



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 36

Jacob and Esau

Lesson Aim: To consider the importance and long term consequences of our choices.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best trick you have ever seen?

GAME: Family Fray

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 32:1-2.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JACOB AND ESAU MAKE UNWISE CHOICES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God helped the servant fulfill his mission and find Rebekah.

Rebekah and Isaac had twin boys named Jacob and Esau. Point to Jacob and Esau (Circa 1900 B.C.). **Esau, the firstborn, would receive a double inheritance, his "birthright." He would receive most of what his father owned after his father's death. His inheritance also meant he would be in charge of the family.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 25:22-34; 27:41. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 25:34. Pray. Read Genesis 25:22-34.

When Isaac was very old and blind, he asked Esau to prepare his favorite food. He was going to give him the family's special blessing. Rebekah chose to help Jacob trick his father into giving it to him. She gave him Esau's clothes and covered his hands and neck with goatskins so Isaac would think he was Esau. Jacob brought Isaac his food and chose to trick him into believing he was Esau. Isaac gave him the blessing, which meant he would rule over Esau. Check out the choice Esau made when he found out. Read Genesis 27:41. **When Jacob heard, he ran to Haran.** Point to Haran.

THE WAY MAKE WISE CHOICES

What did God tell Rebekah about Jacob and Esau before they were born? (They would be special sons, the fathers of two nations, and the older would serve the younger.) **What was Jacob doing to his brother when**

he was born? (Holding Esau's heel.) **These brothers did not get along! Have you ever argued with your brother, sister, or cousin?**

When Esau asked for stew, what did Jacob do? (Insisted Esau sold him his birthright, his inheritance.) **Esau made a choice that changed his future. What choices could he have made?** (Leave, find another meal.)

Esau chose to put his physical need before his future inheritance. Have you ever made an unwise choice just to feel good? Afterward, Esau chose to "despise his birthright." This would turn him against his family and lead to other unwise choices. Have you ever made an unwise choice that led to another unwise choice?

Isaac gave Jacob many opportunities to tell the truth, but each time Jacob chose to lie. If time allows, read Genesis 27:19-29. **What choice did Esau make?** (Chose to bear a grudge, to try to kill Jacob.)

When we make choices to hold onto our anger and grudges, we are choosing to fill our hearts with hate. Hate keeps us from enjoying life. What other choices could Esau have made instead of holding a grudge against Jacob? (To forgive, to rebuild family relationships, etc.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

We all are sometimes wronged by others. We, too, can be tempted to make unwise choices that damage our lives. Jesus taught us how to pray about this and why we need that prayer. Reveal Matthew 6:13-15; 22:37-39. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Is there someone against whom you have a grudge? Let's ask God to forgive us and to help us forgive. After prayer, discuss challenges in letting go of grudges. **How do you know which choices please God? Before making an important choice, be sure it fits with the greatest commandments Jesus gave us in Matthew 22:37-39.** Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Lentil bean
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #36
- OFFERING OF ART: Jacob receiving the blessing from his father
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fruit Stew

GAME: Family Support

CRAFT: Chosen and Forgiven

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW