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Lesson #18---THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT FIGHT
Scripture; Genesis 26:12-22

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Why did Isaac become rich? _____
2. What land did he live in? _____
3. What had happened to the wells that Abraham his father had dug? _____
4. Why did Abimelech the king ask Isaac to leave his city? _____
5. What did Isaac do when he moved to the valley? _____
6. What happened to the first well his servants dug out? _____
7. What did Isaac do about this? _____
8. What did Isaac do when the men of Gerar claimed his second well? _____
9. What did he say when he had dug the third well and there was peace? _____
10. In what way should we try to be like Isaac? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Matthew 5:39, "Do not resist one who is evil."
Older ones - Matthew 5:38-41

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: The New Testament is full of scriptures which tell us to give in to one another to keep peace. On the back of this page list the locations of eight verses that teach this. Briefly describe the content of each verse. Then pray and meditate about how closely your own life accords with them.

TO HELP PARENTS TEACH: Does it do any good to memorize scriptures? Is there any profit in such effort? To these questions we reply that memorizing can be either a good way to learn or a poor way to waste time. The result is determined by how we memorize. That is why we want to offer some simple suggestions for making our weekly memory work helpful instead of burdensome.

1) Our memory work must fill us with truth, not with words. If our children wait until Sunday morning to hurriedly learn the words with little comprehension of the truth, their work is worthless. Each week's memory assignment reinforces the truth in the lesson. As you tell the story during the week, tie in the memory verses and use them to drive home the truth.

2) Memory work must be adjusted in amount to fit the student's ability. One child can quickly absorb many verses; another may seat blood over one. Each parent should set his own child's pace. This week, for example you may want to shorten the rather long assignment by dropping a verse or two for your child.

3) We must teach our children to memorize in order for them to grow in their knowledge of God, not so they can impress their friends or to cover up their failure to understand.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Obtain the usual list of verses by doing the teen assignment.