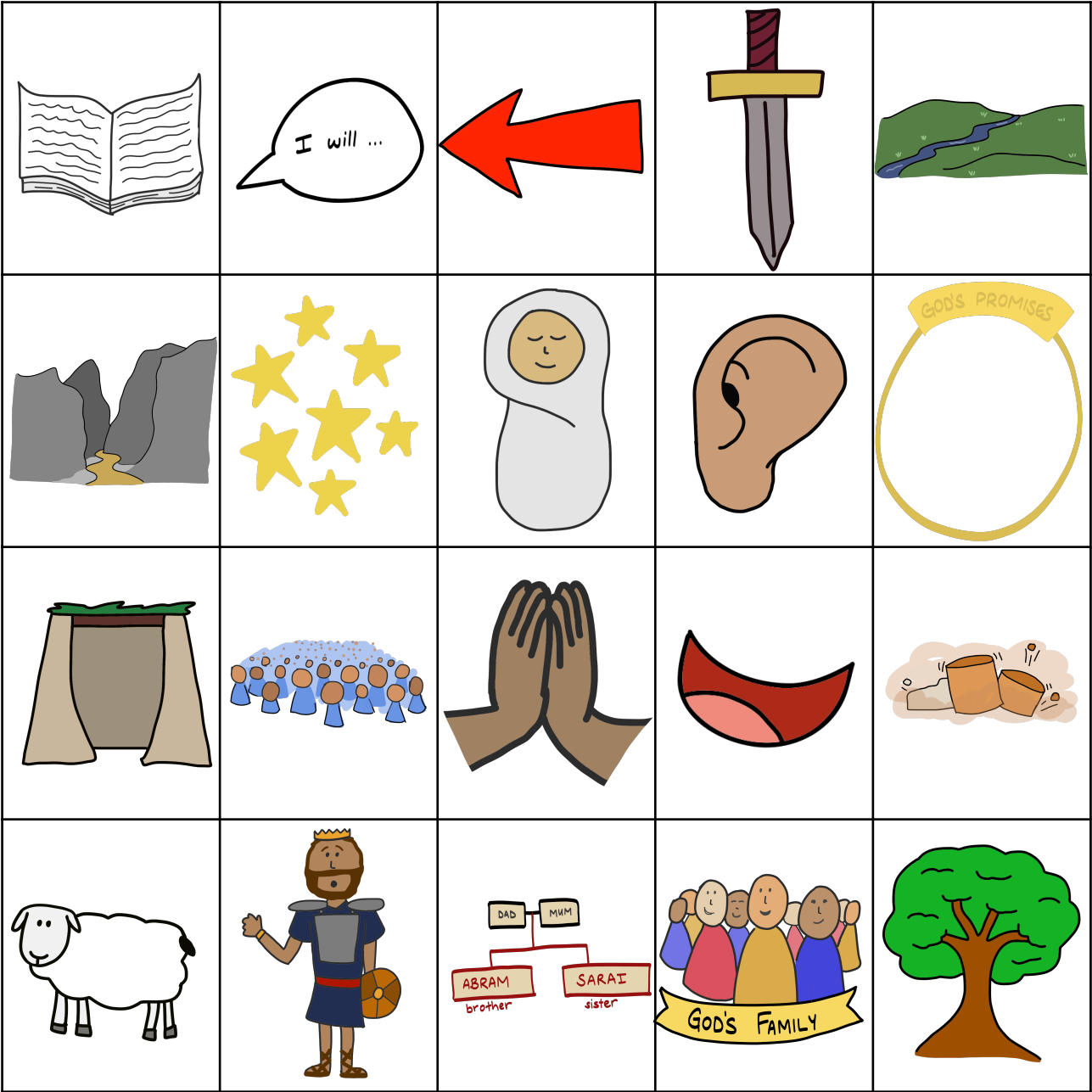


God made a covenant with Abraham and he honoured that same covenant with Abraham's son, Isaac.

