

LIFE APP

Who wants to be my friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

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

KEY QUESTION

When should you walk away from a fight?

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

Isaac's Wells
Genesis 26: 1-6, 12-22, 26-31

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, NIV

ACTIVITY: TOSSING AWAY THE FIGHT

What You Need:

A ball or beanbag

What You Do:

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. Stand, facing each other, and give your child a scenario. If they think the scenario is worth fighting over, they'll hold onto the ball. But if they think they should walk away from that fight, they'll throw the ball to you.

(Remember to return the ball, if they throw it to you, before giving them the next scenario.)

Scenarios:

- Someone makes a face at you in the cafeteria.
- Someone cuts in front of you in line.
- At a party, there are four cookies left. The kid in front of you takes THREE!
- While you're at the park, someone calls you a name.
- When your sister divides the leftover Easter candy, she takes more for herself.
- The kid behind you on the bus keeps kicking the seat, trying to annoy you.
- At recess, someone pushes by you to get the last swing.

Say, "In our story today, Isaac had a choice. He could have chosen to fight to provide food and water for his people. But he walked away from that fight because he knew it was more important to live in peace with others. Let's think through some peaceful ways we could handle some of the situations from our game."

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY:

How do you think it felt for Isaac to walk away from his wells?

How do you know when you should walk away from a fight?

How does walking away from a fight show that you care about others?

Have you ever been in a situation where you really didn't want to walk away from a fight? Maybe with a sibling or a friend at school? What happened?

Share about situation where you walked away from a fight (or argument) and were thankful for it later.

PRAYER

God, as learn about Isaac today, we realize that sometimes walking away from a fight is the only way to live in peace. It's hard to do that, especially when we think we're right. God, help us to see people and situations the way You see them. Help us to remember how important peace is to You. Please give us the strength to make peace with one another. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!"