

LESSON 23

Isaac's Sons

Day 1

Check in with Uncle Peter, Jon and Carol
Does God ever change?
Is God able to keep His promises?
Did Satan want the Deliverer to come?
Could Satan stop the Deliverer from coming if he tried?
Is God greater than all?



Day 2

Read together Psalm 33:11
Think of a time (and this should be easy) when you made plans but had to change them. In the last 2 years we have tried to make plans to get together in KidzTown and often it seems that we have had to adjust our plans because of sickness or weather. Aren't you glad that nothing can stand against God's plans to keep His promises? We are disappointed when our plans get interrupted, but we can trust that God's plan for people to be redeemed by Him through Jesus cannot be changed. One good way to make sure that we are not disappointed by a change of plan is to make sure our plans line up with God's plan. When you pray today, ask God to help you only make plans that agree with His great plan.



Day 3

Read together Genesis 28:11-12
God gave Jacob a wonderful message through this dream. Jacob will be part of God's plan of salvation for all people! One of Jacob's sons will be the ancestor of Jesus, the Deliverer. God showed Jacob that he and all people on earth are separated from God. That only God's angels are able to pass between heaven and earth, but that God is going to send someone that will be like a bridge (or a ladder) that will allow people to come freely to God. We now know that Jesus is that bridge. He provides a way for people to come to God. People would never be able to reach God on their own. We could not build the bridge, only God could do something so amazing. When you pray today, thank God for loving us so much that He made a way for us to come to Him through His son Jesus.



Day 4

Read together Genesis 28:13-15, and Genesis 32:28
Do you remember the birthright Esau sold Jacob for a bowl of stew? (Review Genesis 25:29-32) Instead of Esau being an ancestor of Jesus, God passed that promise down through Jacob. Even though many years had passed since God first made the promise to Eve in the Garden of Eden, God had always been at work making sure His promise would be completed at the right time. With these words from God, Jacob knew that the promise God made to his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac would also be given to him. One of those promises was that God would make a great nation out of that family. Abraham and Sarah had 1 son. Isaac and Rebekah had 2 sons, but Jacob had 12 sons! God was already growing Abraham's family in a mighty way. Also, look at Genesis 32:28. Jacob's new name is Israel, and his sons and grandsons and great-grandsons became known as the Children of Israel. They became the nation of Israel which still exists today. Promise kept.



Jeopardy Questions

1. In Jacob's time, how did God sometimes speak to people? (In dreams)
2. What did Jacob see in the dream given by God? (He saw a stairway resting on earth with its top reaching into heaven. God's angels were walking up and down, and God was at the top.)
3. What did this dream mean? (It meant that the Deliverer, who would be the descendant of Jacob, would be like the ladder connecting heaven and earth. Through the Deliverer, people could be brought back to oneness with God.)
4. God spoke to Jacob in a dream. How does God speak to people today? (God speaks to people today through His Word, the Bible.)
5. What new name did God give Jacob? (Israel)



Jon (alone on stage): Carol, are you ready to go? If we don't hurry we will not get to go to town with Uncle Peter. He is leaving in a few minutes.

Carol (hurrying in from back stage): I am coming! I couldn't remember where I had put my money.

Jon: Did you find it?

Carol: Yes. It was in the pocket of the pants I wore yesterday. They were under the bed.

Jon: You know, if you would put your things away properly you wouldn't waste so much time looking for them. You should get organized so you won't keep being distracted and forgetful.

Carol: I am NOT forgetful... OH NO! Look at the flower garden! I was supposed to pull the weeds before we went into town today.

Jon: See what I mean? Forgetful.

Carol: I can't go into town with Uncle Peter now because I have to stay and pull the weeds.

Jon: Nah, go to town with us now and then take care of the garden when we get back.

Carol: No, I can't do that. I promised Mother I would pull the weeds BEFORE I went to town. I can't break my promise. (Sadly) I will just have to tell Uncle Peter I can't go.

Enter Uncle Peter: Hey you two. Are you ready to go to town?

Carol (sadly): I can't go. I have to stay here and take care of the flower garden.

Uncle Peter: Why didn't you do that earlier?

Jon: Because she forgot AGAIN. I said she could do it later, but she made a promise to Mother to do it first.

Uncle Peter: Carol! I am so proud of you! It is not always easy to do the right thing. You were wrong to neglect your chores, and I can see that you are sorry you did, but keeping your promise to your mother is more important than a trip into town. When we keep our promises, we show that we can be trusted. What if God didn't keep HIS promises? Would we still be able to trust what HE says?

Jon: I guess not. But I wonder how people could really believe all of God's promises. Sometimes things did not seem to be going according to HIS plan.

Carol: Why do you say that? So far, everything we have read in the Bible proves God is a promise keeper.

Uncle Peter: You are right, Carol, God never forgets His plans, and nothing can stop Him from taking action.

Jon: Satan seems pretty powerful, Uncle Peter, don't you think he would try to stop God from sending the Deliverer who will defeat him?

Uncle Peter: Satan did try. Remember how Adam and Eve's son Abel died? Abel was meant to be the son that carried the promise to the next generation. But when his brother Cain killed him God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth, through whom the Deliverer would come. There are not surprises for God. He knows exactly what Satan will do. God is greater than His enemy. God has one great big plan to save people from Satan, sin and death. He passed on His promises from one generation to the next, from father to son.

Carol: Did all those people know God's plan?

Uncle Peter: Many of them knew at least part of God's plan. God gave His promise of a deliverer to Abraham, then to Abraham's son Isaac, and then to Isaac's son Jacob.

Jon: Oh, so Abraham knew that Isaac had to stay alive; it was part of God's promise. Abraham had to have descendants to keep the line of the Deliverer. Now I understand.

Uncle Peter: That's right! God keeps every promise. He finishes every plan. He is completely faithful and trustworthy.

