

LESSON 36

ISAAC AND THE PHILISTINES

Genesis 26:1-33



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Describe briefly the obvious similarities between you and your children, or you and your parents.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

How Deep The Father's Love For Us, by Stuart Townend

He Knows My Name, by Tommy Walker

Scripture Reading: Genesis 26:1-33



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. What did God reveal to Isaac when He spoke to him directly for the first time (26:1-6)?
2. Isaac committed a sin that is similar to that of his father. What could account for this striking similarity (26:6-7)? Read Genesis 12:10-13 and Genesis 20:1-5.

3. How did God lead Isaac towards the Promised Land through the disputes over the precious wells that Isaac dug (26:12-22)?
4. What did Abimelech, an unbeliever, affirm as he observed the life of Isaac (26:28-29)?
5. What positive and negative examples had Abraham modeled to his son Isaac? Read Genesis 20:1-3 and 21:32-34.



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)
(about 35 minutes)

1. What would you plan to demonstrate to your oikos (e.g., people close to you) for them to affirm that you have a personal relationship with God?
2. What are the present circumstances in your life that God may be using to lead you to fulfill His plan for your life?
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.