

Bible Story Lesson Plans

Book 3: Isaac and Jacob

Background Information for Isaac

- Isaac was the son of Abraham and Sarah.
- Isaac had a half-brother named Ishmael.
- Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar, the maidservant of Sarah.
- Ishmael was an archer. He hunted with a bow and arrow.
- The descendants of Ishmael are the Arabic or Arabian people.
- Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.
- Rebekah was related to Isaac. She was his second cousin (Western culture), niece (Philippines).
- Rebekah was barren.
- Barren is when a woman is not able to get pregnant.
- Isaac prayed and asked God to give them children.
- Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob.
- Esau was the firstborn; he was an outdoorsman, a hunter; he had a red, hairy body.
- Jacob was the second born; he was a quiet person; he liked to stay at home.
- Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born.
- Isaac loved Esau; Rebekah loved Jacob.
- Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of lentil soup/stew.
- Jacob stole the blessing from his brother Esau.
- Isaac died when he was 180 years old.

LESSON 1 **Date:** _____; **Team:** _____

- Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7
- Main Theme: Nothing is too Hard for God
- New Visual Aid: Baby Isaac, 3N1
- Review: The Three Visitors, Lot's Wife Turned to Salt (2N18 to 2N19) (These are the last two visuals in Book 2; use them for a quick review. If you have not used Books 1 and 2, you might want to get copies and teach the stories of Creation to Abraham before starting the stories in Book 3. If you are not planning to teach Books 1 and 2, then you will not need to review the lessons from Books 1 and 2.)
- Story: The Birth of Isaac
- Application: When Isaac was born, Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 91 years old. The only way for them to have had a baby was by God's doing. It was a miracle. If the baby had been born when they were young, it would not have been so special. God is never late. His timing in the birth of Isaac was perfect; His timing in your life is also perfect. Remember what the angel said to them earlier: "Nothing is too hard for the Lord." Well, it is true. Nothing was too hard for God in Abraham's life, and nothing is too hard for God in your life.
- New Bible Verse, 3N23: Hebrews 13:5 (Continue to review all the verses from Books 1 and 2: Genesis 1:31, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Hebrews 9:22)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both, if you have time. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)

1. Isaac Picture Bible:
 - ❖ Give each student a folder to decorate. Decorate the folder a little bit each week during the lessons on Isaac.
 - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: 3N1, Baby Isaac
 - ❖ Make sure names are on the back of each color page.
 - ❖ Do not send the Isaac color pages home until all the lessons on Isaac are finished. All the color pages will be put into a Picture Bible on the life of Isaac.
2. Review Game:
 - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1, 2, or 3.

LESSON 2 **Date:** _____; **Team:** _____

- Scripture: Genesis 21:8-20
- Main Theme: God's Timing is Always Perfect
- New Visual Aid: Hagar and Ishmael Leave, 3N2
- Review: The Birth of Isaac (3N1)
- Story: Hagar and Ishmael
- Application: This is a wonderful story of God's love and provision. God helped Hagar just when she needed encouraging. He knows just when you have a problem and a need and He sees how to help you (*Psalms 46:1; Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 13:5*). The neat thing is that He does it at just the perfect time. He is never early and He is never late. God spoke to Hagar just when she had given up and was ready to die. God did not talk to her any sooner and He did not wait until it was too late; He was right on time. God is the same way today. He sees you no matter where you are. He sees you no matter what you are doing. He sees you and He knows you and He desires to help you. God loves you very much. He is in control of your life and His timing will always be perfect.
- Bible Verse: Hebrews 13:5 (Genesis 1:31, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Hebrews 9:22)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)
 1. Isaac Picture Bible:
 - ❖ Decorate folders a little bit each week during the lessons on Isaac.
 - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: 3N2, Hagar and Ishmael Leave
 2. Review Game:
 - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1, 2, or 3.

LESSON 3 **Date:** _____; **Team:** _____

- Scripture: Genesis 22:1-18
- Main Theme: God will Bless Your Obedience
- New Visual Aids (3): Mount Moriah, 3N3; Isaac on the Altar, 3N4; God Provides the Ram, 3N5
- Review: The Birth of Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael (3N1 to 3N2)
- Story: Abraham Tested
- Application: God gave Abraham a gift; the gift of a son, Isaac. Then, God asked Abraham to destroy his son. It was a difficult thing to ask of Abraham. Yet, Abraham obeyed God and did just what God asked him to do. As God watched Abraham, God was pleased with Abraham's obedience. God was so pleased that He reminded Abraham once again of His promise. Abraham