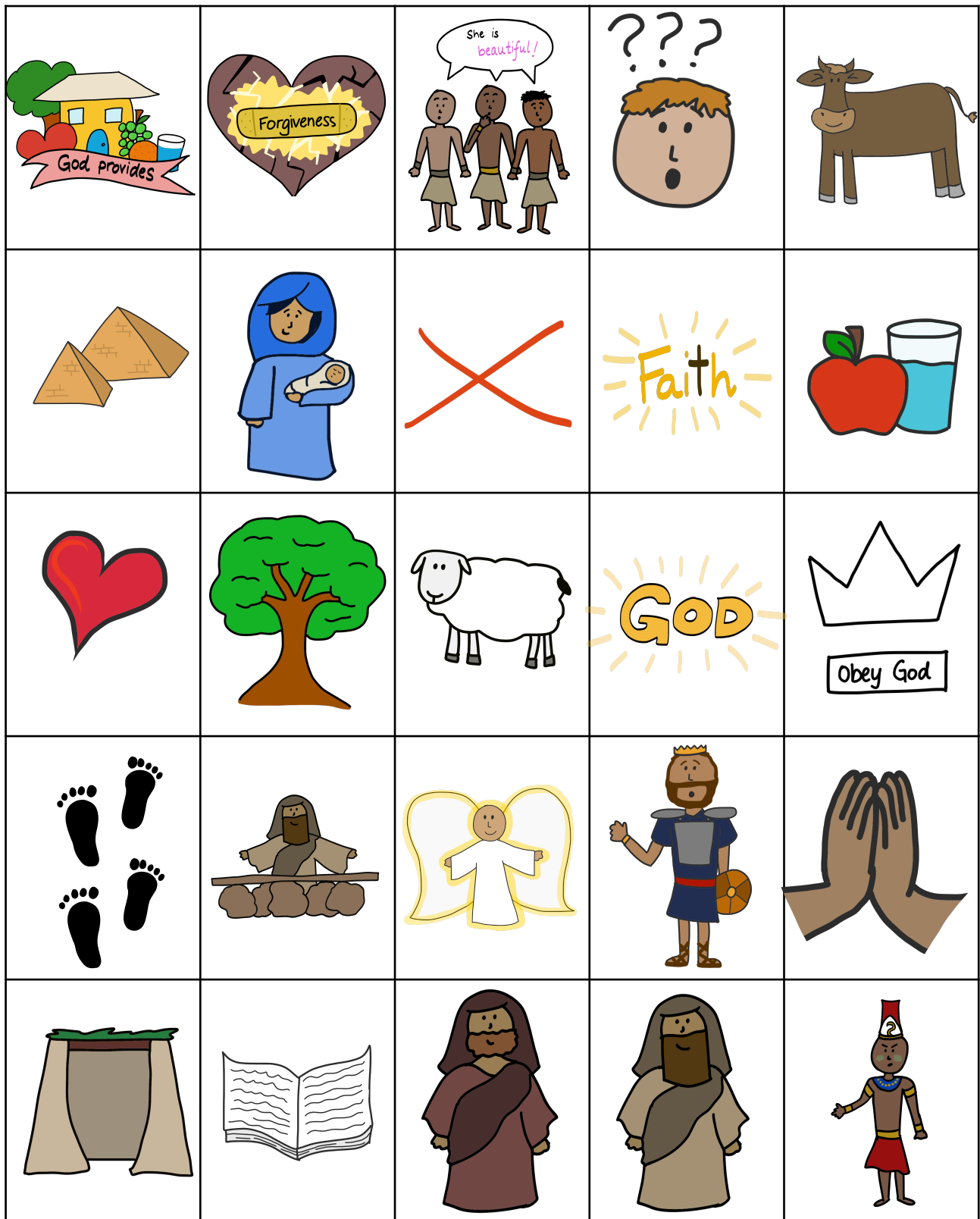
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