



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 36

Jacob and Esau

Lesson Aim: To know we can forgive each other.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Forgive everyone."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who keeps His promises. God has promised to be with us wherever we go. Long ago, God was with twin brothers named Jacob and Esau. Esau was the older of the twins. Jacob tricked his father, Isaac, into giving him the family's special blessing which Esau should have received as the oldest son. Esau was very angry but one day he forgave Jacob and gave him a great big hug. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "Forgive everyone." Let's say it together. Review the Whisper Verse. Include sign language.

Just as Esau forgave his brother, Jacob, God wants us to forgive everyone. Sing: "Love One Another." In today's story, Jacob sent a message to Esau because he was sorry for what he had done. When we are sorry for what we have done, we can tell God we are sorry. God has promised to forgive us when we are truly sorry and He always keeps His promises. Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful."

As we collect our offering, let's ask God to show us anything we have been doing that is wrong in His eyes. If you think of something you have done wrong, quietly ask God to forgive you and He will! Sing: "Trust and Obey" while the offering is collected.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

God watched over Jacob and Esau. God promises to watch over us, too. Sing: "I Am with You." Let's thank God for always keeping His promise to watch over us. Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord."

THE WORD ESAU FORGIVES JACOB CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we heard a faithful servant found a wife for Isaac. Today, we will learn about Isaac and Rebekah's twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Let's open our Bible to the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Genesis 33:4.

WATCH THE WORD: GENESIS 27:30-35; 32:5; 33:4-11

Read poem. Display visual.

- Jacob tricked his father Isaac.
- This made his brother, Esau, mad.
- So Jacob ran away from Esau
- And hurried across the land.
- Then Jacob sent a message to Esau.
- Esau showed that he forgave.
- He ran to give Jacob a kiss and a hug;
- They became friends that day.
- When Jacob saw Esau's face
- And how he was forgiven,
- He said it was like seeing the face
- Of the Lord God in heaven.

What did Esau do when he saw Jacob coming toward him? (He ran to meet him. He gave him a kiss and a hug.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Genesis 33:4 from the teacher's Bible.

Esau forgave Jacob. What does God want us to do? (Forgive everyone.) The answer is in our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together, "Forgive everyone." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY FORGIVE EVERYONE

CRAFT: Esau Finger Puppet

GAMES: Forgiveness Circle, Who's Got the Heart?

SNACK: Hearts of Forgiveness

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Genesis 27:30-35; 32:5; 33:4-11

GAME: God Chose You

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Stand Up and Say It!

STORY TIME