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**Year 4 Bible Study Genesis Chapter 26**

 **For the questions below Highlight or change the font colour to choose the correct answer.**

* Monday 11th December: Read **Genesis 26: 1-5** and answer the questions:

**The Lord appears to Isaac**

*There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.*

*2Then the Lord appeared to him and said: “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”*

**Do you know what the word ‘famine’ means?**

*A famine occurs when there is not enough food in a land, which causes its people to be hungry.*

**Do you know what the word ‘’seed” means?**

*Seed is the beginning of many descendants and offspring. It is a word that describes one’s children, grandchildren, great grandchildren etc.*

*A Seed is like a parent, the beginning of a large extended family. When the seed grows into a plant it has many many branches. When a parent has children, the children grow and marry and have children of their own. This continues for many generations, therefore producing many descendants.*

**Question 1**

Who was Abimelech?

**Question 2**

God promised Isaac many blessings. Find and list the verses in which God blesses him. The first one is done for you.

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| **God’s promised blessings to Isaac** | **Verse number** |
| descendants multiply as the stars of heaven | 4 |
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* Tuesday 12th December: Read **Genesis 26: 6-9** and answer the questions:

**Isaac lies to Abimelech**

*6So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. 7And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, “She is my sister”; for he was afraid to say, “She is my wife,” because he thought, “lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold.” 8Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife. 9Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Quite obviously she is your wife; so how could you say, ‘She is my sister’?”*

*Isaac said to him, “Because I said, ‘Lest I die on account of her.’”*

**Do you know what is meant by ‘endearment’ (verse 8)?**

*Isaac showing Rebekah how much he loves her. Maybe he put his hand around her shoulders, kissed her hand or gave her some flowers.*

**Question 3**

Why did Isaac lie to King Abimelech about Rebekah ?

**Question 4**

Can you think of another person in the Bible who also lied and said his wife was his sister ?

* Wednesday 13th December: Read **Genesis 26: 12-16** and answer the questions:

**The Lord blesses Isaac**

*12Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. 13The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. 15Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. 16And Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.”*

**Question 5**

The Lord blessed Isaac and granted him three possessions. List them.

* Thursday 14th December: Read **Genesis 26: 17-22** and answer the questions:

****Isaac digs up the water wells his father had dug before**

*17Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.*

*19Also Isaac’s servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. 20But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, “The water is ours.” So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him. 21Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah. 22And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, “For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”*

**Do you know what ‘quarrel’ means?**

*A quarrel is an angry argument between two or more people. In this story, Isaac herdsmen and the herdsmen of Gerar quarrel over two wells of water. However, the third well, they did not quarrel over.*

**Question 6**

Abraham had dug wells which the Philistines had filled with earth. Isaac dug up again those same wells to allow water to fill them again. Abraham and Isaac loved water while the Philistines stopped the flow of water, which restricted people from drinking this water.

1. Can you think of what this water may represent?
2. Who is referred to as the ‘living water’?
* Friday 15th December: Read **Genesis 26: 26-31** and answer the questions:

**Abimelech makes a promise to Isaac**

*26Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army. 27And Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?”*

*28But they said, “We have certainly seen that the Lord is with you. So we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, 29that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.’”*

*30So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.*

**Question 7**

1. Ahuzzath is the enemy of Abimelech.**True/False**
2. The Lord is with Isaac. **True/False**
3. Abimelech makes an oath with Isaac to do each other no harm. **True/False**
4. When Isaac sent Abimelech away, he departed from them in anger. **True/False**
* Saturday 16th December: Read **Genesis 26: 32-35** and answer the questions:

**Esau, Isaac’s brother marries**

*32It came to pass the same day that Isaac’s servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, “We have found water.” 33So he called it Shebah.Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.*

*34When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.*

**Word origins: ‘Beersheba’**

*Beersheba means ‘the well of the oath’. This well was originally dug by Abraham when he entered into an agreement (an ‘oath’) with Abimelech. In this chapter, his son, Isaac, reopens it and gives it the same name, ‘Beersheba’.*

**Question 8**

Complete the family tree, by filling in the names of Esau’s relative.

Use the list below to help you.

Isaac, Jacob, Judith, Rebekah, Basemath.

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| **Esau’s relative** | **Name** |
| Mother |  |
| Father |  |
| First wife |  |
| Second wife |  |
| Brother |  |

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