

Kids Church

August 24, 2025

2nd-3rd 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. Jacob's Ladder Paper Chain

What You Need:

- ☐ "Jacob's Ladder" Activity Page
- ☐ Prepared Ladder Examples
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Construction Paper Strips
- ☐ Tape or glue

What You Do:

- Use this [instructional video](https://bit.ly/4hv2AJ9) for a visual guide: bit.ly/4hv2AJ9
- Instruct each kid to select two different colored strips of paper.
- Set out the markers.
- Explain the activity:
 - On one strip of paper, kids are to use the markers to write areas where we might make bad choices. (*For example: being impatient, not sharing, always thinking about ourselves first, etc.*)
 - On the other strip of paper, kids are to write God's promises. (*For example: God will always love us, God is always with us, God made a way for us to be forgiven through Jesus, God gave us the Holy Spirit, etc.*)
- Display one of the prepared ladder examples to the kids.
- Use the "Jacob's Ladder" Activity Page to show the kids how to put the strips together, alternating between our bad choices and God's promises, to show how God was always faithfully building despite our bad choices.
- Ask: "How does this ladder remind you of Jacob's dream?"

What You Say:

"Wow! You all did a great job making your Jacob's Ladder paper chains! This paper chain reminds us of Jacob's dream when he saw the stairway with angels going up and down and God standing beside it.

God made a connection between heaven and earth—Jesus came down to Earth to restore people's relationship with God. God was working and working on that plan for a long, long time.

“We also made those ladders personal. On one piece of paper, you wrote down some of your bad choices. On the other are some of the promises God made to us as His friends. These promises are truths about God! God will always love us! He is always with us! He always forgives us!

“Take these home and remember: even though we all make bad choices, God’s promises are always true. Because we are Jesus’ friends, God will always love us, God will always forgive us, and God will always help us. You can always trust that God is with you, even when things are hard or we mess up.

“God is building a beautiful friendship with you, always, despite whether or not you make good choices, because He is good.

“Should we aim to be more like Jesus every day? Yes! Will we be perfect? No! The Holy Spirit will help us daily when we choose to follow Jesus. But hold onto these truths: No matter what, you can trust that God loves you, you can trust that God is always on your side, and **[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?