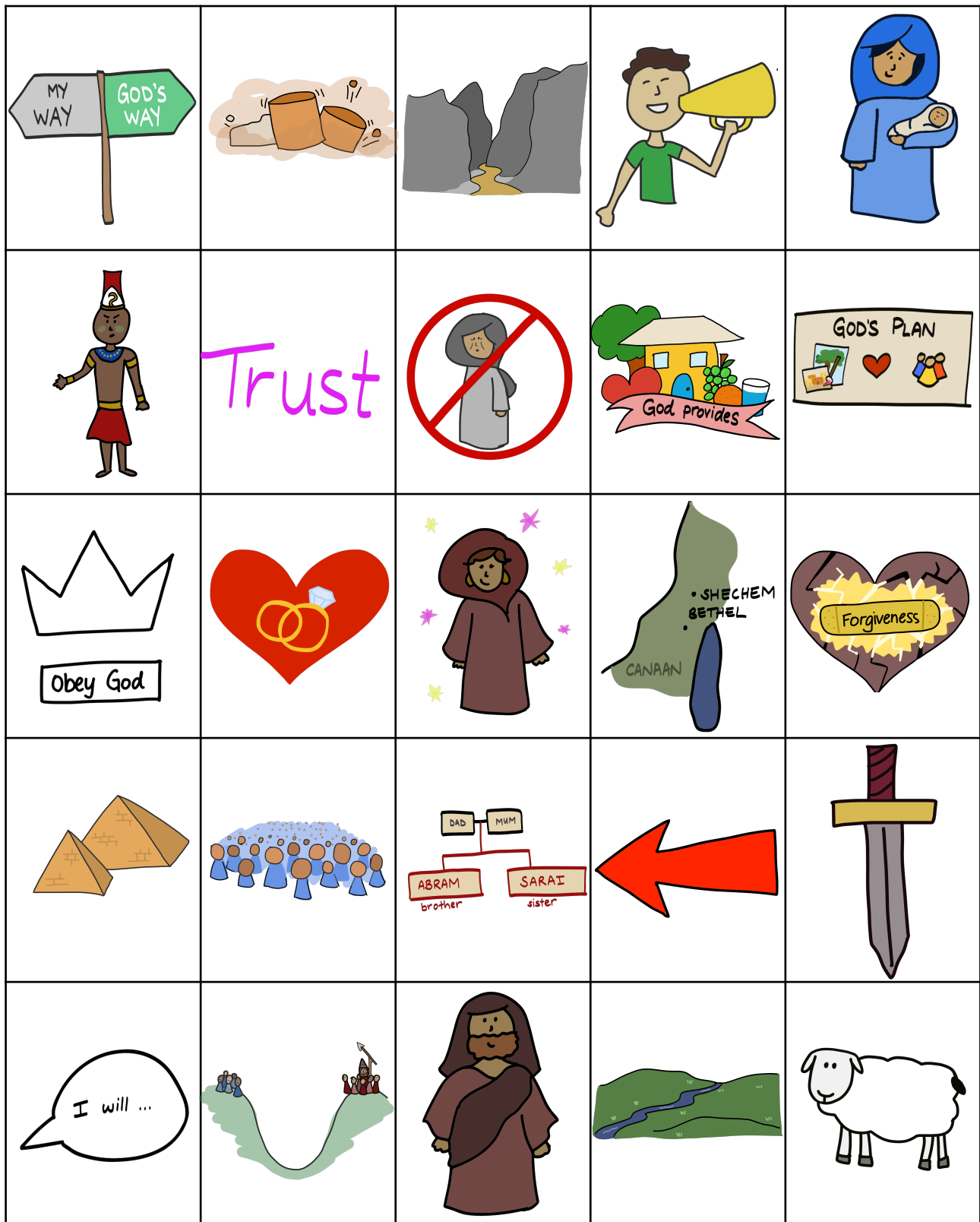
				
