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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

I feel really blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. We will explore God's Word together through these thirteen lessons. My prayer is that your child will learn a lot and that the learning will result in his or her having a closer relationship with God.

Unit I, "God Chooses Abram's Family," has four lessons from the book of Genesis. Lesson 1 examines the call of Abraham (Abram). Lesson 2 reveals how God chose Jacob (younger) over Esau (older). Lesson 3 shows how Jacob received the name *Israel*. Lesson 4 details when Judah, Jacob's fourth son, was called to head the family from which the Messiah would one day be born.

Unit II, "Moving to a New Place," has five lessons from the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges, and 1 Samuel. We read about the following: the birth and preservation of Moses; part of the salvation story of the Israelites; Israel's time of being governed by judges (particularly Gideon); Israel's transition from the governance of judges to the selection of Saul as Israel's first king; and the anointing of David as king.

Unit III, "We Are God's Artwork," is a four-lesson study of the book of Ephesians. Lesson 10 explores how believers are adopted into God's family through the redemption of Christ. Lesson 11 describes the active love for which Paul praises the Ephesians. In lesson 12, Paul reminds the Ephesians that they are made alive through the saving power of Christ for the purpose of good works. Lesson 13 is about believers' God-given spiritual resources (the armor of truth) to stand against the evil forces of the world.

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the *ABCs of Salvation*, listed below.

- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

I look forward to helping your child understand what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher



LESSON

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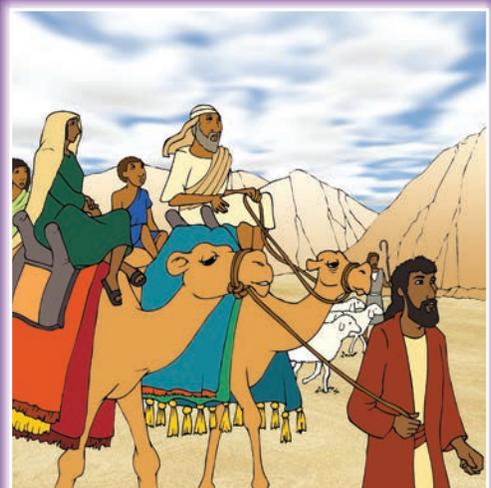
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Unbroken Promises

The Lord God said to Abram, "Leave your father's home. I will show you where to go. I will give you children and will make them a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you. Through you, I will bless all nations."

When Abram was seventy-five years old, he took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all they had, and left. When they arrived in Canaan, people were living there. The Lord appeared to Abram, saying, "I will give this land to your children." There, Abram built an altar. Then the Lord spoke through a *vision* (something like a dream from God): "Do not be afraid; I am your shield and reward."

"LORD, I have no children," Abram said. Then God said, "You will have a son." God continued: "Look at the stars in the sky. Can you count them? That's the number of your children." Abram believed the Lord God, and God was pleased. Then God said, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur to give you this land."



Lesson Scriptures:
Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-7

Key Verse

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)





A Promise Kept

Amir loved learning anything about outer space. He got really excited when he saw anything about stars. Each night, Dad would take Amir outside to look at the stars.

"Dad how many stars do you think there are?" Amir asked.

"I'm not sure, but probably billions of them," Dad responded.

"I think they are bigger than the little dots we see in the sky. I wish we could see them closer," Amir added.

"I promise that one day we will see them a little closer," Dad said.

A couple of weeks passed since that talk. And each night, Dad and Amir went outside to watch the stars. Dad heard that a shooting star would be visible in a few days, and he had made a promise to Amir.

That night, Dad called Amir downstairs and asked, "Are you ready to watch the shooting star?"

"Yes, Dad, but I really would love to see it up close," Amir noted.

"Let's go outside and take a look," Dad responded.

When they got outside, there was a brand-new telescope set up.

"Dad, thanks for keeping your promise! Now we both can see the stars!" Amir exclaimed.



***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! In today's Bible story, God told Abram to leave his home. God promised to lead him to a new land and to give him many children. Like there are many, many stars, God promised to give Abram a high number of children. Have you ever looked at the stars in the night sky? Have you ever studied the Milky Way? This is our galaxy, with the sun and the earth. But it also contains many stars.

This week, ask your parents to take you outside at night. Look at the sky. See how many stars you are able to count. You will be surprised by what you learn while counting.



Do You Remember the Story?

Respond to the questions below that are related to today's lesson.



