

Kids Church

August 24, 2025

K- 1st Grades



Theme This Week- “Jacob is blessed by our great God.”

Prayer Time- Let us see how You moved in the life of Jacob and kept loving him even though he messed up so much. But help us to see that this is not how we as siblings should act, but You put us together to help each other soar. Father, use this week to help us become a family cheerleader.

Challenge- Paper Airplanes

Special Story- My brothers always tricked me out of my candy.

Memory Verse – “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1

Songs- Better than the Best thing, Free, My All in All

Devotion- Jacob tricks his brother.
Genesis 25 and 28

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Small Group Time

1. The Story of Jacob

What You Need:

- ☐ “Jacob’s Story Images” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Divide kids into five groups.
- Give each group one card from the “Jacob’s Story Images” Activity Page.
- Encourage kids to discuss their pictures and recall what they learned in Large Group.
 - If the kids are stumped, walk around and give them a few hints.
- Bring all the groups together and arrange them in the correct story order based on the numbers on the pages.
- Add details as needed using these prompts.
 - #1: Jacob was sneaky! First, he convinced his older brother Esau to give up his birthright (the right to a certain position and wealth because of being the oldest) for a bowl of stew. Later, he tricked his father Isaac into giving him the family blessing instead of his brother by pretending to be Esau! Jacob was dishonest in both situations.
 - #2: Because of his dishonesty, Jacob was forced to flee from his home and take a very long journey—hundreds of miles—leaving behind everything he’d ever known.
 - #3: Jacob slept, using a rock as a pillow. He dreamt of a stairway, reaching all the way to heaven with angels traveling up and down. God was beside the staircase. God made a promise to give Jacob and his family the land he was resting on, the same promise he made to his grandfather Abraham. God also made another awesome promise to Jacob—God promised to be with him.
 - #4: Jacob lived in Haran for many years. While he was away from home, he married and had thirteen children.
 - #5: Eventually, Jacob returned home, just as God had promised.

What You Say:

“Wow! Jacob’s story was full of ups and downs. He made some sneaky choices to take away the birthright and blessing from his brother. Yikes. But even though Jacob

messed up, God still kept His promises! God promised to be with Jacob always, and to make his family grow into a great nation.

“And guess what? God kept His promises to Jacob, but He also was working on His great rescue plan. God did grow Jacob’s family—Jacob had thirteen children! And many, many, many generations later, from that same family, would come Jesus. And Jesus would rescue us all.

“God also kept His promise to always be with Jacob too! And God makes us that same promise—He promises that He is always with us. And it’s true! He always is!

“But God is not just with us, He’s in us! After Jesus returned to heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside each of His followers. If you are a follower of Jesus, you are never alone! God’s very Spirit lives inside of you! God is closer than close! So just like Jacob, **[Bottom Line] you can trust that God is with you.**”

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

2. Stepping Stones

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible marked at Hebrews 11:1
- ☐ “Hebrews 11:1 Stones” Activity Page
- ☐ *floor tape*

What You Do:

- Select a kid to open the Bible marked at Hebrews 11:1.
- Read the verse out loud to the group.
- Lead the group to repeat the verse together several times.
- Discuss any unfamiliar words with the group.
- Share with the kids that faith is trusting in God when you can’t see because of what you CAN see!
- Place the “Hebrews 11:1 Stones” Activity Page cards on the floor in verse order.
 - Allow kids to help put the cards in verse order by looking at the numbers on the cards.

- Place the cards close enough together so that kids can hop from one “stone” to the other.
- *Optional: Use floor tape to secure the “Hebrews 11:1 Stones” Activity Page in place.*
- If possible, invite the kids to take off their shoes.
- Lead the kids to repeat the Memory Verse as they hop along the stones, one kid at a time.
- Assist the kids as needed by reciting the verse with them as they hop.
- Gather the kids to discuss.

What You Say:

“Amazing hopping, friends! When Jacob used a rock for a pillow, he had a crazy dream with a staircase that went all the way to heaven! In the middle of a tough situation when he was on the run, God reminded Jacob that He was with him, even when he’d made so many bad decisions.

“In some ways, we aren’t much different than Jacob. In fact, we all make bad decisions. But I’m so glad that God sent Jesus to pay for sin and defeat it once and for all so we could be close to God again. See, that awful curse of sin would separate us from God without Jesus. BUT God loves us so much, and wanted us to be close to Him, so Jesus gave His life to pay for sin.

“And guess what? God wants to be even closer to us! When Jesus returned to heaven, God sent us the Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers! When you decide to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you! He is closer than close, friends. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit leads and guides us to be more like Jesus every day!

“Should we try to do better? Of course! But God’s love for us doesn’t change because of something we’ve done wrong. When you make a wise or a not so wise choice, when you follow God well and when you don’t, God’s love for you stays the same! We can hope and trust in a God we cannot see because we can see all the wonderful things He has done. No matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] you can trust that God is with you.**”

3. Discussion Questions

1. Who were Jacob and Esau's parents? Isaac and Rebekah
2. Were Jacob and Esau twins? Sort of, they were born on the same day, but they were very different and didn't look like each other at all.
3. Who was born first? Esau
4. Was it important who was born first? Yes, it was, the first born would get twice as much inheritance as his siblings.
5. Where did Esau like to hang out? Anywhere outside.
6. Where did Jacob like to hang out? Anywhere inside.
7. How did Jacob convince Esau to give him his birthright? He bribed a very hungry Esau with a bowl of soup.
8. What else did Jacob take from his brother? His father's blessing.
9. How mad do you think Esau was when he found out his brother stole his blessing and birthright?
10. Do you think God was disappointed in Jacob?
11. Did God ever stop loving Jacob?
12. Does God ever get upset with us?
13. Does He ever stop loving us?