				
				
				
				
				



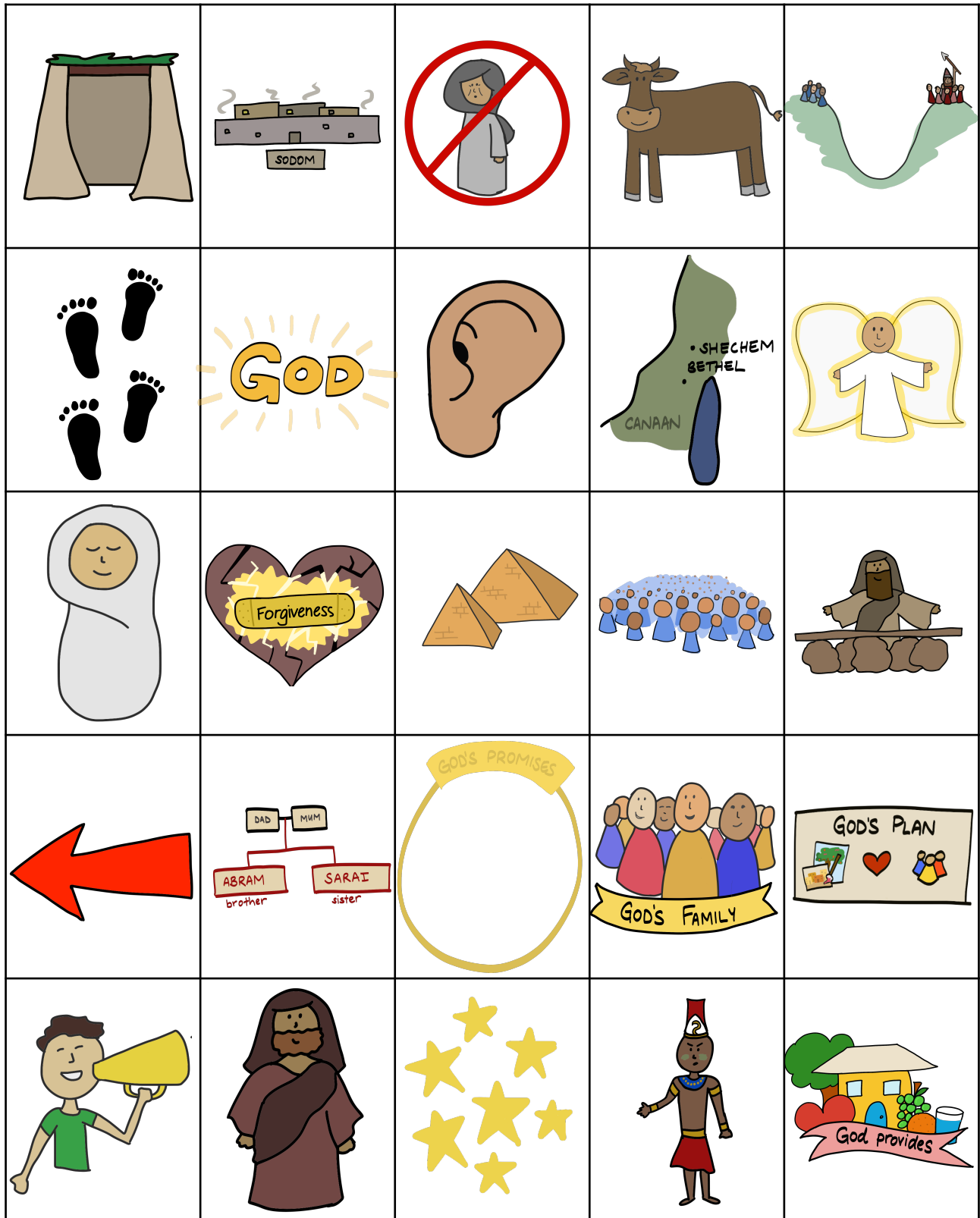
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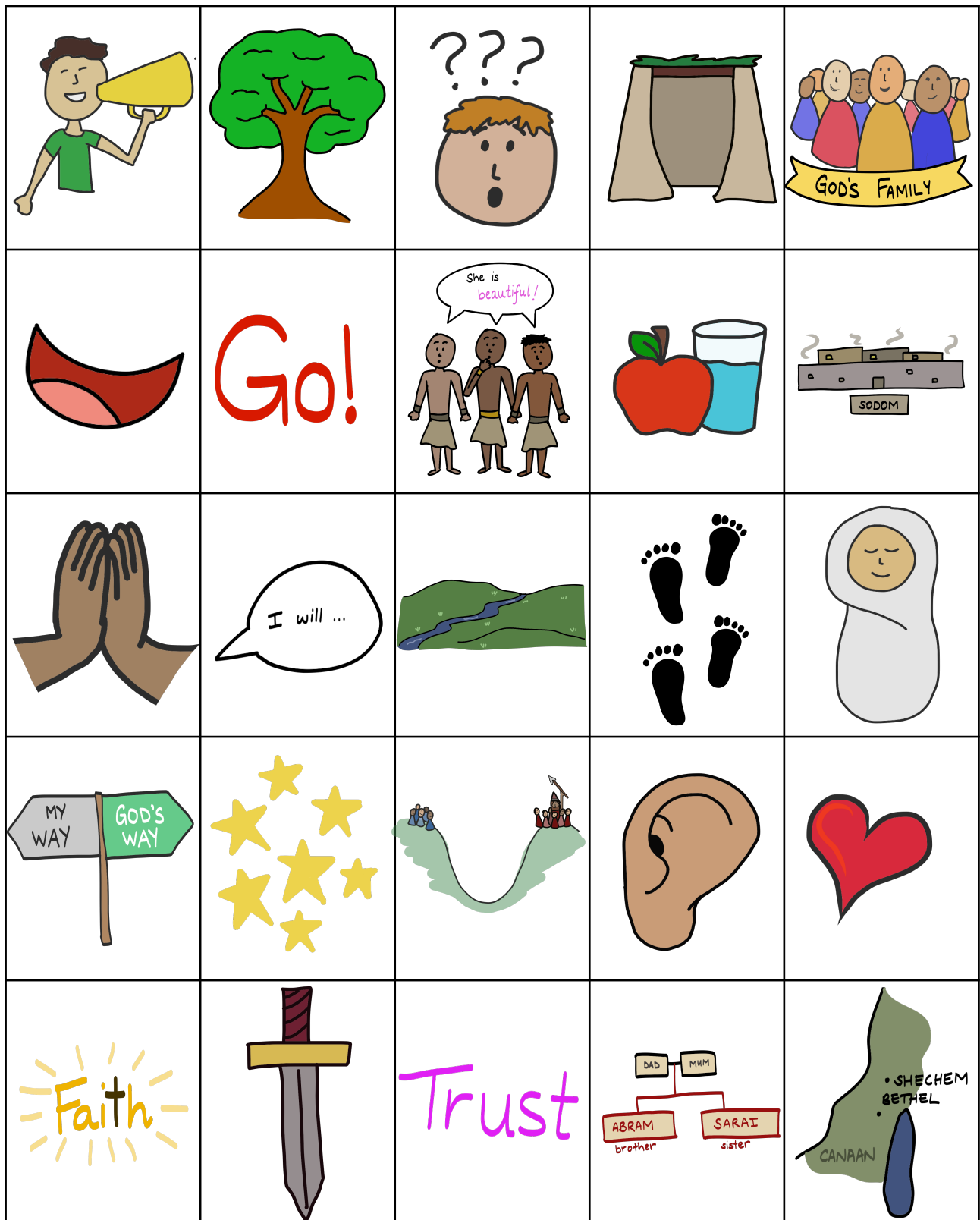
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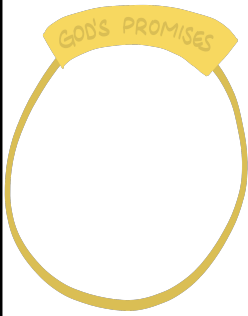
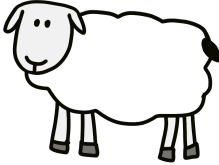
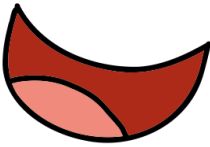
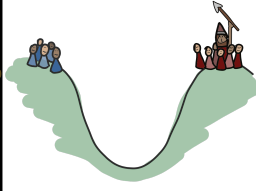
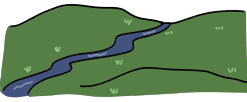