1. What did the Lord tell Abram to leave and go do?

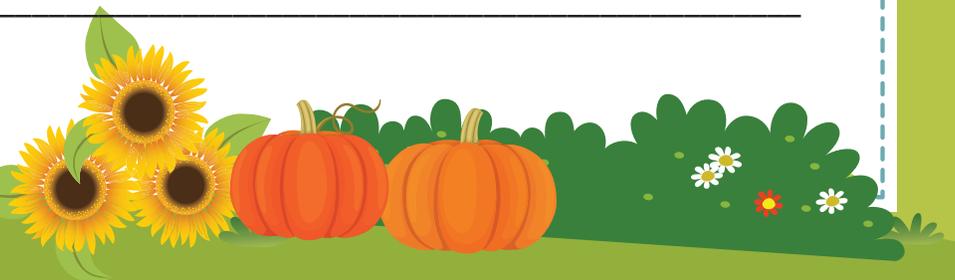
2. What did God say He would do for Abram if he left?

3. How old was Abram when he left?

4. Who went with Abram when he left?

5. God promised to give the land to whom in Abram's family?

6. God said that Abram would have what that numbered the stars in the sky? _____



Backwards Unscrambler

Unscramble the scrambled-up words from today's lesson. (Hint: The words from the lesson are written backwards.) Write the correct words on the lines.

1. **noitaN** _____

2. **nerdlihC** _____

3. **marbA** _____

4. **srats** _____

5. **naanaC** _____

6. **esimorP** _____



LESSON

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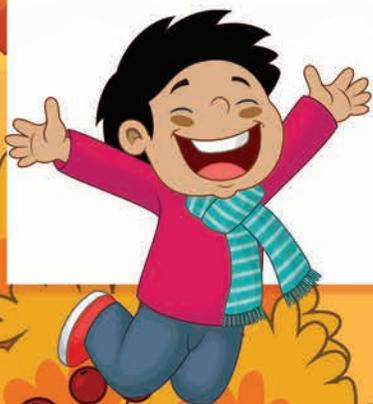


September 11, 2022

Jacob Took Advantage of Esau

Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she did not have any children. The Lord answered his prayer. Soon, his wife, Rebekah, gave birth to twin boys. The first boy was born with a red, hairy body. They named him Esau. Then his brother was born, with his hand grabbing Esau's heel. Because of this, they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when this happened.

As the twins matured, Esau became a skillful hunter who liked the open country. Jacob was happy to stay at home. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once, when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, very hungry. He said to Jacob, "Hurry, let me have some of that stew!" Jacob said to him, "Sell me your birthright first." Esau said, "Look, I'm dying of hunger! What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." Esau did so, and then sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some food. He ate and then left. So, it was like Esau did not care about his rights and benefits as the firstborn.



Lesson Scripture:
Genesis 25:21, 24-34

Key Verse

The LORD said to [Rebekah], "Two nations are in your womb, . . . and the older will serve the younger." (Genesis 25:23)

The Best Choice



Mahzie and his twin brother, Mason, were always fighting. They would fight over games. They would fight over snacks. These brothers would fight over just about anything!

During lunch, Mom would normally place their food on the table. Today, Dad decided to teach the boys a lesson. He placed one meal on the table, with a note that read, "Mahzie and Mason, there is only one meal. Make the best choice." When the boys came in for lunch, they found one meal, one fork, and one drink.

"What is this?" Mason asked.

"Looks like you won't be eating. I'm so hungry," Mahzie commented.

"But the note says we're to make the best choice. So, you can't eat it all," Mason noted.

"There's only one of everything," Mahzie replied.

"How about we get another plate and cup and share this one," Mason suggested.

"Now that sounds good. I'll get a plate and cup," Mahzie replied.

The boys divided the meal. When Dad came in and found them sharing, he said, "I'm glad you boys made the best choice to share."

"We're glad we did, too, Dad," they replied while stuffing their faces.

***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! We make choices each day. No matter where we go, we must decide whether to make good choices or bad choices. Making a choice means deciding on something. Do we rush into it, or do we take our time and think? Whatever the choice, it will affect the rest of our lives. Have you ever thought about how you make choices? Those good choices reflect Christ and those bad choices do not reflect Christ.

Let us think about the choices we made this past week. What are some of them? Were they good or bad? Let's discuss this as a class.

I will make choices that please God!



Story Order

Review today's Bible story. Then number the events from today's lesson in the order in which they happened. Write the number 1 on the line next to the sentence that describes what happened first. Write the number 2 on the line next to the sentence that describes what happened second, and so on.

