



# HOUSE PARTY

## PARENT GUIDE

### Life App Definition

Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

### Main Idea

This week, we head back to *Genesis 26:1-6, 12- 22, 26-31*. Isaac moved to a region where he reclaimed the wells that had belonged to his father, Abraham. For years, no one had cared about the wells until they were reopened, then everyone started fighting over them. Instead of fighting, Isaac decided to give away the wells in order to make peace. Isaac simply walked away from what was rightfully his. By walking away from the fight, people changed their opinion about Isaac and decided to trust him. Sometimes creating peace with someone means walking away even if we are not wrong. Often it takes a stronger person to have the self-control to walk away.

### Memory Verse

So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.  
Romans 14:19 (NIRV)

### Bottom Line

You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

### Small Group Discussion

**ICE BREAKER:** Would you rather live in a world of Legos or a world of cartoons?

**Let's review the story using these questions (correct answers are bold)**

- 1) When there is a famine, what is there not enough of?  
a) **Food**      b) water
- 2) What did Isaac do when he got to Gerar?  
a) Dug a well      **b) planted crops**
- 3) Who dug the well that Isaac cleaned out?  
a) His servants      **b) His father, Abraham**
- 4) Who was the leader of the Philistines?  
a) **Abimilek**      b) Eloikim
- 5) What did the men use to fill Isaac's well?  
a) Water      **b) dirt**

- 6) Why did Abimelek ask Isaac to move?
  - a) **He was too rich and powerful.**
  - b) He wanted his land.
- 7) Did Isaac fight for the well when the Philistines filled it with dirt?  
**(No, he just moved to another well)**
- 8) How many times did Isaac and his servants walk away from the fight?
  - a) Two times
  - b) three times**
- 9) What did Abimelek think when Isaac and his family moved away from a well and were still able to survive?
  - a) They were strong people.
  - b) God must be with him.**
- 10) What happened after Isaac dug the fourth well?
  - a) **They finally left him alone.**
  - b) They filled it with dirt again!!

### **Small Group Activity**

We are going to do a small group activity that is a thumbs up/thumbs down activity. Small group leader will have a bag with a set of endings to the sentence "Peace is...". Kids have to determine if the sentence is a good description of peace (thumbs up) or not a good description (thumbs down).

- 1) ... making a situation worse **(not peace)**
- 2) ... finding a compromise **(peace)**
- 3) ... caring for others **(peace)**
- 4) ... convincing people you are right. **(not peace)**
- 5) ... trusting God no matter what. **(peace)**
- 6) ... holding a grudge. **(not peace)**
- 7) ... treating others how you want to be treated. **(peace)**
- 8) ... always wanted to get your way. **(not peace)**
- 9) ... important to God. **(peace)**
- 10) ... only being concerned about yourself. **(not peace)**
- 11) ... apologizing when you hurt someone's feelings. **(peace)**

Use these sentences as teaching moments. Talk about why it is peace or why it is not. Ask if there are any other statements you could add for what "Peace is .." or what "Peace is not.."