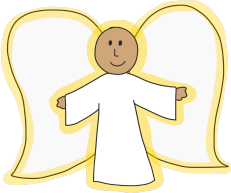
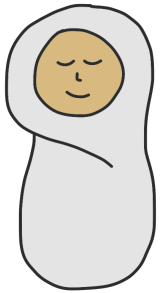
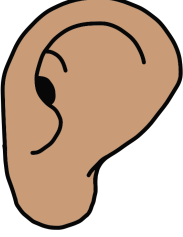
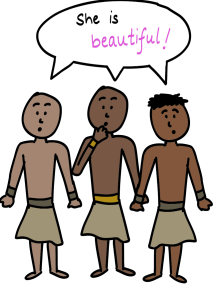
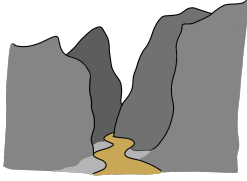
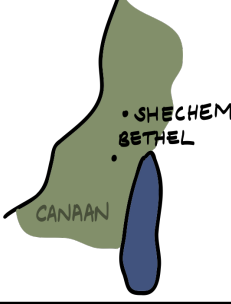
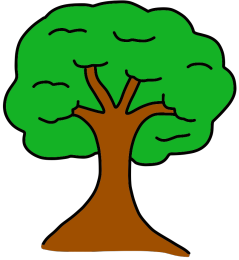
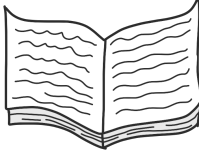
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God Blesses

YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles
- Printout of Worksheet #2

STEPS

1. Have children look up the scripture verses listed on the worksheet to find out all Biblical examples of people God blessed.



Link

The Bible gives us lots of examples where God blesses his people. Isaac was one of the people God blessed.

God Blesses.....

The Bible has lots of examples where God blesses his people. Look up these Scriptures to find out which characters experienced God's blessings.

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 9:1

Genesis 12:2-3

Genesis 26: 3, 12

Genesis 39, 2, 5

Job 42:12

1 Kings 3:12-13

Luke 1:42

GAME: Find the Stars

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #3

STEPS

1. Cut the stars out and hide them in the kindly area or outside. Hide the images ahead of time or ask the children to close their eyes.
2. On go, the children are to find all of the stars.
3. Once all collected, count the stars as a group. Discuss with the children how they could easily count the stars they found but that it's impossible to count the stars in the sky.



Link

God promised Abram that he would have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. He honoured that promise to Isaac, Abraham's son.



GAME: Water Relay

YOU'LL NEED...

- Buckets
- Cups
- Water
- Outdoor space

STEPS

1. Gather the children into two groups, lining them in parallel lines at one end of the area.
2. Set up the buckets in front of the children - the empty buckets are directly in front of the line, the buckets with water in them are at the other end.
3. Explain to the children that it will be a relay race against the other team. You each need to fill as much water in the bucket as you can.
4. Give each team one cup. When the leader says GO, the first child runs to the bucket with water and fills their cup up and runs back and pours the water into their empty bucket.
5. The child passes the cup to the next child in their team and that child runs to get more water.
6. Repeat until everyone has had a turn, whichever team fills the most wins.



Link

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