



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 36

Jacob and Esau

Lesson Aim: To see God chooses to use sinners in His plans.

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 TAKES ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT AND BLESSING

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, being the firstborn, would receive a double inheritance, his "birthright." He would receive most of what his father owned after his father's death.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 25:29-33; 27:19-23, 32-36. Pray.

Read Genesis 25:29-33. **When Isaac was very old and blind, he asked Esau to go hunting and prepare his favorite food. He was going to give Esau the special blessing. In the meantime, Rebekah chose to help Jacob trick his father into giving him the blessing. She gave him Esau's clothes and covered his hands and neck with goatskins so he would be hairy like Esau. Jacob brought Isaac's favorite food.** Read Genesis 27:19-23. **Isaac gave him the special blessing. When Esau returned, it was too late.** Read Genesis 27:32-36. **Esau was very angry, so Jacob was afraid and ran away to Haran.** Point to Haran.

THE WAY GOD CHOOSES US FOR HIS PLAN

When Esau asked for some stew, what did Jacob do? (He would not give it to him unless Esau sold him his birthright, his inheritance.) **Jacob tricked Esau into giving him his special inheritance for a bowl of stew. How do you think Esau felt?** (Angry, cheated.)

When Isaac was old, what did Rebekah and Jacob do? (Tricked him into giving Jacob the family's special blessing.) **Jacob tricked his father and brother. He received the birthright and the blessing. What did Esau do?** (Begged his father to bless him. He was angry with Jacob.) **Jacob had to leave his home and run away, because Esau was so angry.**

Do you think God knew Jacob had sinned? (Yes. He sees everything.) **Do you think Jacob deserved to keep the blessing after stealing from his brother?** In Isaiah 55:8, God tells us His thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not His ways. Even though Jacob had lied and cheated, God still used him in His plan. Seeing Jacob's sins reminds us that God is full of forgiveness and kindness toward us. He uses us in His plans, even though we do not deserve it.

God had a special plan for both Jacob and Esau. He has a special plan for each person in our families, too. Knowing how important we are to God, how should we treat each other?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

We are all sinners; we disobey God. Do you think we deserve for God to use us in His special plans? We might think we don't deserve to be chosen by God to do anything for Him. Let's see what Peter said about all who believe in Jesus. Reveal 1 Peter 2:9. Read.

Just like Jacob, even though we sin, we are still chosen and used by God! Why has He chosen us? (So we will declare His praises.) **That means that we are to show and tell others who God is and what He has done. God knows that even when we try our hardest, we make wrong choices and do wrong in His eyes. The good news is He still chooses us, He forgives us, and He wants to use us!**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Lentil bean
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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