1. Jacob made Esau sell him his birthright for some stew.

2. One boy was born with a red, hairy body. They named him Esau.

3. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer.

4. When the second boy was born, he was grabbing his brother's heel.

5. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, gave birth to twin boys.

6. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she did not have any children.



Draw the Story

Think about today's lesson. Then draw a scene from today's Bible story.



LESSON

3



September 18, 2022

Keep a-Pluggin' Away

On the night that Jacob was staying in the camp, he got up and took his wives, female servants, and children and crossed the Jabbok River. After they crossed, he sent over all his belongings. Jacob was left all alone. Then a man wrestled with him until the sun rose. When the man saw that he was not winning wrestling with Jacob, he touched Jacob's hip socket and placed it out of joint.

Then the man said, "Let me go. The sun is rising." Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

He answered, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "Today, your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have won. So, your name will be Israel."

"What is your name?" Jacob asked the man.

But he replied, "Why do you want to know my name?" Then he blessed Jacob

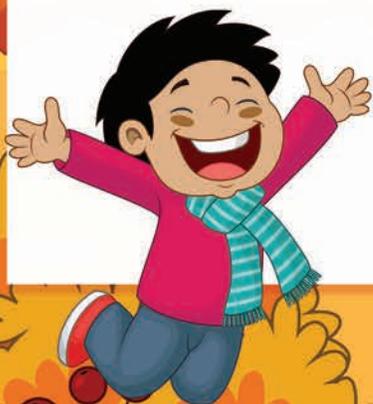
there. So, Jacob called the place Peniel [pen-EE-el], saying, "I have seen God face-to-face and I am still alive." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, walking with a limp because of his hip.



Lesson Scripture:
Genesis 32:22-31

Key Verse

The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." (Genesis 32:28)



The Struggle Is Real



When Mom walked in from the store, she found Alexa sitting at the kitchen table, frustrated and upset.

"Alexa, what's wrong?" Mom asked as she started to make dinner.

"Mom, I'm frustrated," Alexa replied. "Every time we have to decide who will be my partner in class, I have to choose between my friend Malik and picking the new girl, Sajee."

"Well, what is the problem?" Mom replied.

"Mom, what I'm struggling with is that I want to pick Malik, but I really want to pick Sajee. She is from a new country, and she does not have many friends. I think it is wrong that no one wants to be her friend."

Alexa continued, "Mom, I know what it feels like to be new. I am struggling because I don't want anyone else to feel that way."

"Well, I understand why you're struggling," Mom noted. "You're struggling to make the right decision. That can be hard sometimes."

"Mom, the struggle is real to do what is right," Alexa said.

"But I think that your struggle will bless you and others once you decide," Mom added.

What choice do you think Alexa made?

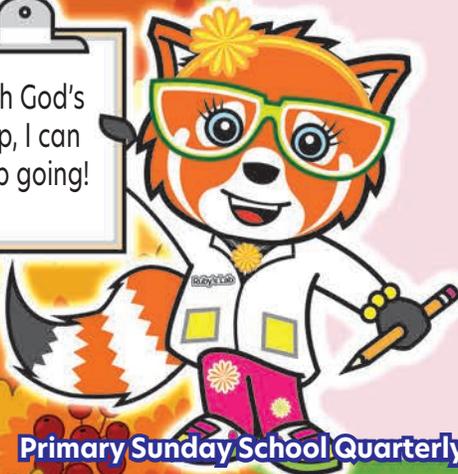
***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Have you ever faced a struggle where you were determined to win? As a scientist, I face struggles all the time. Dr. George Washington Carver faced many struggles as an African-American scientist. God blessed the world because of his struggles. We have all types of products made from the peanut and sweet potato.

In what ways have you struggled? Have you struggled to be heard in class? Do you know anyone struggling to get food? Struggles are real, but the blessings of God are as well. Let's discuss how you've been blessed because of struggle.

With God's help, I can keep going!



Do You Remember the Story?

Complete each statement by filling in each blank with the correct word from today's lesson.

1. _____ took his wives, his female servants, and his children and crossed the Jabbok River.
2. The sun rose above Jacob as he passed Peniel; he was walking with a limp because of his _____.
3. A man _____ with Jacob until the sun rose.
4. Then the man said, "Today, your name will no longer be Jacob, but _____."
5. Then the man said, "Let me go. The sun is rising." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you _____ me."



Alphabetical Order

Write the following words from today's lesson in alphabetical order.

Jabbok • God • Jacob • Bless • Wrestle
Man • Hip • Sunrise • Peniel • Wives

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____